

Instagram vs. Reality: Body image among women

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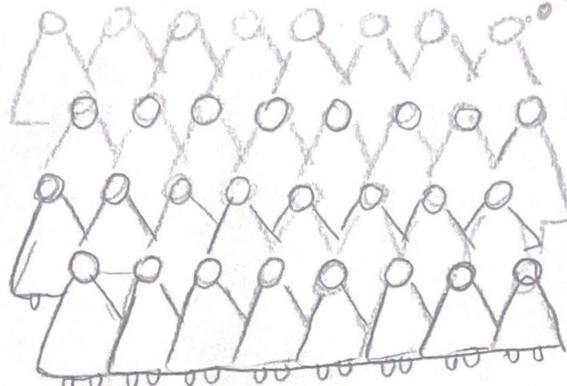




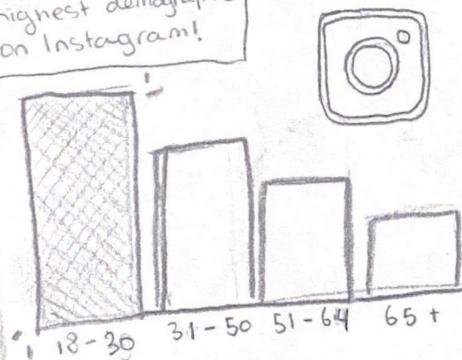
the participants of our study consisted of women ...

Is this for a
Sorority?
you?

WANTED
305 women
aged
18 - 30



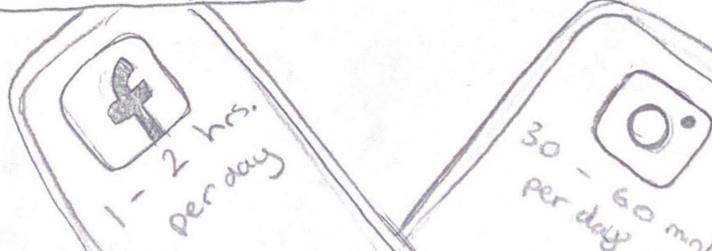
This is the highest demographic on Instagram!



the participants had various ethnicities.

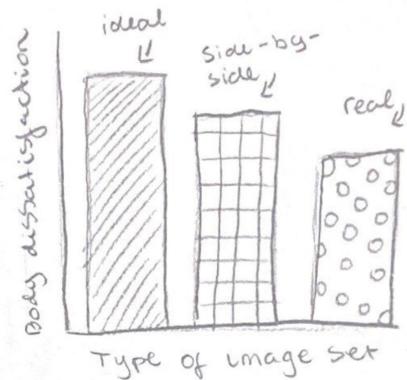
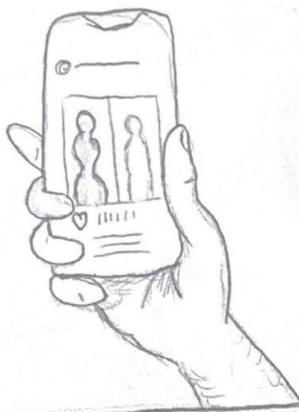


Other characteristics included that almost all participants had both a facebook and instagram account and are active on those platforms.



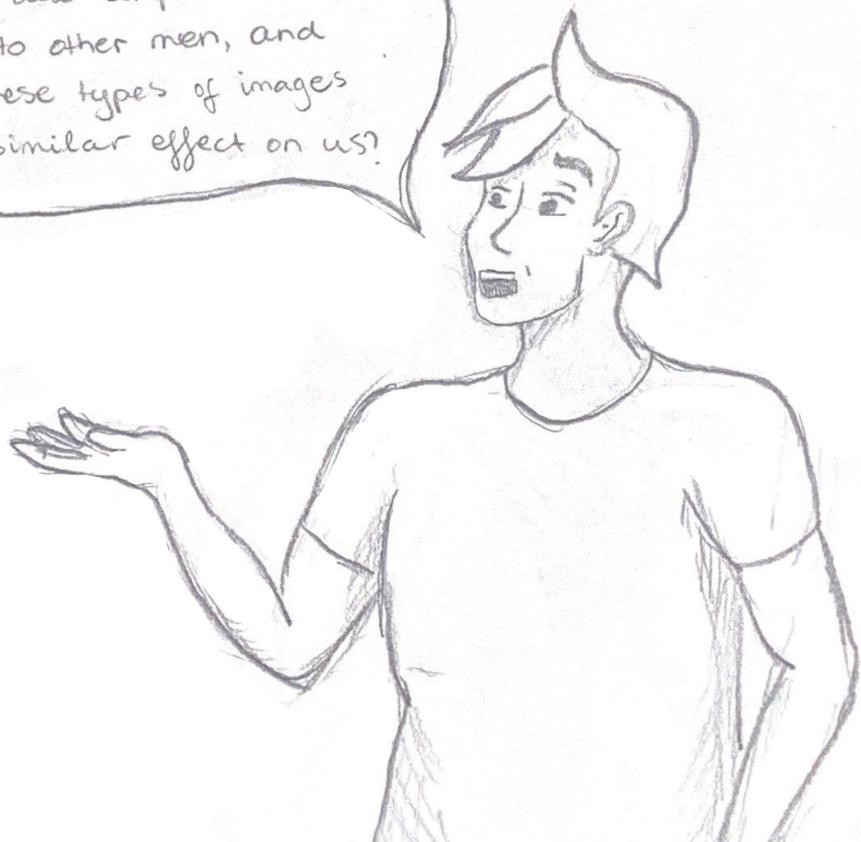


After viewing either side-by-side or real image sets...



Body dissatisfaction was lower compared to the ideal images!

You know what I do wonder...
Do men also compare their bodies to other men, and would these types of images have a similar effect on us?



(well, I guess there's only
one way to find out...)



OFF to do
SOME
RESEARCH!

