

Yik Yak's return sparks controversy

Users of Facebook and Twitter recount experiences with Yik Yak's racist and sexist history in light of the anonymous platform's return to the app store.

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"A lot of people don't think about how someone else's mental health is doing when they post about that person, and they don't realize that one more comment could push someone over the edge."

Yik Yak incites controversy within Augie groups

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Augustana University in South Dakota reacts to students being slandered individually online.

**Mohammed Mehdi**
October 6 at 11:16 PM · 🌐

Its been almost 3 years since Muslim students had to witness their safe space be violated like this. My identity and safe space and those of my peers as Muslims is NOT your toy. This may seem like 'just a joke' on the surface level, but to me and many Muslims on campus, it is an attack on our sense of belonging on campus. The Muslim prayer room is a space for all Carleton students to use appropriately. But for Muslim students, it is one of the few spaces where we gather, laugh and fortify our community and identity through prayer and ritual. It is our sacred space. If you are the one who wrote this comment or are having such an idea, I invite you to heed some empathy for your fellow Muslim Carls.

[#MuslimatCarleton](#)

Picture: An anonymous comment on the Yik Yak app that a first-year showed me.

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 **Yak Details**

Weirdest place at Carleton to fu 

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A post about having sex in the Muslim student prayer room sparks major controversy about Yik Yak at Carleton College in Minnesota.



Today Nov. 3, a post about blowing up an all-gender restroom at an unknown college campus.



Police Department in Grayson, Los Angeles warns local parents about Yik Yak and that they are not truly "anonymous" when they post.


Reagan Berry

August 26 · 🌐



PSA for parents of kids with phones... the app pictured below has hit WHS and I'm sure every other school. The app is called Yik Yak.

It's a terrible app full of vulgarity, bullying, and hatred. There is not one good thing that comes from this app. Users post anonymously anything they want. The app claims to not allow bullying but you will see very quickly they've set a low bar. Even without the disgusting comments a child could be in the same feed as a 40 year old. There are... **See more**



A parent at an Abilene Texas high school voices concern over the intentions of Yik Yak and how teenagers will use the platform.

Students at the University of Virginia down vote post about minority experiences on their college campus.


SouthCoast Health (Richmond Hills - Pediatrics)

November 1 at 12:39 PM · 🌐



Good afternoon parents! We've recently learned of a new APP called Yik Yak. What we've found is HORRIBLE. This app is a platform for anonymous gossiping and bullying within the community! We've seen with our own eyes many of our beloved patients are being harassed and bullied through this APP. Please please be aware of what your children have on their smart devices.

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A Pediatric hospital warns parents about the effects the anonymous app can have on young children. Parents are warned about bullying and harassment from other users.

