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# Digital and Social Media Interventions for Smoking Cessation Among Young Adults

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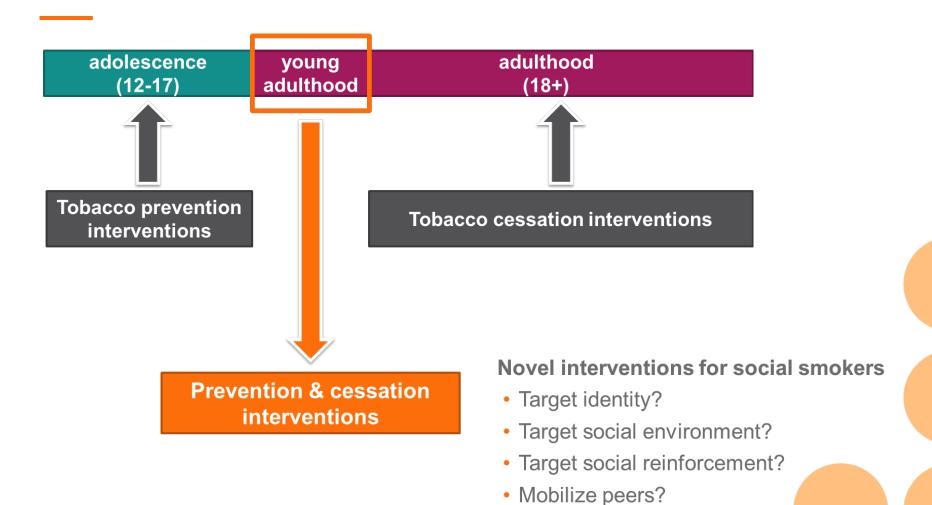


# Digital and social media interventions for YA cessation

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#### The need for novel YA interventions



#### Overview

Digital and social media among young adults

State of the science

Software Development Team at Schroeder Institute

Development & evaluation of This is Quitting

- Rationale for the overall approach
- Core features/functionality
- Early evaluation results
- Implementation partnerships

Digital and Social Media Use Among Young Adults



# YA most likely technology users

#### Internet users in 2014

Among adults, the % who use the internet, email, or access the internet via a mobile device

	Use internet			
All adults	87%			
Age group	2			
18-29	97 <sup>cd</sup>			
30-49	<b>93</b> <sup>d</sup>			
c 50-64	88 <sup>d</sup>			
d 65+	57			

#### Smartphone Ownership Highest Among Young Adults, Those With High Income/Education Levels

% of U.S. adults in each group who own a smartphone

All adults	64%
18-29	85
30-49	79
50-64	54
65+	27

#### Cell owners in 2014

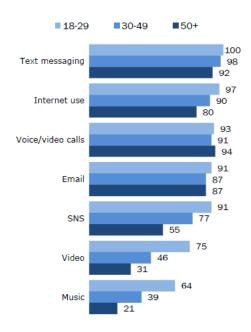
Among adults, the % who have a cell phone

	Have a cell phone		
All adults	90%		
Age group			
18-29	98 <sup>cd</sup>		
30-49	97 <sup>cd</sup>		
50-64	88 <sup>d</sup>		
65+	74		

## Ubiquitous SMS & social media use

#### Some Features are Popular With a Broad Spectrum of Smartphone Owners; Social Networking, Watching Video, and Music/Podcasts are Especially Popular Among Young Users

% of smartphone owners in each age group who used the following features on their phone at least once over the course of 14 surveys spanning a one-week period

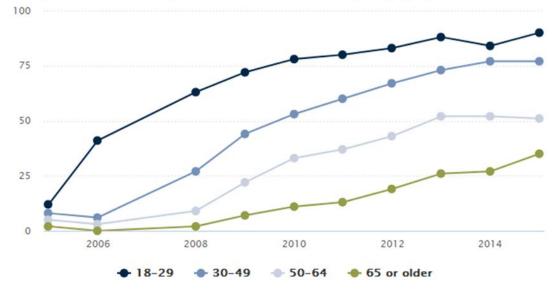


Pew Research Center American Trends Panel experience sampling survey, November 10-16 2014.

Respondents were contacted twice a day over the course of one week (14 total surveys) and asked how they had used their phone in the preceding hour (besides completing the survey). Only those respondents who completed 10 or more surveys over the course of the study period are included in this analysis.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER





Source: Pew Research Center surveys, 2005-2006, 2008-2015. No data are available for 2007.

