



QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

A Resource for “Five Ways to Counter Extremists on Social Media”

1. Look up the dictionary definitions of *hate speech* and *rhetoric*. How can rhetoric influence online hate speech?
2. Have you seen harmful stereotyping or hate speech and rhetoric on social media?
 - a. If yes, did anyone speak out against the perpetrator(s)? Did you feel comfortable to speak out against the perpetrators? What concerns prevented you from taking action?
 - b. What other actions do you wish could have been taken to stop the perpetrator(s)? Why or why not?
3. After reading and reviewing the resource sheet, what is one way you hope to counter extremists on social media?
 - a. What will you do to take action?
 - b. Who are the people you can partner with to take this action?
4. Have you ever read or seen information about a group you belong to on social media that was false or inaccurate?
 - a. Describe one way that people can respond when they read false information online.

Take Action!

1. Research and follow three individuals or organizations on social media that inspire or interest you because of how they use facts or positive messages to stop discrimination, hurtful stereotyping, or extremism.
2. Research, record, and summarize two stories or news articles online that provide factual information (facts that can be verified by an external source or organization other than the writer) and thereby counter extremist agendas.
 - a. Suggestions: Read about former white supremacist, Arno Michaelis, in this Huffington Post article: [“Ex-White Supremacist Gives Moving Tribute To Black Teen Who Showed You Can’t Fight Hate With Hate”](#)
 - b. Read about former extremist, Mubin Shaikh, in this U.S. News & World Report article: [“From Islamic Extremist to Government Informant”](#)
3. Research and share with your friends three reliable sources that have a presence on Twitter and other social media networks that provide helpful information in a crisis.
 - a. Suggestions: Facebook’s Safety Check, American Red Cross, etc.
4. Create a positive, anti-ISIS message that could be tweeted with a “hijacked” hashtag.