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## Meeting 2

# Thoughts on Adolescents and Social Networking

- Close to 80% of young people use the Internet or social media websites to reinvent themselves in order to feel accepted.
- 90% of adolescents between the ages of 13 and 17 have used social media in the past, while 75% still maintain a profile.
- More than half check their profiles via mobile devices and access social media daily.
- In terms of parent involvement, only 70% claim to monitor their children's activity on social networking websites, while only 46% have access to the accounts.
- About half of adolescents claim to have posted or shared something on the Internet that they regretted.
- More than half of children ages 10 to 17 have shared or posted inappropriate or risky content online.
- Of people between the ages of 16 and 34, 8% have lost out on job opportunities because of content on their social media profiles.

*Think about it! Discuss it!*

What facts about social networking and teens surprise you?

What is one's social networking responsibility? As adolescents? As parents or guardians?

How can you work with your families to ensure responsible use of social networking websites?

What step will you take at home to ensure your adolescents experience positive and appropriate use of social networking websites?