Good Reasons to Join a Social Networking Site (SNS)

GROUP GREEN:

Think about and *discuss*...

- positive aspects/advantages?
- why you are registered on a social networking site such as "studi-vz.de" or "Facebook".
- how much these social networking sites influence your life and how your life would change if you deleted your account?



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Social Networking Sites: An Addiction?

GROUP YELLOW:

Think about and *discuss* ...

- to what extent are social networking sites an addiction?
- what exactly the thing is people are addicted to if you assume that SNS are an addiction
- whether it is problematic or not for users to delete their account?



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Tim has 236 friends. Congrats!

Degradation of the meaning of "friends"?

GROUP ORANGE:

Think about and *discuss*...

- how "true" the meaning of "friend" is in a social network.
- why many users do not reject a friendship request?
- whether it is better to have only friends in your list who you also talk to in real life?
- ...



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Social Networking Sites:

A "Stalker`s Paradise?"

GROUP RED:

Think about and *discuss*...

- in what situations you dislike social networking?
- the disadvantages social networking can have?
- ...



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Personality:

False or True?

GROUP BLUE:

Think about and *discuss*...

- to what extent the profiles manipulate the "audience"? (authenticity vs. mask)
- if profiling is a motivation for many users or not. Do people show specific characteristics on purpose?
- whether the virtual world often functions as a personal release...



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