Cyberbullying: Impact on Teens

**Research Question**
This project examines what cyberbullying is and the effects it has on teens.

**Methods**
- Survey of 690 internet users
- In-depth interview with internet users who have been cyberbullied or have bullied
- Observations of cyberbullying victims
- Literature review on cyberbullying

**Findings**
- Being cyberbullied really played with my head and made me really start to question things about myself. I began to believe the comments.
- “Cyberbullying destroys a person and can make them feel very alone and helpless.”

**Conclusions**
- The threat of cyberbullying is well known now.
- Cyberbullying victims become drawn away and quiet.
- Our findings: Most people keep their accounts private and that a larger number of them have private rather than public accounts.

Hurt by Cyberbullying

**Introduction**
Cyberbullying is the use of technology to harass, threaten, humiliate, or otherwise hassle another person.

**Research Question**
How many young people have been affected by cyberbullying?

**Methods**
- Survey of 690 internet users
- In-depth interviews with internet users
- Observation of internet users
- Literature review on cyberbullying

**Findings**
- Some research shows that more than 25% of young people have been bullied over the internet and nearly that percent has engaged in bullying behavior themselves.
- Victims are afraid to get on the computer.

**Conclusions**
Research shows that victims of cyberbullying feel hurt, embarrassed, lonely and guilty.
Our research suggests that a significant percentage of young people have had experience with both sides of cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying: A Study of Gender Differences

**Research Questions**
- Are females more likely to be victims of cyberbullying than males?
- Are males more likely to be perpetrators of cyberbullying?

**Methods**
- In-depth interviews
- Ethnographic observations
- Survey (n=690)
- Literature review on cyberbullying

**Findings**
- Our survey shows males use Facebook more than females.
- Females have higher rates of canceling their Facebook accounts.

Cyberbullying: A Study of Gender Media

**Research Questions**
- What is the impact of cyberbullying in young people?
- What are the effects of cyberbullying?

**Methods**
- Survey of 690 people
- Literature review on cyberbullying
- Field observations
- In-depth personal interviews with youth and cyberbullying victims

**Findings**
- Some research shows that about 25% of adolescents have been cyberbullied at least once.
- Interview 1: Cyberbullies create “Facebook pages specifically to cyberbully” their victims.
- Interview 2: Cyberbullying victims feel society is “Inactive in preventing cyberbullying.”

**Conclusions**
- Cyberbullying victims typically do not report their harassment.
- Effects of cyberbullying include low self-esteem, depression, anger, school failure avoidance, and in some cases, school violence and suicide.

References
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