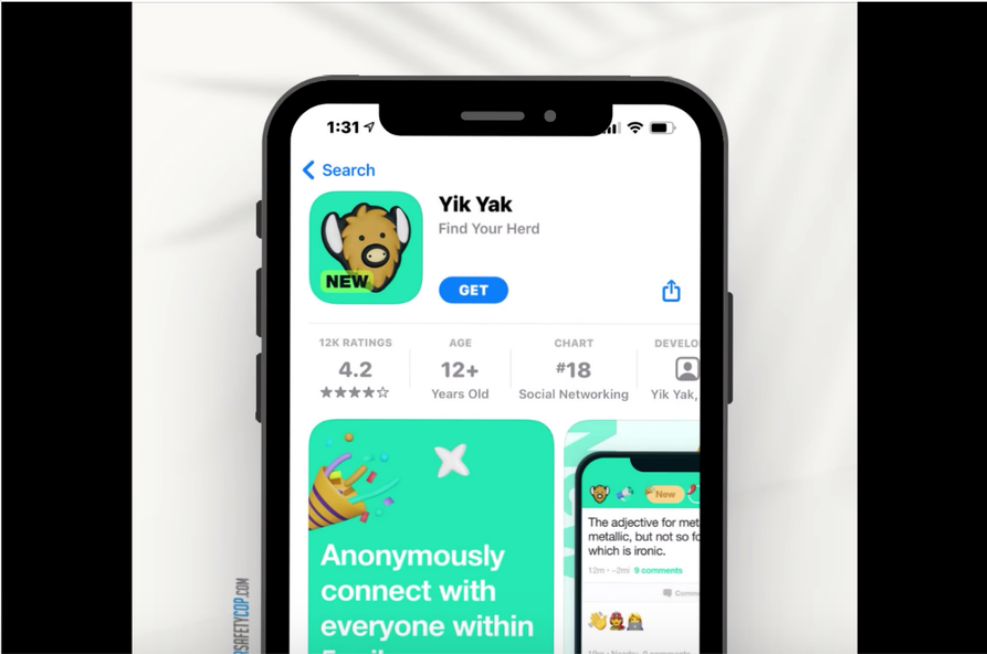


Cyber Safety Cop
October 26 at 3:46 PM · 🌐

After the shut down of [Yik Yak](#), due to allegations of cyber-bullying and hate speech, the anonymous gossip app once popular with college students lives again.

[#YikYak](#) returns under new ownership, inspiring a fresh round of interest in the long-dead social network. However, the same qualities that make it appealing to students also make it incredibly dangerous.

Click the link to read more. | [https://dailyorange.com/2021/10/careful-post-yik-yak/...](https://dailyorange.com/2021/10/careful-post-yik-yak/) See more



Child Safety Officer Clay Cranford discusses how the same features of the app that appeal to students are the same features that make it extremely dangerous.



stevie bea
@steviebeastinks

probably gonna delete [@YikYakApp](#), it was fun for Exactly Two Weeks and then the racism, homophobia, & fatphobia are just uhh too much! they get removed when reported, but the problem is just seeing that this is what your community ACTUALLY thinks.

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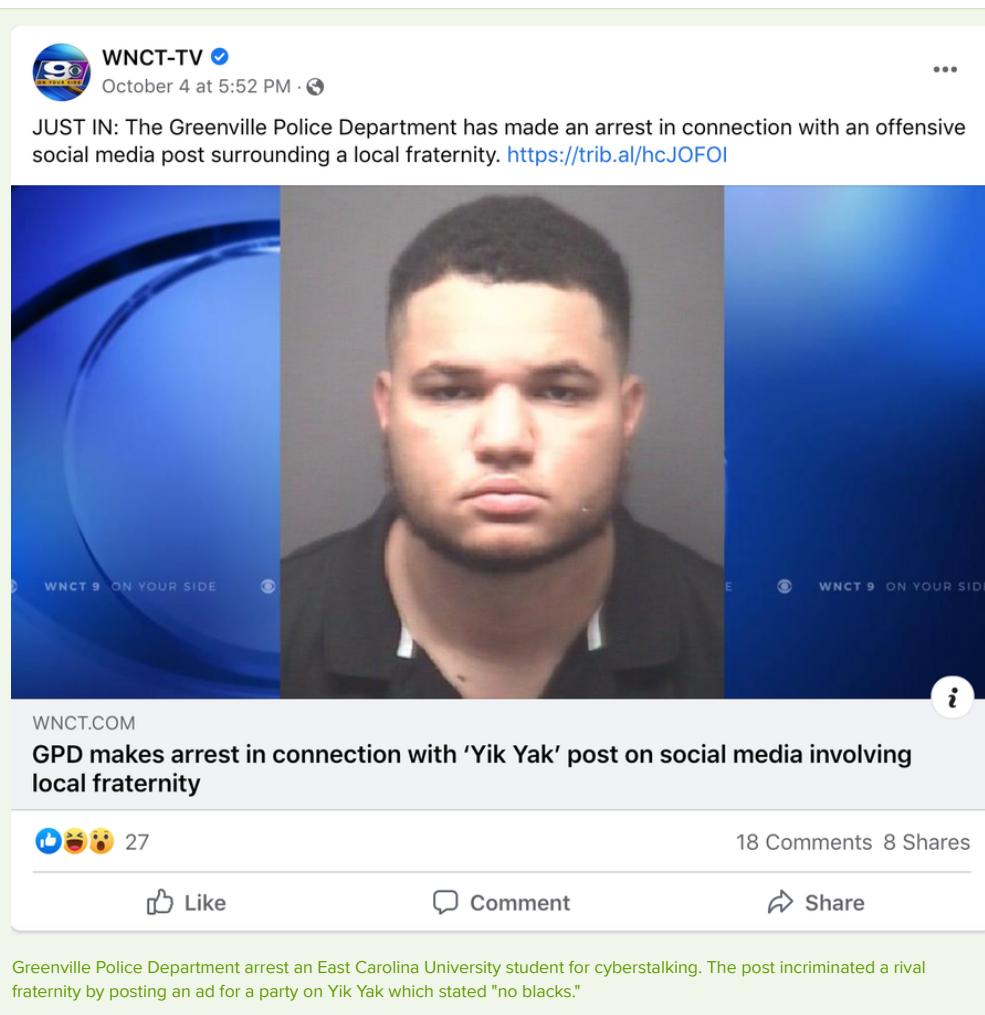
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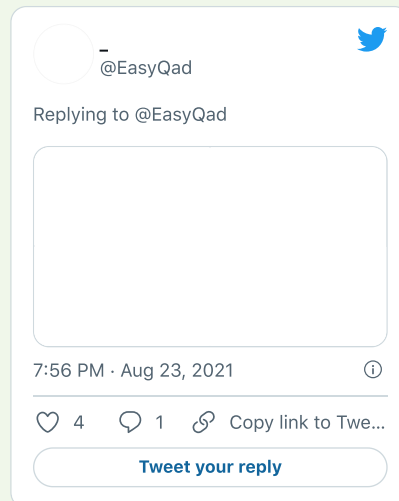
Controversy arises due to some students enjoying the app and sense of community but others realizing the issues of anonymous posting.



