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A new update coming to Tinder would allow women to decide if they want to only be able to message the men first or leave the app the way it already is.

N-C-C News' Shoshana Stahl reports on how people react to the new feature and how they think it will affect dating.

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The update would allow women to turn the feature on or off in the settings. With the feature on, women would have to initiate the conversations first on the app. Sophomore at Syracuse University, Anna Christman says she uses Tinder and has not heard about this update but likes the idea of it.

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<"I think that's pretty cool. I think there's a lot of pressure for guys to have to be the one to send the first message but like its 2018 girls can talk first too.">

(Track 2)

Associate Professor of Communications at Newhouse, Makana Chock, conducts research on online dating within the youth and their social media usage. She notes that although we think a lot of people in this age group are on dating sites, only 30 percent actually are. Chock believes this update will not eliminate inappropriate behavior on the app but will allow women to decide if they want to make the first move or not.

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<"I think particularly in situations where women have been stalked online or have been

subjected to unwanted types of approaches, that they still may want to use the online site but they may want to make the first move. People who are actually engaging these behaviors will not necessarily be impacted by this.">

(Track 3)

Tinder is following in the footsteps of it's chief competitor, Bumble, which already has women beginning the conversations.

I'm Shoshana Stahl reporting for N-C-C News.