

# SOCIAL MEDIA

## *Social Media: It Is Not All Bad*

A former Facebook executive has said social media is doing great harm to society around the world. The executive is a man called Chamath Palihapitiya. He joined Facebook in 2007 and became vice president. He was responsible for increasing the number of users Facebook had. Mr. Palihapitiya said he feels very guilty about getting more people to use social networks. He said the networks are destroying society because they are changing people's behavior. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other face to face. Today, people message each other and do not talk. People also really care about what other people think of them. They post photos and wait to see how many people like it. They get very sad if people do not like the photo.

Mr. Palihapitiya said people should take a long break from social media so they can experience real life. He wants people to value each other instead of valuing online "hearts, likes, and thumbs-up". He also points out how fake news is affecting how we see the world. It is becoming easier for large websites to spread lies. It is also becoming easier to hurt other people online. Anyone can hide behind a fake user name and post lies about other people. Mr. Palihapitiya said this was a global problem. He is worried about social media so much that he has banned his children from using it. However, he did state that Facebook was a good company. He said: "Of course, it's not all bad. Facebook overwhelmingly does good in the world."



## Comprehension Check!

1. Who said social media is doing a great harm to the society?

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2. How does he feel about the number of Facebook's users?

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3. What does he want people to experience then?

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4. Why did he ban his children from using social media?

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5. What does he want people to value?

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6. In your opinion, what harm is social media doing to the world?

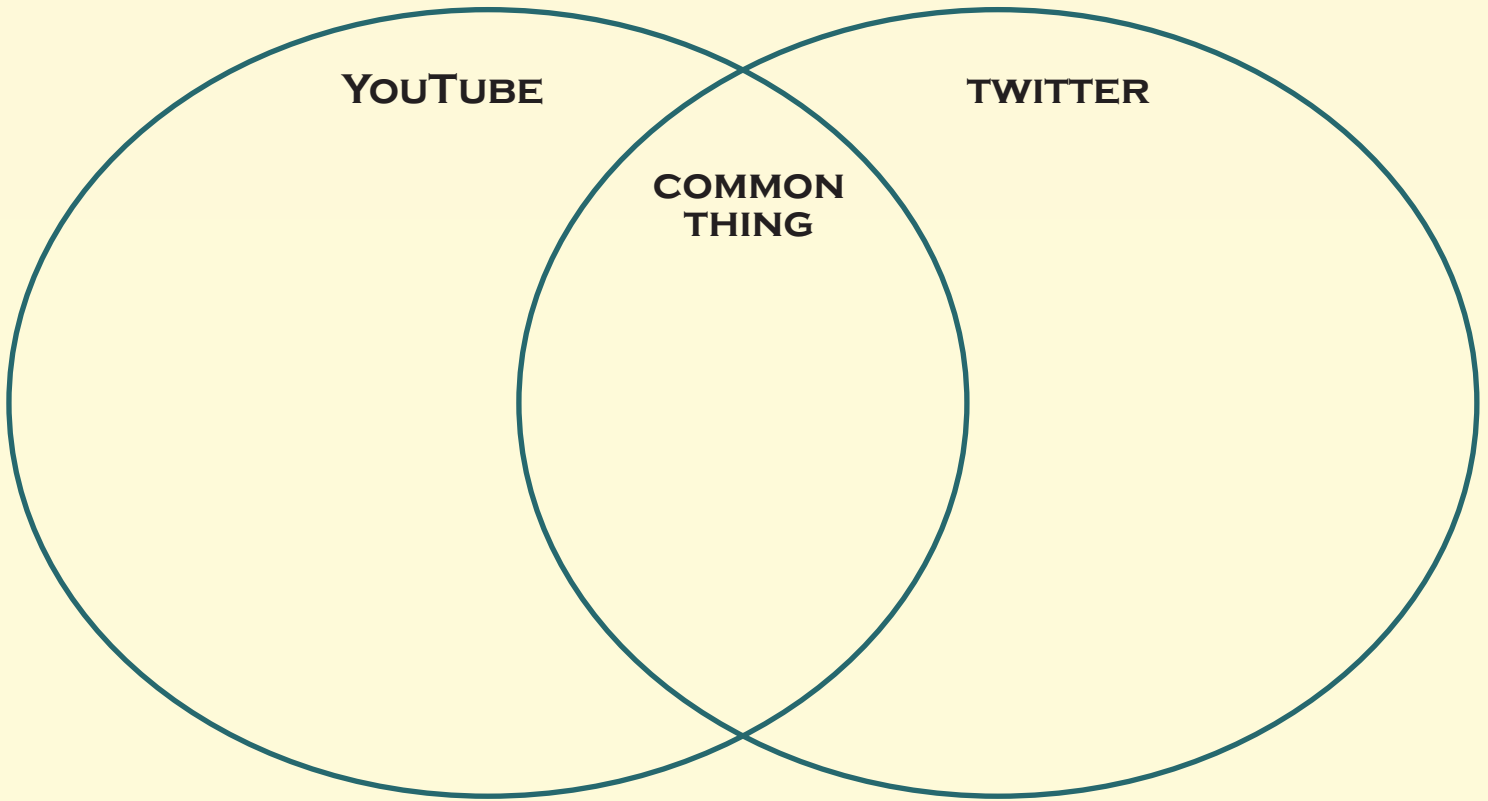
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# Activity

I. Complete the venn diagram. Write **THREE** differences in the spaces that don't overlap (under the appropriate social media site) for each side, and at least **ONE** common thing inside the overlapping area



II. Below are Do's and Don'ts in social media. Tick check (/) if you can/should do it and cross (X) if you can't/shouldn't do it. Read carefully.

1. Make your profiles private if that's an option.

2. Interact with your friends or classmates you are interested in via social media.

3. Use strange or inappropriate hashtags. Hashtags are often forgotten but you can also be found using them!

4. Share articles you find interesting. It might be a good to have some social media presence in which you are interested in!

5. Rely on privacy settings and let your guard down in social media.

6. Google yourself to see what comes up. If there is something you don't like the look of, you can edit or delete it.

7. Be negative or aggressive online. Posting your negative emotions and hatred to others.

8. Have an embarrassing or inappropriate handle or name.

9. Show that you have interests and hobbies and that you are a well-rounded person.

10. Think before posting anything online.