

Video Discussion



Quick Activity

What You'll Need: • [Video](#) • [Student Handout](#) • [Student Handout \(Spanish\)](#)

Activity Steps

1. **Introduce** the video topic to students by saying: *Today we're going to watch a video that explores what online hate speech is.*
2. **Show** the [Teen Voices: Hate Speech Online](#) video (5:54 minutes). (Note: The video is also available in Spanish, and you can also use the video player to turn on subtitles.)
3. **Lead** a class discussion exploring the questions below.
Optional: You can also distribute the [Student Handout](#) and have students respond to the questions prior to group or whole-class discussion.

Discussion Questions

1. *What is hate speech?*

Sample responses:

- Answers will vary.
- Define **hate speech** as a verbal attack targeting someone because of a group they belong to -- e.g., their race, gender, religion, ability, sexual orientation, etc.

2. *Have you ever encountered hate speech online?*

Sample responses:

- Answers will vary.

3. *Why do you think people post hate speech?*

Sample responses:

- Answers will vary.
- Some people might post hate speech because they are xenophobic. Define **xenophobia** as the fear or distrust of someone or something that is foreign or unknown.
- Some people might post hate speech just to get attention or a reaction.
- It is easier to say or share hateful things online because you might never be found out or because you don't have to see the person who is being hurt.

4. *How does hate speech affect you? Others? All of us?*

- Answers will vary.

