

Experiments In Dating
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INT. BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

Bob is recording his first video blog about the dating experiment that he and Chris are about to undertake

BOB

Uh... Hi, my name is (Bob)... uh... welcome to my video blog... I suppose I should tell you about myself and what I am doing here. I am -- years old. I've never really been out on a date. The problem is I really do not know how to talk to women. uh... so my friend (Chris), he's the guy with the camera, say hi Chris...

[Chris says hi or nods the camera or both.]

Chris said what I should do is start an experiment to help get me over my insecurities with women. So he helped me create an account with an internet dating site. He said that is the best way to meet women nowadays. I asked him if it was safe and he assures me that these websites screen the clients fairly well. I'm guessing they must do some kind of background checks base on the name and credit card information I put in because I never got any screening questions beyond my likes and dislikes and what I am looking for in a woman. Anyway they sent me some possible compatible matches and I sent out an email to all of them. I got one response back and I am supposed to meet her tonight.

The plan is for (Chris) to video tape the meeting and the date and then post it up here and get thoughts and comments from you my viewers. I'm not really sure who all will want to watch this, but (Chris) assures me that we should get quite a few hits. I honestly don't think anyone will really watch so what's the harm?... I hope my mom doesn't see this.

INT. COFFEE SHOP - EVENING

Bob is nervously sitting at the table waiting for his date. Girl walks up and introduces herself to Bob. They start making small talk and Chris walks up with the camera from his somewhat hidden location during the conversation.

GIRL

Excuse me, Who are you? What's going on here? What's with the camera?

BOB

Oh, that's Chris, he is video taping our date.

GIRL

(Now visibly very uncomfortable)

What are you doing? I didn't agree to this.

BOB

Don't worry, it's nothing. He is just recording the date so that we can watch it and analyze it later.

GIRL

WHAT?!

(sits dumfounded and angry for a moment.)

Analyze what? What kind of... What are you thinking? Is this some sort of joke? I can't believe this.

Girl gets up and walks out of frame clearly angry at what just happened.

BOB

Uh...? Did we do something wrong?

INT. BEDROOM - EVENING

Bob is back in front of the camera.

BOB

Well that clearly did not go as planned, but after watching the footage Chris and I determined that next time we might want to tell the date that we will be video taping ahead of time.