



Resources Focusing on the Educational and Social Debates about Social Networking

Many adults are having a hard time wrapping their minds around the concept of online social networking, how people build and interact in online communities, and why it appeals to so many young people. These select online resources may help provide clarity to the issues.

[Schools and Online Social Networking](http://www.education-world.com/a_issues/issues/issues423.shtml) by Nancy Willard (Internet Safety expert)
http://www.education-world.com/a_issues/issues/issues423.shtml

A very good introduction to the topic of social networking.

[MySpace.com getting serious adult scrutiny: Parents learn steps to keep kids safe online](http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/ss/family/30062)
by MARY BUSTAMANTE and RACHEL HAMILTON
<http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/ss/family/30062>

Article published in the Family section of the Tucson Citizen newspaper.

[MySpace Q and A for Parents](http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/news/2006/02/70287) by Wired News
<http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/news/2006/02/70287>

[The Pandora's Box of Social Networking](http://www.technewsworld.com/story/50812.html) by Meryl K. Evans
<http://www.technewsworld.com/story/50812.html>

Article from TechNewsWorld that digs deeper into the topic and discusses the pros and cons of some controversial legislation that was introduced in Congress.

[Identity Production in a Networked Culture: Why Youth Heart MySpace](http://www.danah.org/papers/AAAS2006.html) by Danah Boyd
<http://www.danah.org/papers/AAAS2006.html>

This is a transcript of a presentation to the *American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science* on Feb. 19, 2006 by grad student Danah Boyd. She looks at the underlying psychological and sociological reasons for the appeal of social networking.

Online Resources for Youth:

2smrt4u <http://www.2smrt4u.com/> (What not to post, inc. videos in the 'girl talk' section)

Dateline NBC video: Teens meet their online friend (note: ad may play first)

<http://video.msn.com/v/us/msnbc.htm?q=d82e9fd2-869a-41fa-b433-6fbf07543d06&f=00&fg=copy>

Don't Believe the Type: Think before you post, Social networking sites

<http://tcs.cybertipline.com/knowthedangers7.htm>

On Guard's Social networking sites: Safety tips for tweens and teens

http://onguardonline.gov/docs/onguardonline_socialnetworking_youth.pdf

Teen Angles: Online safety tips for teens

http://www.teenangels.org/safety_ForTeens.html