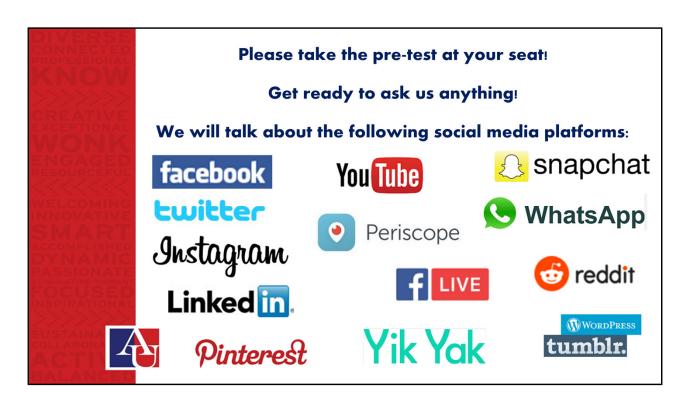
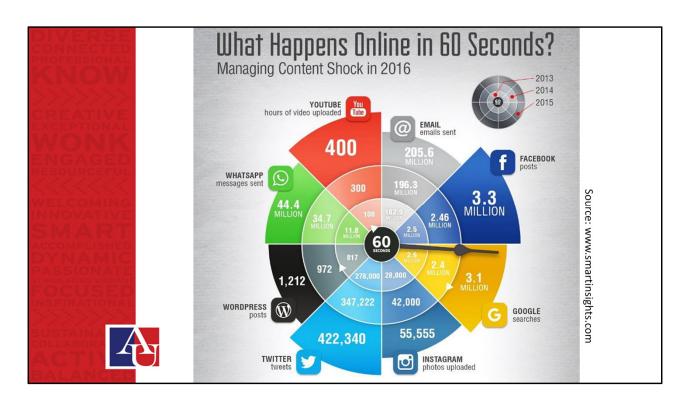


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There's a lot to cover, so we will go through the more familiar platforms more quickly.



Word travels fast online. See how you can be part of the conversations!



It's about more than just the Like! Personal or professional. Allows posting of photos, video, text, links, polls and enables reactions and comments. It covers most media, so some orgs are using just Facebook instead of creating websites.



Facebook allows you to Like other people or pages and follow their activities in your feed or your pages feed.

Demographics from Pew Research Center



Twitter is a great place for participating in and following conversations. Use the @handle to connect with a person or #hashtag to connect with a conversation. Photos, videos, links in 140 characters. Like or retweet content you like. Retweets will show up on your "profile" feed.



Instagram is all about engaging photos, short captions and #hashtags! Links are not hyperlinked in posts. Can repost others' photos but this is done less than on Twitter and Facebook.



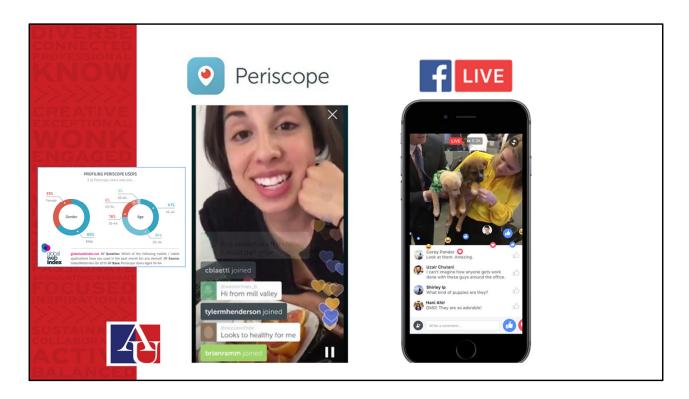
Linked In is the professional hub for connecting. Instead of collecting business cards, connect on linked in. See people's work history, look for connections, follow industry feeds, apply for jobs, join groups.



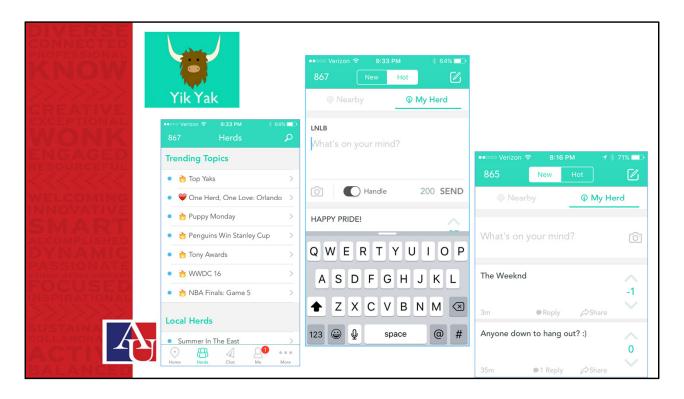
Used for photo sharing, collection on pin boards (like digital cork boards), and images often link back to websites/creators.



