**AUDIO SCRIPT**

**[F1: Female Student; M1: Male Student]**

F1: Excuse me, my name’s Cathy. I’m a sociology major, and I’m conducting a survey about social networking. Do you have a few minutes to answer some questions?

M1: Sure, go ahead.

F1: Can you tell me your name and age?

M1: Sure. Theo Wennerberg. I’m 19.

F1: Thanks, Theo. First, how many social networking sites do you use?

M1: Right now, I use four sites.

F1: How many hours do you spend each day on your sites?

M1: Hmm, I guess about 3 hours. I’m online for about half an hour before I leave home in the morning. Then, I check in a few times during the day. In the evening, I spend a couple of hours online before I go to bed.

F1: Would you say that you spend (a) not enough time, (b) about the right amount of time, or (c) too much time on your social networks?

M1: I think 3 hours is about the right amount of time. When I was younger, sometimes I spent 5 hours online every day. That’s way too much. Since I started college, I spend less time socializing generally. I’m just too busy with my coursework.

F1: Next question. What is the main reason you use social networks?

M1: I think mainly to stay in contact with my family and friends in Sweden. I check in with my family every day. They worry if they don’t hear from me. When I first arrived on campus, I connected with the Swedish community and made some really good friends. Now I see those friends in real life, so we just use social media to organize meet-ups. I also belong to a couple of groups. I’m a psychology major, so I belong to a Psych group. I’m also into karate, and we have a group.

F1: Are you careful about the things you post on your sites? I mean, do you think about who is looking at your profile?

M1: Yeah, definitely. I’m very careful. You hear too many bad stories about kids posting inappropriate things for the whole world to see. That’s why my profile isn’t public. I only belong to closed groups, so we can say what we think. In my view, we should feel free to express our opinions. But I’m not interested in posting silly photos or writing stupid comments. Everyone knows future employers can see that stuff.

F1: For my final question, I’d like you to respond by saying whether you agree or disagree.

M1: OK.

F1: Research has found that college students who spend a lot of time checking social networking sites can experience negative feelings such as depression. Agree or disagree?

M1: I agree. It depends on my mood though. When I first came here, I was pretty lonely. Looking at other people’s happy photos made me feel worse. Now I’m happier, so I don’t mind so much. Everyone wants to look successful on these social networking sites. But no one’s life is perfect, and you just have to remember that.

F1: Well, I’ve finished. Thanks for your time, Theo.

M1: You’re welcome, Cathy. Good luck with the survey.