

Social networks are a great way to connect with a lot of different people in ways you might not be able to find time for face-to-face.

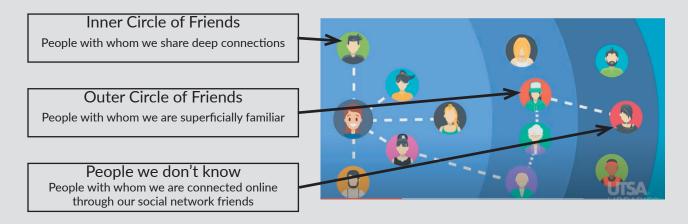
SOCIAL NETWORKS ARE COLLABORATIVE

We join social networks to connect with people who share our interests and ideals.

Collaboration May Lead to the Following Problems:

- Internet Threats: Your social network ties are exposed to social threats through your connections
- Viral Sharing: You are connected to many people you don't know that can still view your content

DIFFERENT LEVELS OF TIES IN SOCIAL NETWORKS



PERSONAL INFORMATION & SOCIAL IDENTITY

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Personal Information

- Facts like address, phone numbers, hometown, pet names, and birth dates.
- It's easy to let personal information details slip into the conversation.

Social Identity

- Sense of who you are based on group membership.
- If you post something that embarrasses or humiliates your friend, you can damage their sense of self-worth.

Protect Your Friends' Personal Information & Social Identity

- Manage your **privacy settings** and remind your friends to check their privacy settings.
- Ask for permission with a private message if you want to share a picture of a friend or tag them in a picture.
- Self-censor! Before you post, ask yourself if this is the way you want others to see you or your friend and whether your post could be misunderstood.

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