**Argument Assembler Activity – Social Media Debate – Claims**

**Affirmative**

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 **Social media leads to bullying, especially of minorities and LGBTs.**

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 **Interaction on social media trades off with face-to-face interaction.**

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 **Social media damages teens’ mental health, giving them more anxiety and even depression.**

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**Teens’ use of social media is negatively affecting their education and intelligence.**

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 **Social media can encourage teen conflict, which can sometimes result in fights and brawls.**

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**Negative**

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 **Teens do not generally endanger themselves or let their privacy be invaded.**

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 **Social media helps strengthen teens’ relationships.**

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 **Social media is connecting people globally and helping teens become more active global citizens.**

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 **Social media does not trade-off with or reduce face-to-face interactions.**

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 **Social media enables teens to communicate with and relate to lots of new people.**

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