Youth and Justice: Digital Footprint Project
Web Evolution

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Social Networks Are the New Résumés
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Introduction
Many young adults believe that their digital footprint is responsible for their lack of employment.

Field Observations
The ability of gangs to use social media?

Study Findings
The presence of gangs has increased on the internet. With internet surveillance, the NYPD feels they can stop gang activity and recruitment.

Conclusions
Work and private life are now merging together. It will be difficult to control your digital footprint.

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Gangs and the Web
Priscilla Vidal

Introduction
This study was conducted on the use of the internet by gang members and their purpose. Gang members tend to turn to the web to conduct their business as an association or to express any mishaps/ accomplishments within the gang. The accomplishments can include fighting over girls or other issues, and the murdering of a rival gang member. Internet banging has been deemed the term for the use of social media by gangs to their associations advantage.

Findings
• Gang members are normal and frequent social media site users.
• “Unless an issue comes up with someone they have beef with, then violent altercations ensue and ‘subliminal’ messages are written.”

Conclusions
• The internet is used as a “pasting” field for gang activities by members.
• Law enforcement authorities are using Facebook and Twitter to keep up with gang activities.
• The ability of gangs to use the internet as a recruiting method.
• Active gang members tend to commit more offenses at a higher rate.

References

SPYING ON GANGS ON THE WEB
Kevin Gonzalez

Introduction
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Qualitative Findings
“…just the other day, I had somebody trying to add my boy, I was dying bro...”

Quantitative Findings
You Cause Legal Problems for Others on the Web?

Conclusions
Monitoring of gangs is better done in the streets than on the web.

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HACKTIVISM
Robert Fleming

Hacktivism
Hacktivism is the act of hacking, or breaking into a computer system, for a politically or socially motivated purpose.

Possible Candidates
Candidates for Hacktivists are people who are tech savvy, and those that constantly change their passwords.

Demographics of Anonymous
No special demographics, but mostly white males who tend to be really smart with computers.

We Are Hacktivists
Good vs. Evil
Is Hacktivism free speech or destructive behavior?

Good
Tanked down white supremacist radio show

Bad
Attacks on major credit card companies

References