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## Louis C.K. on Smartphones and Being a Person

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If you haven't caught wind of Louis C.K. and his passionate explanation of why he doesn't allow his son a smartphone, then you're missing an interesting conversation. In a culture obsessed with technology that requires us to look away when we talk, the comic's honesty is refreshing and the message even more so.

The reasons for not liking smartphones include cultivating empathy and facing the "thing" "forever inside" in an age where it's easy to share everything online. The takeaway message, however, is bigger: how do we be our best selves when it's become easy to hide behind an avatar?

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