

Review of: "A Scale to Measure Social Media Jealousy"

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The paper is interesting. However, I raised some comments that may improve the paper.

Lack of Clarity in Definitions: The introduction defines jealousy but does not clearly differentiate between various types of jealousy (e.g., romantic, platonic, professional). A more nuanced definition could enhance understanding of the construct being studied.

Overgeneralization of Social Media Impact: The text suggests that social media universally induces jealousy among users, particularly adolescents and young adults. This claim may overlook individual differences and cultural contexts that influence how jealousy is experienced and expressed.

Insufficient Literature Review: While the text references existing tools and studies, it does not provide a comprehensive review of the literature on jealousy in social media. A more thorough examination of previous research could highlight gaps and justify the need for a new measurement tool.

Cultural Bias in Existing Scales: The text mentions that existing scales have been developed primarily using Western samples. However, it does not adequately address how cultural differences might affect the experience and expression of jealousy, nor does it propose how the new scale will account for these differences.

Methodological Limitations: The introduction discusses the limitations of existing scales but does not provide a clear methodology for how the new scale will be developed or validated. Details on the research design, sample selection, and statistical methods are necessary for transparency and reproducibility.

Neglect of Qualitative Insights: The text briefly mentions qualitative studies on social media jealousy but does not explore how qualitative insights could inform the development of a new scale. Incorporating qualitative data could provide a richer understanding of the phenomenon.

Assumption of Universality: The text assumes that the experience of jealousy is similar across different social media platforms and cultures. This assumption may not hold true, as different platforms may evoke different emotional responses based on their unique features and user demographics.

Lack of Focus on Consequences: While the text mentions some symptoms of social media jealousy, it does not delve into the broader psychological and social consequences of jealousy. A discussion on the implications of jealousy for mental health and relationships could strengthen the argument for developing a new measurement tool.

Inadequate Justification for New Tool: The text states the need for a robust tool to measure social media jealousy but does not provide a compelling rationale for why existing tools are insufficient. A clearer articulation of the specific shortcomings of current measures and how the new tool will address these issues is necessary to justify its development.