

E-Chat : Causes and Effects of Paid Online Chatting and Does Online Escorted Chatting Provide Emotional Value?

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ABSTRACT

With the development of Internet technology, Internet escorts have become increasingly popular. Internet escorts include chatting only and Internet prostitution, and the police are gradually cracking down on Internet prostitution. This research paper focuses on whether online escorts provide emotional value. In this research paper, we will distinguish the mode of online escort chatting. We will discuss the causes, data, and impact and conclude whether online escort chatting provides emotional value. The research hypothesis is that online escorts do not provide emotional value.

Introduction

With the development of the network, people increasingly use electronic devices and a lot of software has been invented. In modern society, fast-paced life, high-stress work, and meaningless socializing are often physically and mentally exhausting. Many people like to stay at home but do not have any real good friends, so they choose to order on the network to chat with others. Especially since the epidemic, people's mental health has been more or less affected to some extent. When the accumulation of emotions reaches a certain level, there is a need to find an outlet to eliminate them.

Where there is a need, there is a market, and many jobs like "Internet escort" have emerged. Before starting the research, we should know what paid online chatting is. Internet escort chatting, mainly embodied in the form of online stores, is one of the main types of online part-time jobs, an occupation in which a worker of legal working age, with whom an employment relationship exists, is employed and chats with an employer on the Internet. A form of part-time employment in which labor compensation is calculated in hours. (百度百科-验证) They sell their time in minutes and hours and receive payment for solving problems in relationships and life and working through chatting. This kind of "Internet chat" is usually the owner of the Internet prepayment, and then they let the "Internet chat" with their chat solve their problems, and it is not limited to text or voice. However, with the gradual integration of the virtual and natural society, the network escort chat derived from some "dangerous areas" for the customer to put forward their requirements to the store, like whether to accept the "panting," "naked chat," "Masturbation," and so on. These "escorts" have their own words, create their persona through the graphic dynamic, and even lure customers to order. (“陈根：网络‘陪聊’，新职业还是新‘色情’？_顾客_感情_单子”)

Online escorts are divided into prostitution and listening to emotional problems. This research paper will analyze the motivation for E-prostitution and whether it can provide emotional value.

Theory

Camming is when people do sexual stuff on the internet with audio, video, and chat. This kind of sex work is 20% of all pornography, and it's growing the fastest in the sex industry. (*Cam Modeling: Labor, Intimacy, and Prosumption - ProQuest*). People who do live video shows online, called chat hosts, models, or performers, choose to do it and do it willingly. These are people who can be by themselves or with someone else. They show their performances live for people to watch when they want. (Falardeau). Live adult content is different from regular adult content because it happens in real time, and the people in it interact with each other as it happens. (Xbiz; Falardeau). Some people who host online chats get money depending on the time they go live, some for how well they do, and some make money by selling things. (Falardeau). Digital sex workers gradually constitute a diverse and heterogeneous group.

Many studies have looked at many groups why they want to have sex, such as college students (Meston and Buss), elderly adults (Wyverkens et al.), women in casual and committed relationships (Armstrong and Reissing), lesbian, bisexual, queer, and questioning women (Wood et al.), monogamous and non-monogamous individuals (Kelberga and Martinsone, "Differences in Motivation to Engage in Sexual Activity Between People in Monogamous and Non-monogamous Committed Relationships"). This research focuses on the motivation of E-prostitution. So, the first is the motivation of online workers. We studied 80 sex workers who do camming. There were 76 women and 4 non-binary/trans/gender fluid people, aged 20 to 49 years old, with an average age of 30.68 and a standard deviation of 6. 43.562% were married or in a committed relationship, 18.8% were in a non-committed relationship, and 25% were single. We compared how they engaged in sexual activity with their real-life partners versus their virtual partners. Presented with 16 reasons to choose to have sex, the people in the survey rated how often they chose to have sex for each of these reasons with their real-life and online partners. There were five reasons why people felt different about having sex with real-life partners compared to virtual partners, and 11 reasons were the same for both. In simpler terms, the people surveyed said they often have sex with their virtual partners to get money and to have a specific kind of sex. In simpler words, people in relationships tend to have sex more often because they are physically attracted to their partner and want to show their love and commitment. They also do it to feel good physically. (Kelberga and Martinsone)

