Digital Device Use and Personal Well-being:

a longitudinal study of Spanish youth

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About our Research Group

"YOUTH IN TRANSITION" RESEARCH GROUP

Aims at gaining a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by today's youth

WISE PROJECT

[Well-being in the use of Internet, Social media and digital Entertainment]

Two main studies:

- 4-year study with a representative sample of Spanish youth (18-23 years old)
- Screens and digital well-being during the Covid-19 pandemic in 11 hispanic countries





The purpose of a longitudinal study

- 1. The literature available is far from conclusive.
- 2. The vast majority of research is **cross-sectional**.
- 3. Digital use is a **complex** and constantly **evolving** reality.
- 4. Mostly **focused on screen time**; it is not necessarily indicative of well-being outcomes.
- 5. Literature more focused on **problematic use** often skewing results towards negative outcomes.





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Framework

ANTECEDENTS	DEVICE USE	OUTCOMES		
1. Individual factors	 3. Amount of Use Screen Time (subjective measure) Problematic Use (SAS-SV) Mobile Control Perception (subjective measure) 4. Quality of Use Types and Motivations for Use (subjective measure) 	 5. Mental health Anxiety, Depression & Stress (DASS-21) 6. Personal Well-being Flourishing (FS) Global Happiness (subjective measure) 		

7. Pathways

Self-esteem (SES) Impulsivity (ISSS)







The Social
Observatory of
"la Caixa"
Foundation



15 minute questionnaire



N= 1.200 18 – 22 years old

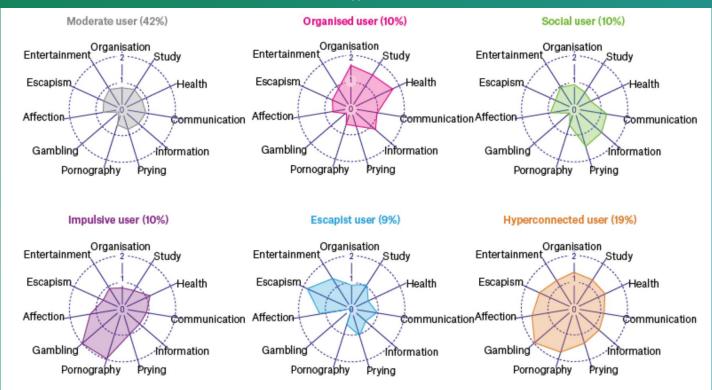


4 years (W1, W2)

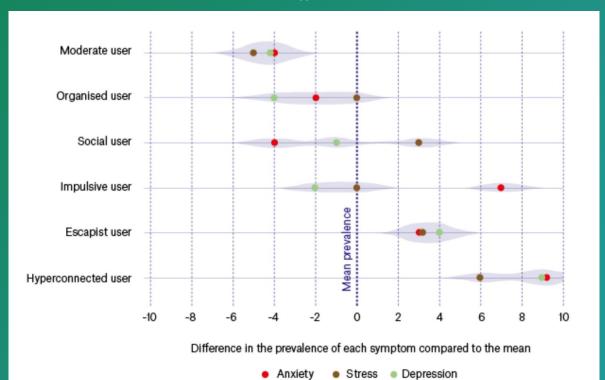
W1 Preliminary Findings





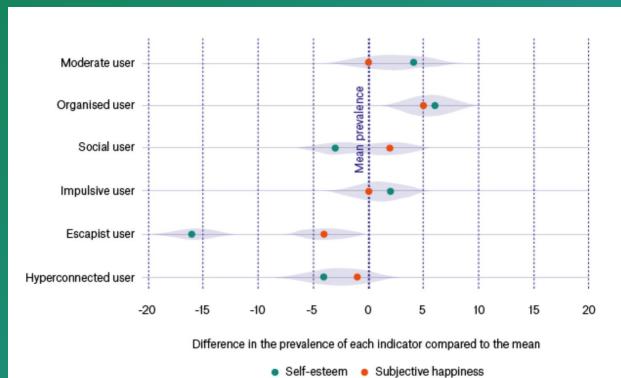
















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Main contributions

- 1. We explore the **motivations** behind young people's use of digital devices.
- 2. We use a nationally **representative** Spanish **sample** of 1,200 youth ages 18-22.
- 3. We will follow (as we incorporate Waves 2, 3, 4) our sample longitudinally, tracking **between and within changes** in screen time, smartphone use motivations, and well-being over time.
- 4. We track both negative and positive outcomes.

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