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## Cellphone wallpaper

Are you curious about other people's cell phone wallpaper? Have you ever noticed a colleague or acquaintance looking over your shoulder at your wallpaper? How about someone on the train? Do you want to see the wallpaper of the person sitting next to you at work? According to Japanese news website "iroiro", other people's wallpaper is a natural curiosity. The wallpaper you choose can tell us a lot about the kind of person you are.

Iroiro conducted a survey of 362 males and 506 females to find out the major turn-offs for men and women concerning wallpaper choices.

They found that the biggest wallpaper turn-offs for men and women were as follows:

For men:

1. A picture of yourself - 17.8%
2. Anime characters - 15.5%
3. Famous people in the entertainment industry - 11%
4. Boyfriends or girlfriends - 7.5%
5. Husband or wife - 7.3%

For women:

1. A picture of yourself - 20.7%
2. Anime characters - 16.9%
3. Boyfriend or girlfriend - 9.9%
4. Famous people in the entertainment industry - 8.6%
5. Husband or wife - 7.4%

Both men and women chose self portraits as the biggest wallpaper turn-off. A picture of yourself only shows how narcissistic you are.

Both men and women also chose animation characters in second place. Animation characters for adults shows the immaturity of the phone's owner. The general feeling is that adults should

get over their love of animated characters. Among animation characters there was particularly a strong opinion against those anime characters popular with young girls.

Third place for men and fourth place for women, was famous people in the entertainment industry. Women felt more strongly against pictures of young idols, and gravure idols, than men, but even men thought that it showed a disconnection with reality. Some women found it somewhat disgusting to find a gravure idol posed sexily on someone's wallpaper.

It also appears that boyfriends, girlfriends, husbands, and wives are not a good idea for your wallpaper either. The reasons given were that it stirred up feelings of anger and resentment, unpleasant for people who don't have anybody. People could get jealous of you showing off your partner. Some people said that it is inappropriate for the workplace.

There were also negative comments about some other wallpaper choices:

Pictures of children – because you have to find something nice to say about them.

Pictures of inspirational places of good fortune and pictures mystical in nature - because they are spooky.

Changing your wallpaper is a good way to get a bit of different scenery in your life, it can make the difference in your mood. What's on your wallpaper?

### **Questions**

1. What are your answers to the questions at the beginning of the article?
2. Do you have cellphone wallpaper? What is it?
3. What do you think about the wallpaper that the men and women didn't like? Do you also dislike that kind of wallpaper?
4. Do you think that cellphone wallpaper tells us something about your personality?
5. What other kind of wallpaper do you dislike?
6. Does your wallpaper change your mood?
7. How often do you change your cellphone wallpaper?
8. If you don't have cellphone wallpaper, why not?

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