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# YA use of social media platforms

#### **Facebook Demographics**

Among internet users, the % who use Facebook

	Internet users			
Total	72%			
18-29	82			
30-49	79			
50-64	64			
65+	48			

#### **Instagram Demographics**

Among internet users, the % who use Instagram

	Internet users			
Total	28%			
18-29	55			
30-49	28			
50-64	11			
65+	4			

#### **Pinterest Demographics**

Among internet users, the % who use Pinterest

	Internet users
Total	31%
18-29	37
30-49	36
50-64	24
65+	16

#### **Twitter Demographics**

Among internet users, the % who use Twitter

	Internet users			
Total	23%			
18-29	32			
30-49	29			
50-64	13			
65+	6			

#### Demographics of Tumblr

Among internet users, the % who use Tumblr

	Internet users
Total	10%
18-29	20
30-49	11
50-64	5
65+	2

% of all teens who use Vine

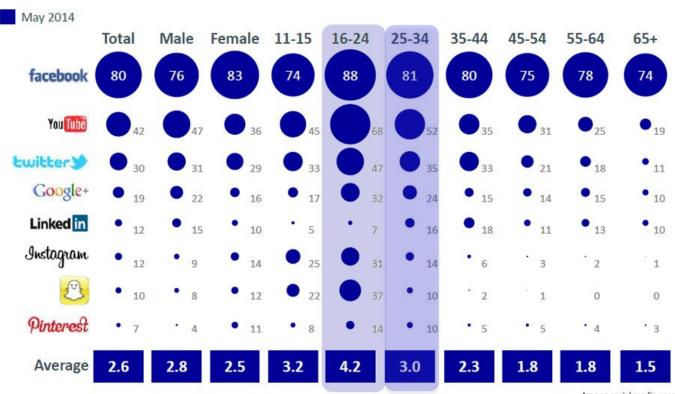
All teens	24%
Age	
f 13-14	21
g 15-17	25

## Use of multiple social platforms



#### Active use (last 30 days)

#### 16-24 year olds really stand out in their active use of multiple sites



Among social media users aged 11+

State of the Science of Digital and Social Media for YA Cessation

## SMS effective promoting abstinence

Figure 2. Forest plot of comparison I: Mobile phone intervention versus control, 26 week continuous abstinence

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Free 2009	15	102	19	98	7.8%	0.76 [0.41, 1.41]	
Free 2011	268	2911	124	2881	50.4%	2.14 [1.74, 2.63]	_
Rodgers 2005	64	852	39	853	15.7%	1.64 [1.12, 2.42]	
Whittaker 2011	29	110	32	116	12.6%	0.96 [0.62, 1.47]	-
Total (95% CI)		4730		4370	100.0%	1.71 [1.47, 1.99]	•
Total events	444		240				
Heterogeneity: $Chi^2 = 18.77$ , $df = 4$ (P = 0.0009); $I^2 = 79\%$					05 07 1 15 2		
Test for overall effect: $Z = 7.00$ (P < 0.00001)						0.5 0.7 1 1.5 2 Favours control Favours intervention	

Whittaker R et al. Mobile phone-based interventions for smoking cessation. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2012 Nov 14

## Cessation research on mobile apps

Over 400 quit smoking apps on Android/iPhone market

Analysis by Abroms et al (2013) of the most popular apps found low adherence to clinical practice guidelines

Studies of effectiveness show early promising signals:

- 5 published studies (preliminary eval, pilot RCTs)
- 3 ongoing trials









## Use of social media in public health

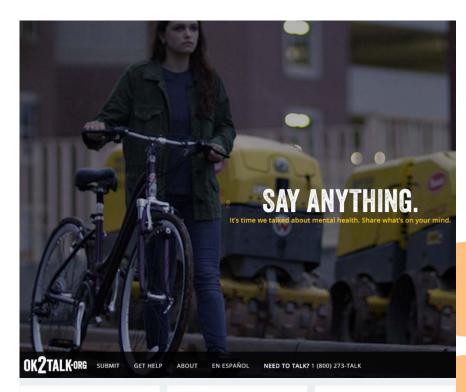
Many public health organizations are using social media to connect with young adults on a variety of health topics, including smoking.

Few published evaluations.









Be gentle with yourself, you're doing the best you can.

#### OKA

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fine' then for them to realise that no, I'm not fine. It sounds setfish which is why I never say it. But is it really selfish?

I wanter what has caused the world to become like this. We re all to like another day, we should be happy not depressed flut there are others, much younger than myself, who also self harm and none of us want to lay anything because we're scared of the reaction well get.

But all we need is help. All we want is to be oka

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I same on this site singly because I foully needed helps. I foully couldn't cope anymore. I feel like an ugity person on the inside an outside. I came across this site and reading all these messages, white said, give me hope. Hope that I'm not alone, I. made me realise that I don't have to bodie! I up and cope... That I can share my burden. Thank you, old/saik. you and the amazing people posting on here have taved me tongist.

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# Software Development at the Schroeder Institute

## Schroeder Institute Software Development Team

- Develop a suite of scalable, technology-based interventions for smoking cessation
- 2. Conduct & disseminate research on intervention effectiveness
- Collaborate with researchers interested in using our cessation tools
- 4. Partner with organizations interested in providing our cessation tools to the smokers they serve



## Schroeder Institute Software Development Team

Senior Manager, Software Development (Tech Lead)

3 Senior Software Engineers

Project Manager/Analyst



Megan Jacobs, MPH Lead, Integrated Product Design

# This is Quitting: A Mobile App for Young Adult Smokers

- Rationale
- Core features/functionality
- Early evaluation results
- Experience with external partners

# #quittingsmoking



spellbound-escapist

Advantage of quitting smoking: I CAN TASTE THINGS PROPERLY!!!!!!!!

