

# Mutual Friends

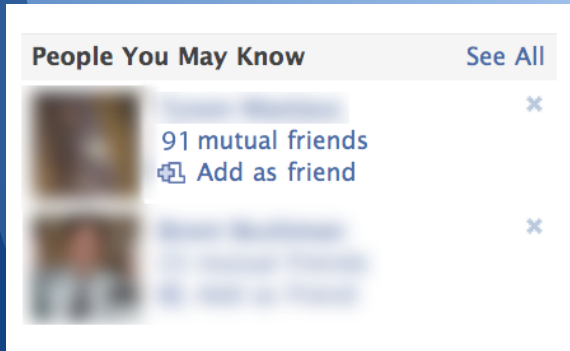
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# What does being friends really

entail? How has virtual friendship, such as FaceBook, transitioned from the old meaning?

“A person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard”

-Dictionary.com



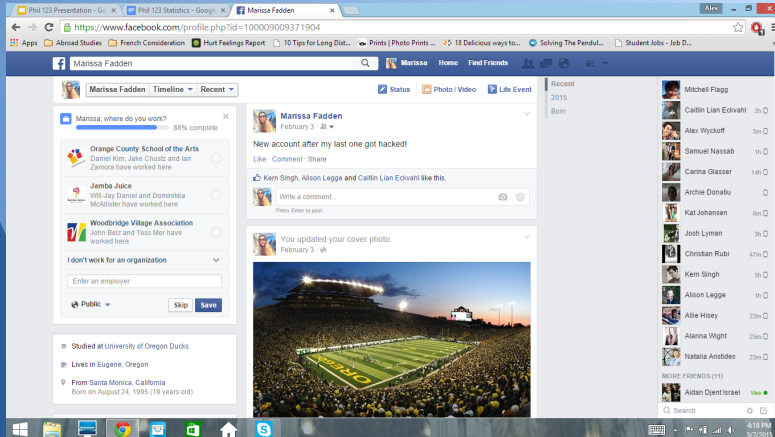
# Experiment Rules

- 30 control participants
- No contact (messaging, likes, etc.)
- 3 week notification period, roughly 5 invites a day
- Only allowed to add people with Mutual Friends

# Meet Marissa Fadden

## Bio

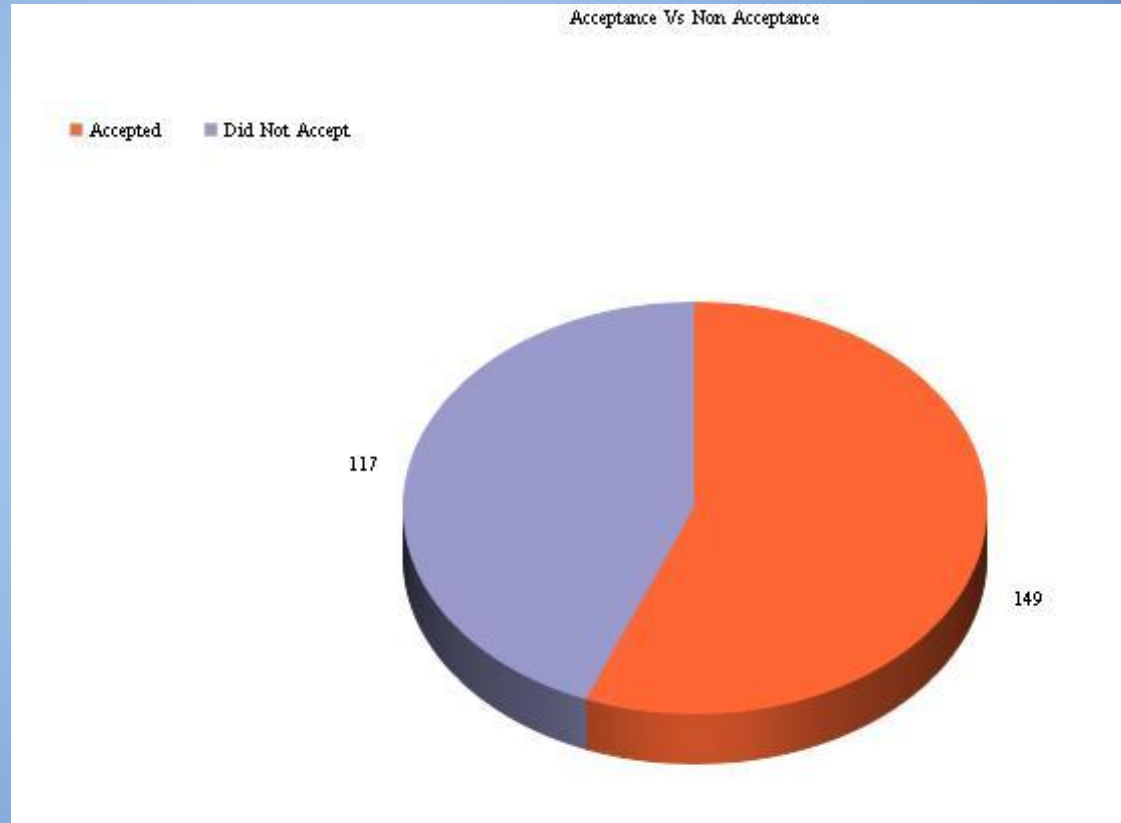
- U of O Student
- Age 19
- Santa Monica, CA
- Single



