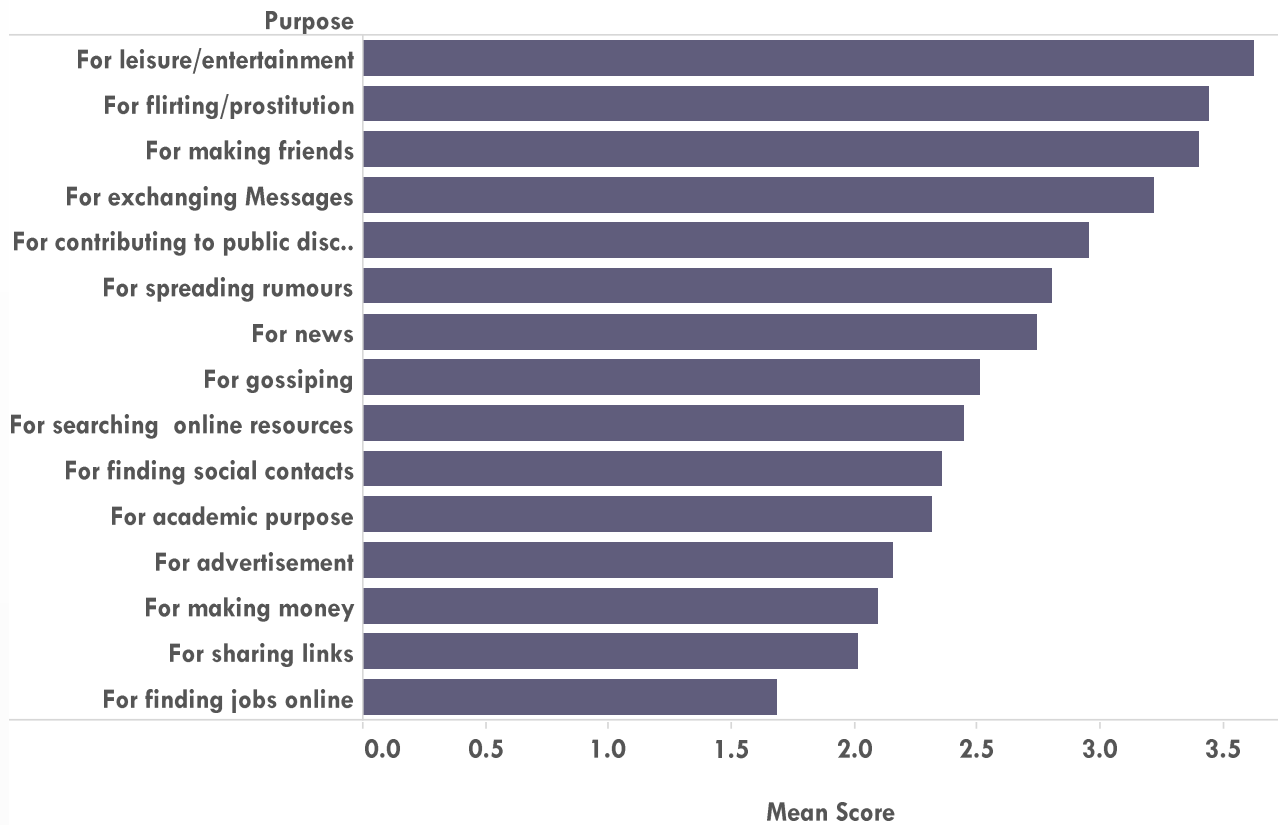


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What Students in Nigerian Higher Schools Use Social Media For



Data Source: Ufuophu-Biri & Iwu, 2014

Ufuophu-Biri & Iwu (2014) in a paper titled “Social media as correlate of prostitution among students of higher institutions of learning in Delta State, Nigeria” published by the Covenant Journal of Communication (Vol. 2, No. 1) sought to determine the relationship between social media and prostitution among students of institutions of higher learning in Delta State, Nigeria.

Indeed they found what they were looking for. Their findings are not peculiar Delta State. The use of social media for flirtation and prostitution is clearly the second most important reason for using social media. Use of social media for academic reasons which is primarily why they are in school ranks a distant 11th position.

All the wrong things that a teen can do with the social media occupy the first 10 positions. You can check it out: aside prostitution which is the second, other wrong reasons include the spreading of rumours (6th position), gossiping (8th position). These reflect the regrettable realities of the larger society where the adults in large numbers abandon worthy values for the obviously wrong ones. Our kids are fast in copying.

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