Ideal Portfolio

If you were creating a perfect account (or a fake burner account to do private research on a crush) what would you choose to make it a perfect account? From username to posted content what would you consider ideal?

User Name? Bio?
Is your user name something you will smile at or cringe in 2 years? How much are you sharing of yourself in your bio and is it appropriate?

Phone #/Email for the account?
If someone were to dox you would they have your private information? Do you have it set so that you are notified or contacted if someone logged in for you?

Types of Interactions?
What things do you share, like, and say? Who are you following and who's following you?

Time and Place of Interactions?
When do you post/how often do you post? Do you share location data when you post? Where are you posting?

Digital Shred Damage Assessment

Imagine your personal accounts are infiltrated by a hostile intelligence asset (or maybe just your kid sister) who exfiltrated sensitive information about you! Use this framework, adapted from Intelligence Community Directive 732: Damage Assessments, to identify your risks and plan corrective actions.

Identify Vulnerabilities

What risky digital behaviors do you engage in?

(ex: store passwords in browser, phone not password protected, public social media posts, sensitive browsing, etc.)

Evaluate Impact of Disclosure

What sensitive data do you generate?

(ex: social media posts, browsing history, shopping history, etc.)

Estimate Damage

What are some *worst-case scenario* consequences of your data breach?

(ex: get fired, lose scholarship, hurt others' feelings, break-up relationships, etc.)

Assess Risks

What is the *likelihood* of a data breach occurring? Consider ranking your accounts or activities from most to least vulnerable.

(ex: Twitter - high risk because password stored in browser; PSU email - low risk because 2FA enabled.)

Plan Corrective Action

What could you do differently to manage risky digital behaviors or repair damage?

(ex: set social media to private, delete old content, deactivate zombie accounts, be a kinder human 😁 etc.)

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