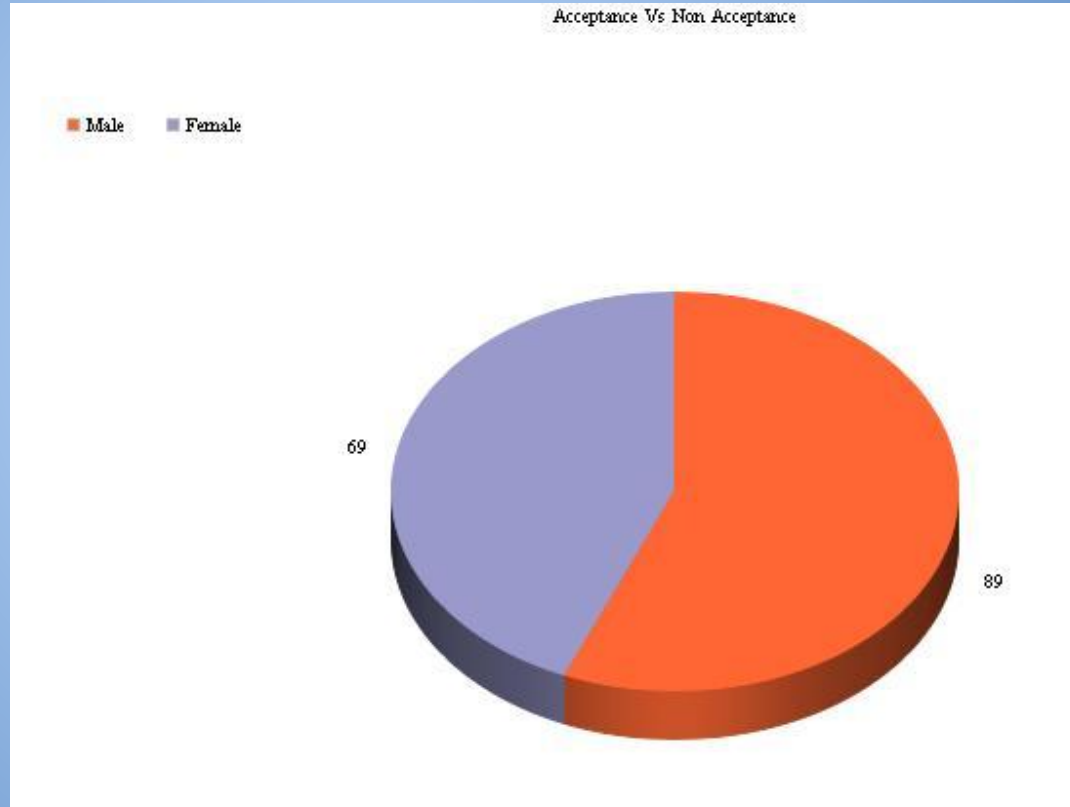
# So, who accepted?

