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It's valuable in that we're still trying to assess the impact of social media use on youth and young adults. This provides one aspect (empathy) that is relevant to human interaction.

The title should include something about the methodology or the research design that helps identify this as a data-driven article. A Cross-Sectional Study of Empathy and Social Media Use Among College Students. or something like that.

I have a few questions about the methodology and the data set. 1. Social Media Use. Can you indicate if this a measurement the authors created? How many items is it? 2. Basic Empathy Scale. In the first sentence, can you indicate the author or authors of the scale in a citation? 3. Results section. Typically, a quantitative analysis like this would include 1-2 data tables. A list of the descriptive stats is suggested. And perhaps one for the regression analysis results.

While some background on empathy relies on older, foundational articles, newer sources (last 5 years) are very limited in number. Consider including in the introduction a little background on why we should be concerned about social media among younger generations. Not just empathy, but the impacts on young people from the current literature