I don't think I'd love frappuccinos so much if I still smoked. THIS IS AMAZING.

#Personal #Quitting smoking

2 notes



So how do ppl quit smoking all at once? I haven't had one since last night and I'm ready to be locked up for homicide.

nclklly

Follow

have I mentioned that quitting smoking cigarettes is the worst thing ever? one of four things can happen: 1) I kill someone 2) I kill myself 3) I smoke again 4) I miraculously never smoke again and live through it and go on with my life. if living a little longer w a few less [if not equal to] health issues is really better than living a shorter amount of time but smoking and loving life really worth it? really hoping this is all temporary.

#cigarette #stop smoking #smoking cessation #quitsmoking #quitnow #smoking

1 note







Officially quitting smoking is my current life goal. Switched to an E-Cig for now.

I feel like such a nerd.

Tags: Stop smoking motivation, cigarette, smoker, stop smoking, Switched to ecigs,

Day 1 No Cigarettes: Currently feel like peeling my face off.

# The genesis story

October 2012 Tumblr: @whatshouldwecallquitting

- Meme-style blog about quitting
- Includes FAQ page to answer common questions

#### Tri-fold approach

Novel, branded content

WHEN I FEEL LIKE EVERYONE IS A SMOKER UNTIL I QUIT AND REALIZE HOW FEW PEOPLE SMOKE



Proactive outreach to current & former smokers



Foster user engagement

"This page truly helps me on the days where I am itching to go buy a pack of cigarettes. It makes me laugh and I relate to so many posts that I realize I'm not alone in quitting. All these people are going through the same struggles. Thanks for the help!"

- Tumblr commenter

## Rationale for our approach

- 1. YA have access to supportive others, but asking for support is perceived as high-risk.
- 2. Quitting success is often defined by personal milestones (e.g., not buying cigs) rather than traditional metrics (e.g., 7-day abstinence).
- 3. Some YA do not feel there are resources for them.
- 4. YA are *not* experienced quitters.

"...there's a lot of shame [while quitting]...when I was quitting I looked for support and couldn't find any..."

- Male beta user

# Fireflies in a jar





# THIS IS QUITTING

# "The Ring"

#### MANUALLY CURATED SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

Across multiple platforms

- Tumblr
- Twitter
- Pinterest, Instagram, Vine (planned)

Infinitely scrollable

Like and share

"I can see others quitting and doing well, and how to help myself."

- Male beta user





20 SEP 15

I guess I am trying to quit smoking.

#personal #8 years is a bit to long to be doing it







various failures thedeadsound



20 SEP 15

for my 25th birthday i promised myself that i'd quit smoking for good. lord

#### INTERACTIVE CESSATION TOOLS

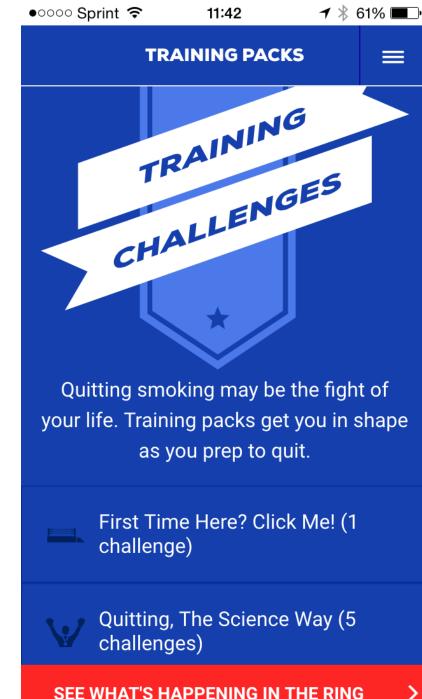
Teaches coping skills

Exposes users to evidence-based methods

Behavioral activation

"These are steps, like something easy for me to get started... I haven't heard a lot of this before."

- Female usability tester



#### Social & Shareable

#### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Reaches smokers/quitters where they are, even if they are not using the app

Generates a sense of community

"I wish you could update more, they really help out a lot. Cause I know I'm not the only one in the world wanting a cig... all of your posts are much appreciated."

- Tumblr follower

# #WHAT SHOULD WE CALL QUITTING

A SUMMARY OF THE UPS AND DOWNS OF QUITTING SMOKING.

