Grade 10: Countering Hate Speech Online

Video Discussion

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 an attack using any form of communication targeting a person or people because of a group they belong to -- 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.