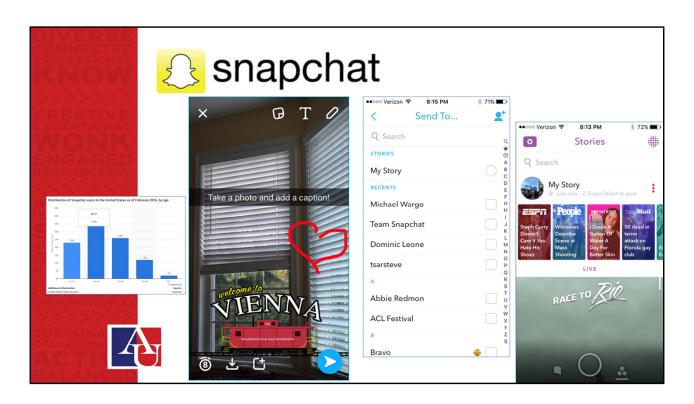
YouTube is a place to share videos – but it also enables community engagement with comments and thumbs up or down votes. Playlists allow you to curate content into logical categories that can help convey your brand.



Live stream what you are doing, or follow streams and comment or like. Think about the possibilities for including off campus students in events! How might this transform classwork?



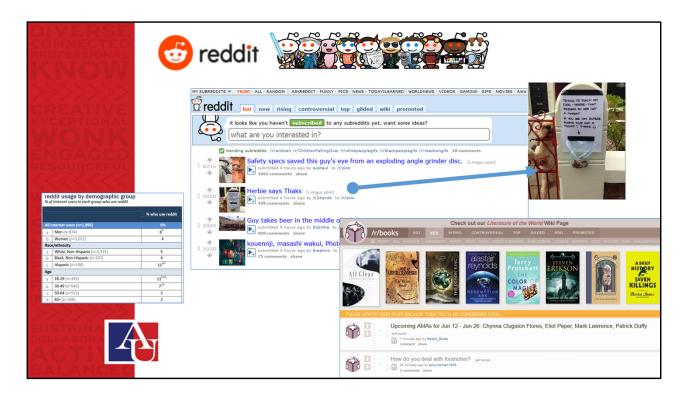
Anonymous posting site that shows you posts in your area (or the area of your saved "herd"). You can identify yourself with a handle or not. View hot or new yaks in your area or herd, or view trending topics curated by YikYak.



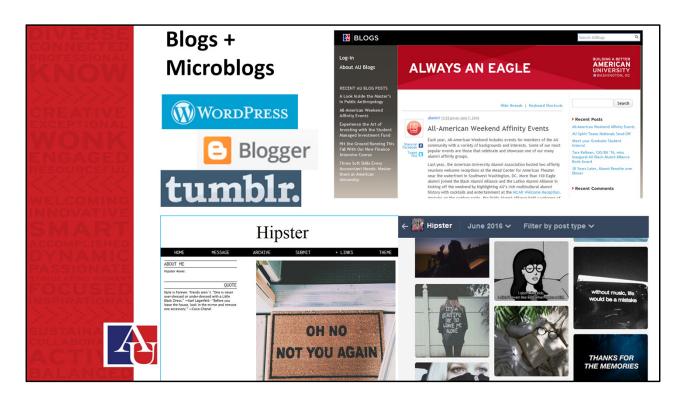
Want to send quick photos to allow people to follow your day, a trip or just highlights of your week? Use snapchat to send photos that disappear in a set number of second directly to another person or a group. Or, if you want to document something happening over time, post to your story so your friends can view it for the next 24 hours.



Texting with one person or a group is the way students communicate most frequently. You can use this with friends or colleagues. It is particularly used when going abroad because if you have wi-fi, it does not cost to text other travelers or back home.



Reddit – links to interesting items that are voted on by the community. Sub-reddits allow users to focus in on an passion area. Ask Me Anything forums were popularized here – where celebrities and regular folks invite users to ask them anything during a certain time frame.



Blogs were essentially the first social media. They allow longer form content, photos, links and comments.

Microblogs are newer and usually are a short comment and photos – similar to Instagram.