HOW TO QUIT ASK SUBMIT ARCHIVE RANDOM RSS SEARCH TWITTER

30TH JAN 2013 | 95 NOTES | A QUITTING TOOL

#### WHEN PEOPLE ASK WHY I QUIT SMOKING



#### **Proactive Outreach**

#### **CUES, PROMPTS, PROMOTES ENGAGEMENT**

#### Interactive

- Multiple scheduled messages/day
- Q&A format
- Can include hyperlinks

#### Tailored to quitting progress

- Set a quit date
- Messages tailored to quit date

Keyword-based support

Enrollment by SMS: text QUITNOW to 202-759-6436

Evidence-based method



# Early evaluation results

#### **Qualitative Data Collection – Interviews/Usability Testing**

Beta user surveys for feedback on the app

**Usability Testing** 

#### **Quantitative Data Collection – Automated Tracking**

#### App usage

- # of app opens
- # of scrolls

#### Quantified use of features

- # of likes/shares of social media content
- # of challenges completed

"Feels perfect...like a support group of other people who are quitting and know what it's like..."

- Male usability tester

# App engagement

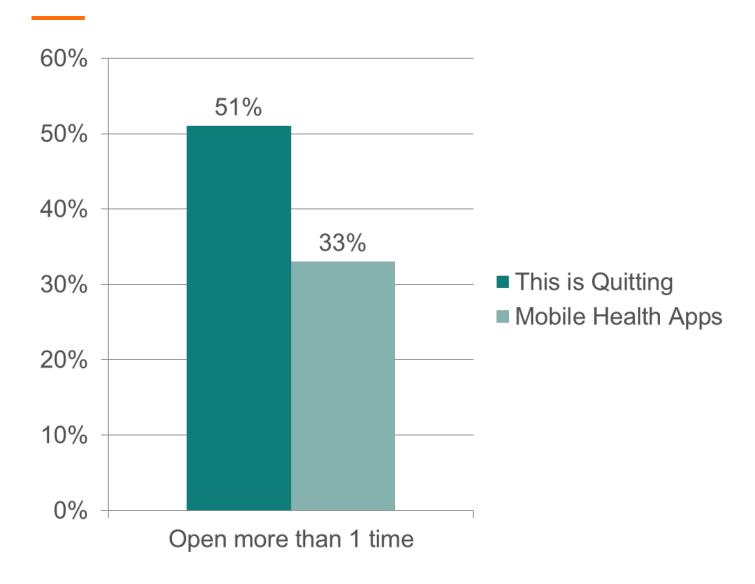
### Data as of January 6, 2016

# Installs: 5140 (Android + iOS)

### Engagement Among All Users

- 51% (2631) open the app more than once ("repeat users")
- See an average of 46 posts in the social media feed
- 68% view at least one training pack
- 65% view at least one challenge
- 61% complete at least one challenge
- 56% complete at least one training pack

## Benchmarks: Repeat usage



# SMS engagement

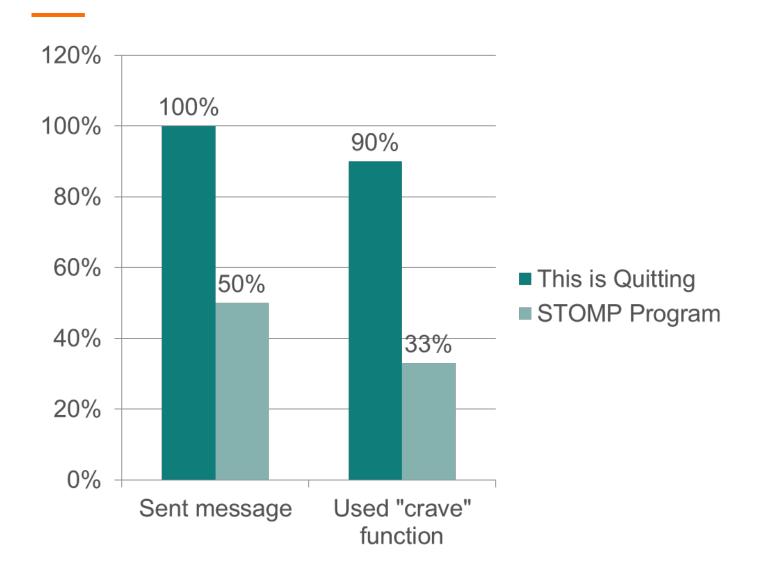
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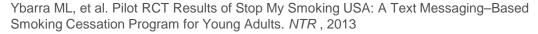
# Fully Enrolled: 259

**Engagement Among All Users** 

- 90% (238) set a quit date
- Stay enrolled an average of 17 days/receive 53 texts
- 100% send at least 1 message
  - Send an average of 13 responses to interactive messages
- 90% use COPE keyword
- 50% use SLIP keyword
- 90% use MORE to receive follow-up texts

## Benchmarks: SMS engagement





## Data from recent evaluation

### Study Aims

- Evaluate short-term abstinence by text message on subsample of app users
- Characterize app users
  - Flurry software

### **Preliminary Outcomes**

- 811 app installs over 10 days surrounding New Year's Eve
- 41 SMS full enrollment (5%)
- Trending signals in the right direction

# Partnerships with Colleges/Universities

- Community Colleges
- Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU)
- Four-year Colleges/Universities

# Colleges/Universities

LOGIN WITH SCHOOL EMAIL: TIQ-U

Activates per-campus versions of certain app content

Enables per-campus reporting:

- App uptake and engagement
- Text message uptake and engagement



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**→** 🔻 63% 🔳





Enter your school email (.edu)

College and universities have partnered with This is Quitting.

