GRADE 12: WE ARE CIVIL COMMUNICATORS

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 how we can communicate with civility online.*

2. **Show** the Civil Discourse Online video (5:33 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 are some of the big takeaways from Cameron Kasky's story?**

   Sample responses:
   - Kasky and his classmates used social and digital media to start a movement advocating for a cause they were passionate about: gun control.
   - Kasky is proud of the movement they started but feels badly about hurtful things that were said both by him and by others against him.
   - Kasky explains that it is important to always keep in mind that behind every social media account there is a real person.

2. **What does Kasky say about debating with people who disagree with you? Do you agree?**

   Sample responses:
   - Kasky feels strongly that it is important to engage in debate, and especially to debate people who disagree with you.
   - Kasky also feels that it is important to remember that there is a real person behind the opinions. He believes debate should always be about the issues and ideas, and not about attacking people personally.