A Twitter news page slams the return of Yik Yak saying people do not want the app back.



Greenville Police Department arrest an East Carolina University student for cyberstalking. The post incriminated a rival fraternity by posting an ad for a party on Yik Yak which stated "no blacks."



Students at the University of Alabama post vulgar racist comments about a local bar and other African American students.



A student who dealt with racism before the app was initially banned condemns the app and warns of its negative effects.



One student hopes to use her knowledge to educate other Yik Yak users in her community about topics of racism and gender studies.

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A private investigative company discusses the implications of Yik Yak and the negative things one comes to learn about their community through posts.

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Clemson Yik Yak is about to become a problem

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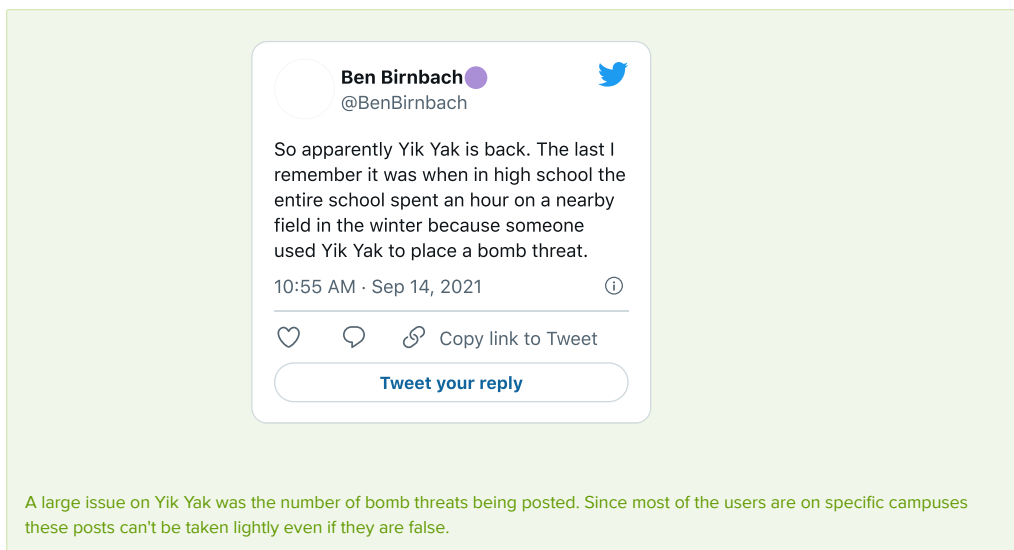
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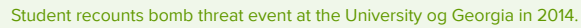
Clemson Yik Yak was a problem 6-7 years ago. Straight
racism and harassment posts with no repercussions.

Stay tuned for the eventual downfall yet again.

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An alumni student counters Bartstool Clemson's post by stating that Yik Yak on Clemson's campus saw a steady flow of racist posts with no consequences for users.





Student from Texas A&M recalls moment when a student was traced through his online presence and arrested for a false bomb threat. Police have the ability to find anonymous users when they threaten individuals or communities.