Sign up with your school email to get in on special features and opportunities to get paid to give us feedback.

<u>l don't have a school email, just let me in!</u>

**SIGN UP** 

# App content

#### **CUSTOM CONNECTION & TRAINING CHALLENGES**

Each partnered school has its own phone number for text message signup.

School's data kept totally separate from all other schools.









TRAINING PACKS



#### **CHALLENGE 1: SIGN UP**



Text QUITNOW to 202-759-6436.

You'll get daily messages written by other quitters about how to quit smoking, cope with cravings, handle slips or relapses, and find success.

# Text message content

#### **CUSTOMIZED TEXT MESSAGES**

Added content to standard TIQ library specific to colleges:

- Menthol
- Hookah
- Little cigars/cigarillos
- Social justice (HBCU)

Per-school "slug" - customizable

●●●● Sprint LTE

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**1** 47% ■ •



Messages TIQ-U demo

Details

Text Message Today 16:32

yourschool: 1 hour of hookah = 100 times the smoke from a single cigarette. think about quitting all kinds of tobacco, not just cigs and cigars.

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## **The Tobacco Status Project:**

Using social media to help young adults quit smoking

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## Overview/Goals

- Mixed-methods formative work
  - Use of social media
  - Strategies to use social media to help young adults quit
- Feasibility study
  - Usability
  - Quit rates
- Randomized trial
  - Efficacy





## Mixed-methods formative work

## Key Questions

- 1. Are young adults interested in a smoking cessation intervention delivered through Facebook?
- 2. How should Facebook be incorporated into efficacious intervention designs to help young adults quit smoking?





# Quantitative: Survey research

- N=570 young adult smokers completed an online survey of tobacco and social media use.
  - 31% interested in using FB to quit.
  - Intention strongest among those:
    - motivated to quit ( $x^2 = 75.2$ , p<.001)
    - past year quit attempt ( $\chi^2 = 16.0$ , p < .001).

#### **CONCLUSION:**

A sizable minority of young adult smokers would be interested in a FB intervention.

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## **Qualitative: Online interviews**

- 30 participants, 10 Precontemplation, 10 Contemplation, 10 Preparation
- 1 hour semi-structured interview
- Meebo.com, an online instant messaging service
- Username and unique password provided for each participant
- Asked about their smoking behaviors and thoughts about using Facebook to quit
- Themes identified using ATLAS.ti



## **Privacy**

### Concerned

"Are there degrees of privacy settings available?? **Not sure if I'd want everyone seeing that**. Some of my younger family doesn't know I smoke and their parents are a little over protective. Other people using the app might be ashamed as well" – 20, female, precontemplation

#### Not concerned

"If I were quitting smoking, I wouldn't care if it was the most public thing of my life. That's not something worth keeping private. It's something to be proud of." -20, male, precontemplation

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Approaches that respect privacy seen as most likely to maximize participation.



# Sample post: "NOT ready to quit" (Precontemplation)



# Sample post: "Thinking about quitting" (Contemplation)



# Sample post: "Getting ready to quit" (Preparation)



## "The Doctor Is In"



Johannes Thrul August 12 at 4:03pm

Do you think you will EVER be ready to guit smoking? Why? Why not? #TDII



# The Doctor is in!

Share any questions or concerns with **Dr. Johannes Thrul!** 

Do you have any questions about smoking, quitting or the Tobacco Status Project? **FEEL FREE TO** ASK ME!







Comment

## "The Doctor Is In"

Yes, of course. Why? When I want to I will. Simple. August 12 at 4:18pm · Like Johannes Thrul Hi 1 very cool. How important is quitting to you at the moment from 1 (not at all important) to 10 (very important)? August 12 at 4:20pm · Like Anything is possible. But I don't know when or why. August 12 at 4:27pm · Like Johannes Thrul Hi sounds like quitting is not at all a priority for you right now or something you even consider. What would make quitting more important for you? August 12 at 4:31pm · Like Johannes mmmm id say currently like... A 3. August 12 at 4:53pm · Like Johannes Thrul Ok why is it a 3 and not a 1 for example? August 12 at 4:55pm · Like Cause it's crossed my mind lately. Mainly with being around my niece... I want to be around a long time to see her grow up. But the at the same time on the other side of her family and mine for that factsome of the oldest people in my family (78+) oh and those would be aunts and uncles... Have smoked their whole life.... Soooooo...