In addition to considering the motivation of online sex workers, we now consider the motivation of people who buy sex escorts online. Most men said they bought sex because they wanted to have sex right away. Some wanted to be with women who fit certain stereotypes. Others were not happy in their current relationship. And some just wanted sex without any emotions or commitment. Only a small number of people in the survey (3%) said they went to see prostitutes because they were addicted to sex or because they were drunk. (ABC News)

Methodology

Adoption of Kelberga and Martinsone ("Motivation of Sex Workers Who Provide Camming Services to Engage in Sex With Their Real-life and Virtual Partners") data

Participants

80 chat hosts who work for a Canadian adult website and offer one-on-one services like adult chat, phone sex, sexting, and video sex chat were involved in the study.

Measures

Interviewing sex workers about how they feel and what they think about their objective as well as virtual partners.

To explore the motivation of chat to bolt in sex with their virtual clients and real-life accessories, makers utilized a balanced YSEX. Overview (Meston and Buss, “Why People Have Sex”) that was changed inside the setting of other considerations for non-monogamous populations (Kelberg and Martinsone, 2021, 2022). It outlines the questionnaire’s amplexity in measuring the motivation of both monogamous and non-monogamous individuals. The chat was to answer a set of 16 questions about their motivation to bolt in sex with their real-life assistants and the same set of questions concerning their motivation to have sex with their virtual assistants. The scale of the overview inquired from 1 to 5, where “1” was “none of my experiences” and “5” was “all of my experiences.” The address was shown to the respondents as follows: “People bolt in in sexual behaviors, such as sexting, masturbation, sexual intercut for various differing reasons. Underneath may be a list of a couples of these reasons. Considering your virtual or real-life sexual experiences, on the off chance that it’s not as much inconvenience, appears how, as regularly as conceivable, each of the taking after reasons driven you to have sex online together with your real-life partners” depending on whether it asked chat has around their motivation to bolt in in sex with online or real-life assistants. Increase as a reason to lock in sex was emptied from the overview due to the virtual nature of work. Inside the setting of past contemplations, figure examination illustrated that each thing measures a particular estimation as each variable was stacking heightening on a single calculate (Kelberga and Martinsone, “Motivation of Non-monogamous Adults to Lock in in Sex With Their Distinctive Partners”). See Table 2 underneath for the entire list of explored questions. All chat clients were sent an electronic welcome to participate in the outline through an accumulated mail. Their intrigue was deliberateness and puzzling, with no recognized information or IP addresses taken after. (Kelberga and Martinsone).

Table 2.

1. Stress reduction: I wanted to release stress, anxiety, tension or to fight boredom
2. Pleasure: I was sexually aroused or wanted to experience physical pleasure
3. Physical desirability: The person was physically attractive
4. Experience seeking: I wanted new sexual experience or to act out a fantasy
5. Resources: I wanted to get resources from that person (such as promotion, money, etc.)
6. Procreation: I wanted to conceive a child
7. Social status: I wanted to enhance my social status or reputation
8. Revenge: I wanted my partner to feel jealous or hurt
9. Utilitarian reasons: I had sex for utilitarian reasons (such as burning calories, hoping to get rid of a headache or keeping warm)
10. Love and commitment: I wanted to feel connected to the person, express my love and commitment
11. Expression: I wanted to have sex in order to express my feelings such as being sorry, thankful, etc.
12. Self-esteem boost: I wanted to boost my self-esteem (such as feeling attractive or powerful)
13. Duty/pressure: I felt obligated or did not know how to say “no”
14. Mate guarding: I wanted to keep my partner from having sex with someone else.
15. Specific sex: “I wanted to have sex which I cannot have with my other partner (such as kink, fetish, anal, etc.)”
16. Another gender: “I wanted to have sex with a person of an opposite gender than my other partner.”
17. Thrill of the forbidden: “I wanted to experience the thrill of doing something forbidden.”

