

Facebook is commonly known as the world's most popular social network – but it is also gaining notoriety for its increasing role in divorce cases. According to a report published by Loyola University Health System, Facebook is cited in nearly 20% of all divorce cases.

Of course, infidelity cannot be blamed on a website alone – people who make the decision to cheat will do so using any means possible. However, Facebook provides an easier avenue for many people to reconnect with old friends and former lovers. Spouses who are considering an extramarital affair can quickly establish and re-establish strong relationships online that offer distractions from the tedious and often difficult realities of marriage.

Cheating spouses may hide their online infidelity by claiming they are doing work on the computer or checking email – and the prevalence of electronic media in everyday life simply makes that a more believable excuse in today's world. In fact, a study by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers found that almost 80% of cheating spouses use Facebook to carry on their extramarital affairs.

However, those who choose to cheat on Facebook put their privacy at risk. The popular trend of “tagging” photos with the names of any friends included in the image often leads to the publication of inappropriate pictures online. The cheating spouse may be wise enough not to post pictures from his weekend getaway, but a casual acquaintance may not think twice before tagging a picture of the cheater and his girlfriend at a party.

In fact, most people who use Facebook to cheat make it very easy to track down indisputable evidence of their infidelity – which can and will be used in a divorce case. A screenshot from Facebook can provide a clear example of cheating, alcohol abuse, or other behaviors that will have a direct impact on divorce proceedings.

If you suspect your spouse of cheating and believe Facebook or any other social networking or dating site has been used, you should contact an attorney immediately. Your spouse's Facebook page, as well as any incriminating photos, may be used as evidence.

If you are contemplating divorce and have concerns that your own Facebook activity could be damaging, you should take down your page right away and close your account. One “tagged” photograph could make the difference in the outcome of your divorce case.

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