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Rick Rosner: I had a not very awesome sexual career. Now, I believe people's sexual numbers are lower than my 16. But now given the decreasing importance of sex, the wanting to do a lot of experimentation with a lot of people to find out what you want is a less of a priority. So the idea that you could find somebody compatible via computer matching makes that more feasible. I mean, you can use apps to find a lot of people to have sex with.

But you still have to go out and have sex with, but this computer matching thing is probably more for people who part of a generation where sex isn't the number one thing.

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: Also, our explicit categories that we then crystallize online: age, sex, sexual orientation, eye color, hair color, height, intelligence, occupation, hobbies, interests, likes of music. Since there are computers now, and they're going through dumb AIs, basically, but functional ones, computers are kind of in semi-charge of human mating to some degree now.

It is actually the future generations.

RR: Information is more in charge.

SDJ: Yea, it is a system that filters information rather than our intuitive processing.

RR: When you go on an app, when you use an app that helps you look for a partner, to some extent, as you're indicating, you're acquiescing to the system to decide what is important.

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