

NEWS BREAK

Wednesday's News Break selects an article from the Tuesday, January 10, 2017 print replica of The Seattle Times for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions. **Please remember to always preview the content of the article before sharing with your students.**

Article: Facebook rant spurs hate-crime charges (Main, A1)

Objective: Students will analyze legal rights and protections of citizens and non-citizens in the US through thoughtful discussion about a recent hate-crime case.

Standard:

Social Studies EALR 1: CIVICS

The student understands and applies knowledge of government, law, politics, and the nation's fundamental documents to make decisions about local, national, and international issues and to demonstrate thoughtful, participatory citizenship.

Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

What is your understanding of the meaning of the word 'privilege'? Have you heard it before? In what context? What kinds of people do you consider to be privileged? In what ways might you be considered privileged by others?

Compare your discussion to the definition provided in the vocabulary section. Does this definition change the way you would answer any of the questions above?

Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions in the chart below.

A. expletive	1. an interjectory word or expression, frequently profane; an exclamatory oath
B. deportation	2. appear or claim to be or do something, especially falsely; profess
C. hate-crime	3. the lawful expulsion of an undesired alien or other person from a state
D. infraction	4. tending or threatening to break out into open violence; explosive
E. malicious	5. make (someone) annoyed or irritated

F. privilege	6. a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group of people
G. purported	7. a violation or infringement of a law, agreement, or set of rules
H. riling	8. a long, angry speech of criticism or accusation
I. tirade	9. a crime motivated by racial, sexual, or other prejudice, typically one involving violence
J. volatile	10. characterized by malice; intending or intended to do harm

Comprehension

- 1) How long was the video? How and where was it filmed?
- 2) Where are Dolores and her husband from originally?
- 3) Why is the bail for Jametski unusually high?
- 4) Comments about immigration status and deportation don't fall into what?
- 5) What would have happened if the defendant had not posted the video?
- 6) Victims in hate-crime investigations are never asked about what?
- 7) How is malicious harassment defined under state law?
- 8) What does Jametski purportedly plan on doing?

Group Discussion Questions or Extension Activity:

- *“Under state law, malicious harassment is defined as intentionally injuring, damaging property or threatening someone because of his or her perception of the victim’s race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental, physical or sensory handicap.”*
 - By this definition do you think that Jametski is guilty of malicious harassment? Why or why not? How would you defend Jametski if you were her attorney, even if you think she is guilty? As a US citizen, Jametski has the right to a fair trial, what kind of legal rights do you think that non-citizens should have in our country? Why? Should immigration status be a protected category under state law? Why or why not?
- Consider the role of Facebook/social media in this case: *“The first is that the defendant herself is accused of posting critical evidence on Facebook — and without the video, it’s unlikely she would have been reported, let alone charged with a crime.”*
 - Do you think that what people do on social media should be grounds for legal action? Why or why not? What larger implications might this have?

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Vocabulary

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 9
- D. 7
- E. 10
- F. 6
- G. 2
- H. 5
- I. 8
- J. 4

Comprehension Answers

- 1) Prosecutors say Jametski filmed the 10-minute video with her smartphone as she followed Dolores on her usual 2½-mile drive to her son's school.
- 2) Mexico
- 3) The unusually high amount is based, in part, on Jametski's criminal history that includes convictions for second-degree assault and driving under the influence. The high bail was also warranted because Jametski's actions amounted to "an attack on the entire Latino community".
- 4) A protected category under state law
- 5) Without the video, it's unlikely she would have been reported, let alone charged with a crime
- 6) Their immigration status
- 7) As intentionally injuring, damaging property or threatening someone because of his or her perception of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental, physical or sensory handicap
- 8) Suing Delores and her family