

Do you leave voicemail on others' phones? Are there particular people you feel comfortable sending voicemail?: I only like leaving voicemails on the mailboxes of close friends. I leave them for work-related calls quite often, but there is a much different tone associated with those voicemails (informative, polite, and somewhat scripted).

After calling an unanswered phone, what determines whether you leave a voicemail?: If trying to get in touch with friends, we've usually had a scheduled phone session, so I leave a message to let them know I have reached out and that I'm free for them to call me back.

When compared to other forms of communication (letters, text, email, etc), does voicemail strike you as antiquated? Why/why not?: Slightly antiquated, yes, when compared to texting. A text is easier to receive, as the recipient can do so at their own convenience and respond whenever they like. Letters, while taking more time to reach the recipient, feel much more personal. Emails feel like they are only used for work-related things, or if you need to send an attachment.

Do you have any particular association with receiving voicemail?: It depends on who it is from. From an unknown number, receiving the notification for a new voicemail on my phone causes a bit of anxiety. It sounds like it has more gravity associated with it, even if it's just a telemarketer. A stranger is reaching out to you because they want something from you.

Are there ever circumstances where you would prefer voicemail?: Only if it is left by a close friend.

Have you ever received a meaningful voicemail? And if so, what made it meaningful?: I have received several meaningful voicemails from close friends: some for events like birthdays, and other times just to reach out and let me know they are thinking about me. They took the few minutes out of their day to leave me a wonderful little gift :)