loneliness positively predicted the amount of self-disclosure online and negatively its positive valence. In turn, the hypothesized mediating effects of loneliness on the relationship between Machiavellianism and honesty of self-disclosure online was not confirmed, suggesting that greater loneliness among those high in Machiavellianism was not the factor underlying their increased dishonesty of self-disclosure online. Consequently, future interventions aimed at minimizing the negative consequence of strategic self-disclosures online among young adults should be designed to affect people differing in their levels of Machiavellianism rather than those who differ in loneliness.

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