262 Total Requests

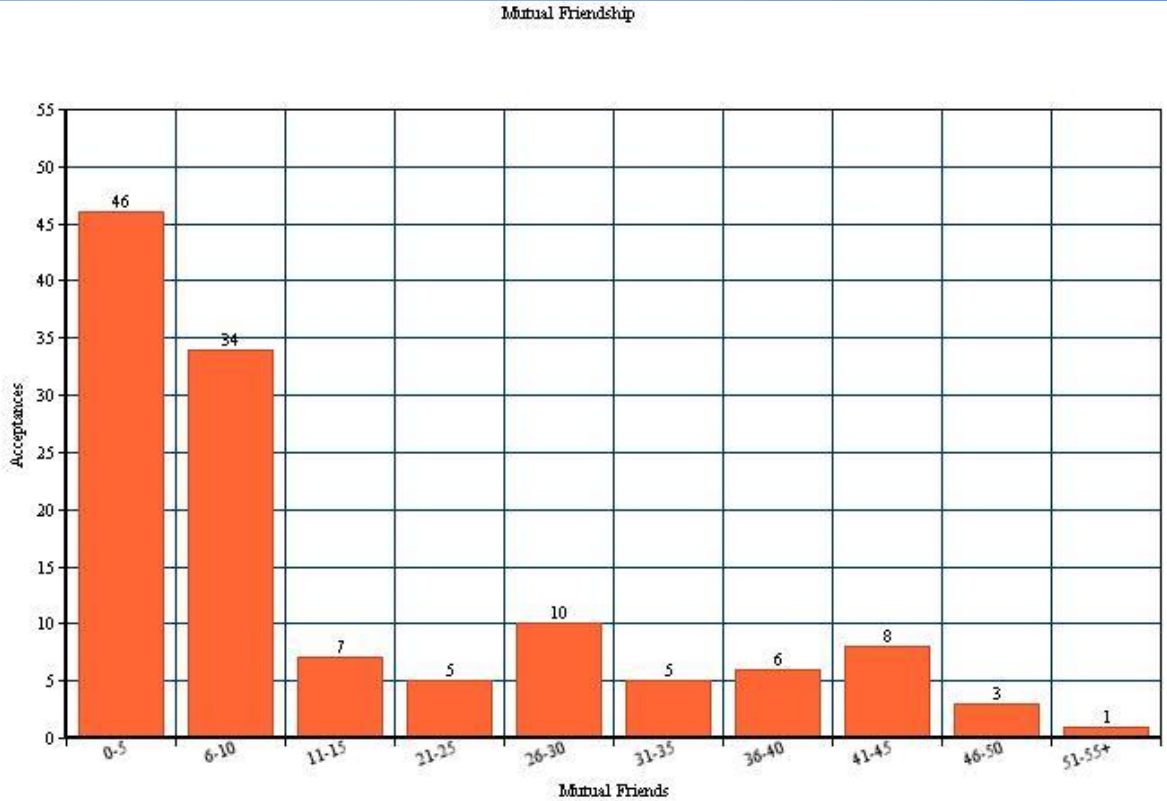
4 people added us



# What was the Gender?



# # of Mutual Friends?



# Conclusion

Of those we requested, more than half accepted, many of them while we had very few mutual friends. They accepted a complete stranger. This tells us that many people do not exercise due care on the web, and teaches us that we should be more cautious. Those we add may seem harmless, but they may not be who we think or what they seem.