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Hello everyone!

The topic for our class today is: **Social Media**

Today you will have the opportunity to discuss and express your opinions on issues such as your favorite social networks, how you use them and what problems are associated with social media.

AGENDA:

1. Review video: "Can social media cause depression?"
2. Review video vocabulary
3. Discussion Questions: breakout rooms, small groups
4. Wrap-up: large group



Reminder: The focus in the class is on conversation in order to help improve students' fluency and confidence when speaking in English as well as boosting their vocabulary.

Social Media . . .

- Social media has given people the opportunity to connect with friends and other people from all corners of the world. It has played a huge role in globalization and the flow of information. But has this really been to the benefit of humanity?
- Many people blame social media for a breakdown in communication and relationships, and others say that instead of bringing us closer together, it is actually making us feel lonelier and more depressed.

CNN News: Can social media cause depression?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHQ4fhWoeLs&t=95s>

Questions for Discussion:

1. Do you believe that social media is the cause of negative effects on society (such as widespread depression and loneliness)?
2. *“Everyone is living for everyone else now. They’re doing stuff just so they can post it and tell other people about it.”*
Do you agree with this statement? Have you ever done this?
3. How has social media changed your own life? What social networks do you use?
4. Reflect on the effects of social media on different countries and cultures (i.e. China, Russia, Brazil, etc.) both positive and negative.
5. What safety advice would you give to people using social media?