# **Optional CBT counseling**

- Participants could opt-in any time
- Sessions began as participants were ready
- Adapted for Facebook chat from group CBT treatment for youth and young adults
- 7 sessions (1 individual, group)

What are some things you could say in response to an offer for a cigarette?

Yu guys may already had some experience with this...

I have. I've been offered a cigarette at least 5 times since I quit.

Uh, I told my buddy that I'd rather talk than smoke.

Danielle Ramo
nice! how did you refuse?

I just quickly said I quit.

Danielle Ramo

10/16, 4:38pm

cool. here's some other suggestions

#### Tips to how effectively turn down a cigarette offer:

- Try something simple, such as, "No thanks I really don't want one."
- If you are questioned further or hassled, you might say something like, "Hey lo don't want to smoke a cigarette. If you want to, that's fine, but I don't want one

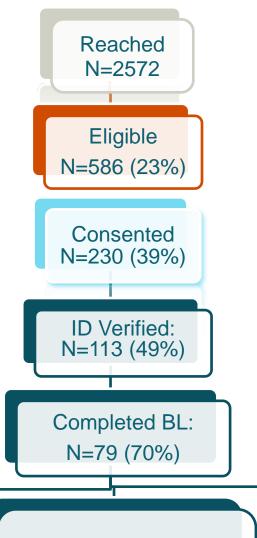
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# Feasibility trial Study Design

### **Key Questions:**

- Is a Facebook smoking cessation intervention feasible to deliver?
- 2. What are early efficacy outcomes?
- 3. How engaged will users be?



**UCSF Smoking Research** 



Only a few spaces left in Tobacco Status Project. Click to see if you are eligible.

Like · 1,038 people like Tobacco Status Project.

Not Ready to Quit: n= 35 (44%) Thinking About Quitting:

N= 32 (41%)

Getting Ready to Quit:

N= 12 (15%)

