

Welcome to Chatty Monday!

Drawing inspiration from Fleabag's Chatty Wednesdays, the Visualising Peace team presents Chatty Mondays.

Our objective is to cultivate informal and responsible debate among individuals of varied backgrounds. By embracing respectful dialogue and open-mindedness, we aim to delve into the intricate relationship between **social media and peace**.



We invite you to explore avenues through which social media, as a platform, could potentially contribute to peace, while also considering areas for improvement. What key discussions should we be having regarding the role of social media in peacebuilding?

Some Guidelines for Responsible Debate

To maintain the constructive and respectful nature of today's discussions, we kindly request that you follow these Responsible Debate guidelines:

1. Informed Conversations:

- Aim for accuracy and back your contributions with evidence and personal experiences.
- Engage with individuals who hold differing beliefs, perspectives, and backgrounds.
- Communicate honestly and confidently about your convictions while remaining open to new insights.

2. Respectful Communication:

- Listen attentively, approach discussions with an open mind, and empathize with others' viewpoints.
- Use language thoughtfully, refraining from disrespectful or incendiary remarks.
- Acknowledge and appreciate valid points made by others, even if they challenge your own beliefs.

3. Inclusive Dialogue:

- Strive to build bridges rather than barriers through your communication.
- Recognize and address imbalances in power, knowledge, and accessibility within the conversation.
- Look for common ground and shared goals to foster unity and understanding.

Discussion Prompts



Here are some initial questions to prompt your discussion:

- How does the spread of misinformation and fake news on social media contribute to the escalation of conflicts and tensions worldwide?
 - How does the diversity of voices on social media contribute to its effectiveness as a platform for peacebuilding?
 - In what ways does social media, compared to traditional media, have a greater potential to drive conflict rather than promote peace?
 - How can social media platforms facilitate dialogue and collaboration among diverse groups to foster peaceful resolutions to conflicts?
 - What role does the viral dissemination of content and algorithms on social media play in fuelling radicalization and perpetuating cycles of violence in various communities?
 - In what ways has social media been instrumental in spreading messages of hope and solidarity during times of crisis or unrest?
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