Results

To begin with, see Table 3 below; they compared the essential reasons and motivations for sex with their real-life and virtual. Five reasons to have sex with a real-life partner for sex specialists are the taking after, physically attractive quality of an accomplice, adore and commitment, involvement looking for, and push diminishment. The significant reasons are delight, the physical allure of a partner, involvement, looking for, cherishing, commitment, and boosting self-esteem. Self-esteem is number six in positioning with real-life sex. Getting resources from a sexual partner comes as the 6th most visited reason to lock in in sex with their virtual sex. For comparison, this reason is the number 11 out of 16 reasons when it comes to sex with real life. Therefore, in addition to

money and resources, locking in sex with virtual partners, for example, grown-up chat, phone sex, sexting, and video sex chat administrations, can't provide the same emotional value to both parties as in real life.

Table 3.

	Virtual partner			Real life partner			n	df	Paired samples		Cohen's d
	Mean	Standard deviation	Rank order	Mean	Standard deviation	Rank order			t	p	
Pleasure	3.41	1.12	1	3.83	1.00	1	78	77	-3.169	0.002	0.36
Physical desirability	3.11	1.23	2	3.58	1.03	2	79	78	-3.418	0.001	0.39
Experience seeking	2.92	1.28	3	2.87	1.09	4	78	77	0.360	0.720	0.04
Love and commitment	2.89	1.19	4	3.48	1.15	3	80	79	-3.654	0.000	0.41
Self esteem boost	2.88	1.35	5	2.59	1.13	6	80	79	2.175	0.033	0.25
Resources	2.76	1.47	6	1.85	1.14	11	78	77	5.641	0.000	0.64
Stress reduction	2.68	1.02	7	2.80	1.14	5	80	79	-0.904	0.369	0.10
Thrill of the forbidden	2.46	1.20	8	2.20	1.14	8	79	78	2.266	0.026	0.25
Emotional expression	2.24	1.11	9	2.48	1.04	7	80	79	-1.679	0.097	0.19
Specific Sex	2.01	1.35	10	1.54	0.84	14	79	78	3.543	0.001	0.40
Duty or pressure	1.98	1.03	11	2.06	1.05	9	80	79	-0.961	0.339	0.11
Mate guarding	1.95	1.20	12	1.93	1.12	10	80	79	0.212	0.833	0.02
Other gender	1.94	1.09	13	1.81	0.99	12	80	79	1.296	0.199	0.15
Utilitarian reasons	1.68	0.93	14	1.78	0.93	13	79	78	-1.380	0.172	0.15
Social status	1.49	1.05	15	1.39	0.93	16	79	78	1.000	0.320	0.11
Revenge	1.39	0.77	16	1.43	0.86	15	79	78	-0.652	0.516	0.08

Significant differences are highlighted in bold. * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$; Cohen's criteria for small, medium, and large effects: small: 0.2, medium: 0.5, large: 0.8 or greater.

Discussion and Implications

This study aimed to examine the underlying motivators of online escorts and whether or not they provide emotional value. This study contributes to a better understanding of the motivational factors that influence the sexual behavior of this service industry group, which is relatively understudied in this area. It will also inform those who engage in online sexual behavior or buy "internet chatting" about the advantages and disadvantages of online escort chatting.

Based on what is analyzed over, the individuals who buy online escorts, as well as business online escorts, need to induce involvement looking for, self-esteem boost, social status, vindicate, viable reasons, obligation or weight, the excite of the illegal, mate guarding, and want to have sex with a individual of another sexual orientation. (Kelberga and Martinsone)

Also, the study discovered that people who use chat services were more likely to engage in sexual activity with their virtual assistants than with their real assistants for two reasons: to gain benefits and to have

a particular type of sex. That's why online escorts can only provide money, sex, and help to both people. These findings support the study's ideas that online escorts don't offer emotional support.

In a nutshell, relationships in the virtual environment are still very different from real life. The nature of online escorts is to gain profit, not to provide emotional support or make friends. Therefore, to relieve the momentary loneliness and frustration, online escorts are not a bad idea; however, if you indulge in the emotions in the virtual world for a long time, you are bound to be more lost in reality and become addicted to the network without being able to extricate yourself from it and neglecting your real life.

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