## Intervention characteristics (N=79)





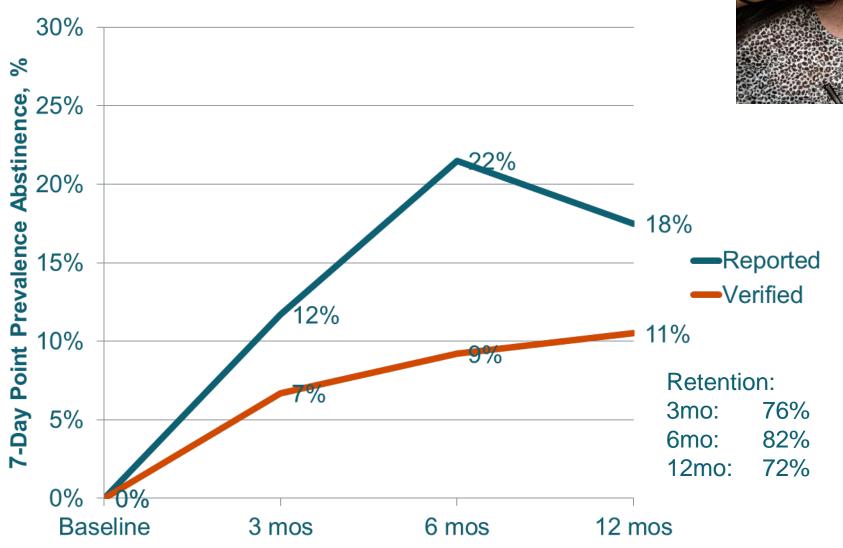


3 groups Range: 10 - 20

2 CBT

3 groups Range: 7 - 16 2 CBT 2 groups Range: 2 to 5 1 CBT

# **Quit rates—7-day abstinence**

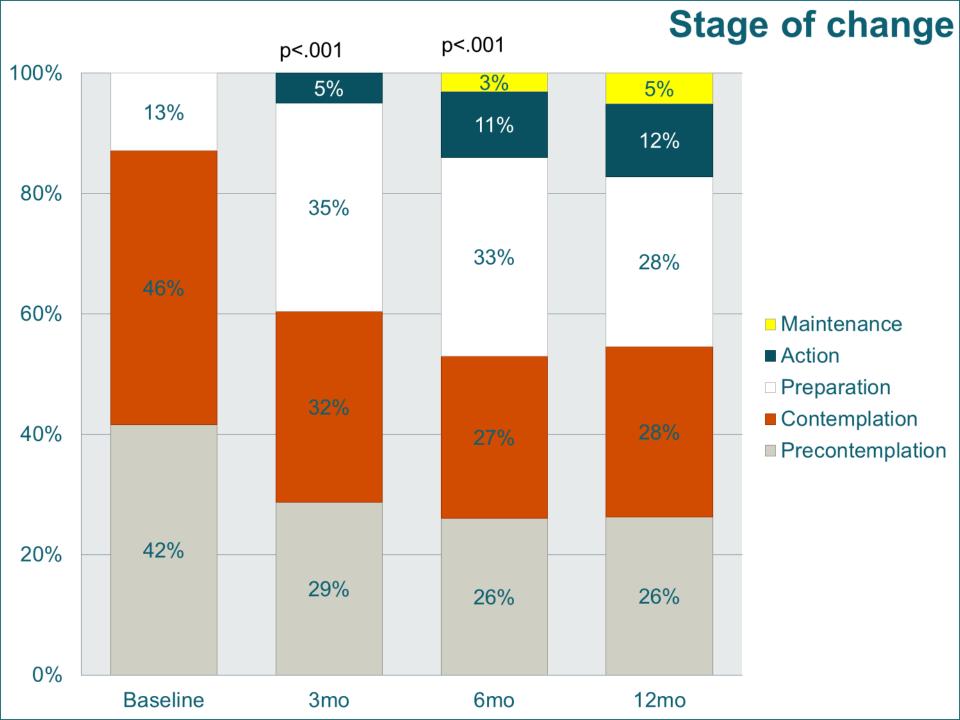




# **Secondary Smoking Outcomes**

### • Quit attempts:

- BL to 12mo: 66% at least one 24 hour quit attempt
- Cessation aids:
  - 5% gum, 5% patch, 18% e-cigarette
- Reduction in smoking:
  - 48% reduced by ≥50% baseline to 3 and 6 months,
  - 35% reduced by ≥50% from baseline to 12 months.





# **Engagement**

- 51% "liked" at least one post on their Facebook group
- Median likes: 4.0 (IR=5.5; range: 1-73).
- 61% commented on at least one post.
- Median comments: 12.0 (IR=19.5; range: 1-78).
- Likes differed by BL stage of change: PC<C, P (no difference for comments).
- No differences between abstinent and nonabstinent on likes or comments.

# **Engagement Across Groups**







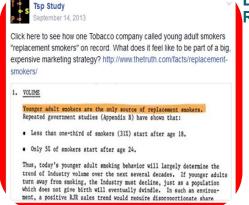
Tsp Study July 23, 2013 **VE DARE YOU** Change your FB status to "Why should I quit smoking?" What reasons did your friends give you?

**Decisional Decisional Balance** Now that you've made your list of Cons for quitting smoking, let's consider your top reason NOT to guit. Post your #1 Con for smoking here to the group and tell us why it's your biggest concern. Finish this sentence: "I want to quit smoking, but I'm worried that other group members' concerns about quitting.

**Balance** Raising Tsp Study #14: Check out this site to see just how much \$ you've given to Big Tobacco. Share your numbers here and vow to stop throwing away your hard-earned cash! #beingconscious http://www.cancer.org/.../calculators/app/cigarette-calculator How much \$\$\$ have you given to **BIG TOBACCO?** 



**Self Liberation** 



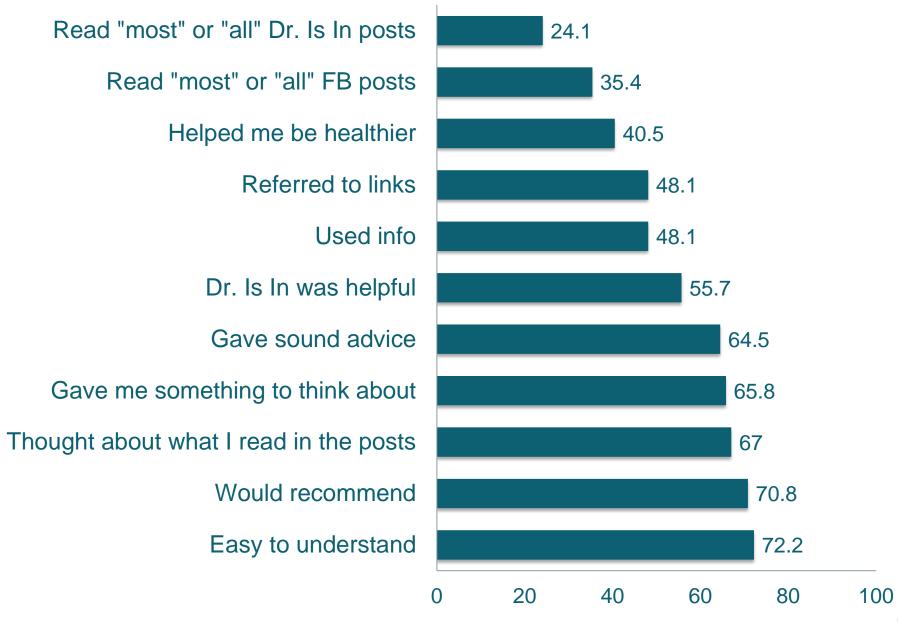
**Dramatic** Relief

Successful

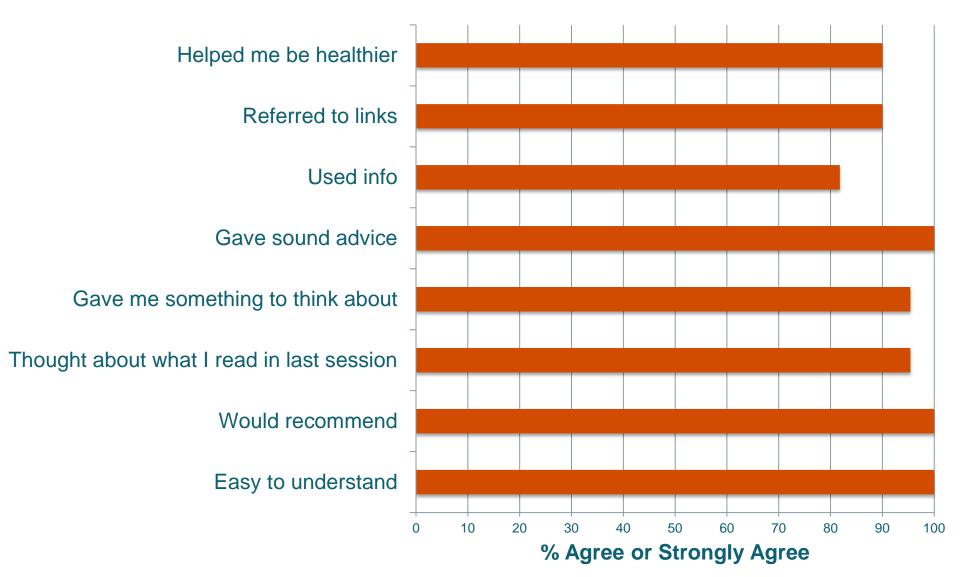
Unsuccessful

Consciousness

# Satisfaction: Facebook Groups (N=62)



# Satisfaction: Counseling Sessions (n=22)





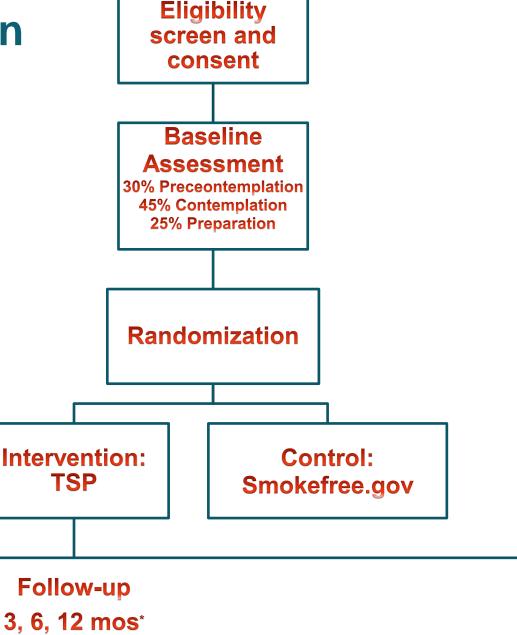
## Feasibility trial: Conclusions

- Facebook quit smoking intervention is attractive and feasible to deliver
- Long-term quit rates are encouraging and support further investigation
- Strategies are needed to:
  - Enroll more female, ethnic minority participants
  - Increase access/participation in CBT counseling

# **Efficacy Trial Design**

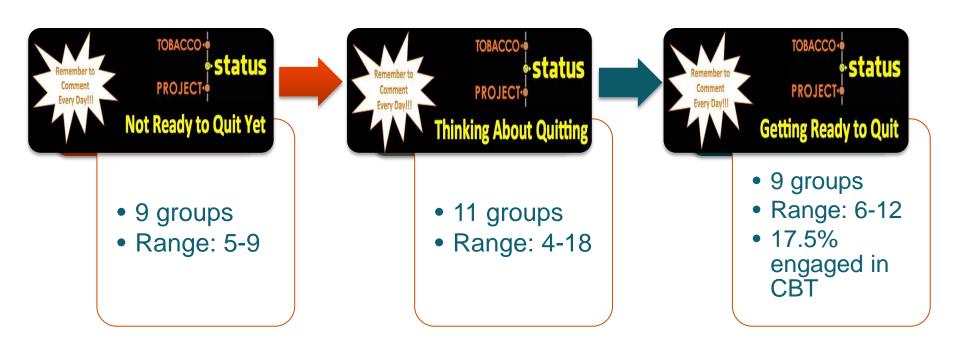
### **Key Question:**

- How effective is the Tobacco Status Project at yielding 7day abstinence from smoking
- Recruitment completed July 2015 (N=501)



# Intervention characteristics (n=251)

29 Facebook groups of varying size (range: 3 to 18)



3.9% drop-out



# **Conclusions/Implications**

- Facebook intervention is engaging to young adult smokers
- Initial efficacy data are promising
- Key design issues with Facebook intervention:
  - Optimal combination of passive ("posts") and active ("live counseling") content
  - Privacy ongoing concern
  - Ensuring validity of health risk behaviors (e.g., biochemical verification of tobacco abstinence)
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