**Thinking about Bias Social Media Perspectives Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions:** Read each statement, and identify whether the speaker has a positive or negative viewpoint of social media and why they might feel the way they do about it.

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| **Person** | **Statement** | **ViewPoint/Bias**  (Positive/  Negative) | **Why might this person feel this way?** |
| Teen | “I enjoy using social media to interact and connect with my friends. I really like to use instagram to post random pictures.” |  |  |
| Principal | “Ughhh. I am so tired of dealing with students who are posting inappropriate comments on social media sites. All social media does is cause problems. Just last week I had to deal with students posting rude comments on another student’s profile page.” |  |  |
| Politician | “I keep my social media sites updated often. I have joined Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to help citizens obtain information about the government and me as a candidate in next year’s election.” |  |  |
| Singer/ Songwriter | “I have 15,000 followers on Twitter and even more Facebook friends. When my debut single is released, I will be able to let the world hear it. Maybe it will land me a recording contract.” |  |  |
| Parent | “Maybe my child would do better in school if he weren’t so distracted checking social media on his phone and seeing how many likes his most recent instagram post has. I am also worried about his safety online, and him posting pictures he may regret later.” |  |  |
| Law Enforcement | “Within minutes of the robbery at White Hills Bank, we were able to post a picture of our suspect on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and other social media outlets. The public’s tips lead us to the arrest of our suspect within 24 hours.” |  |  |
| Office Manager | “My employees are not being as productive as they used to be. I have found many of them checking Twittter on work computers, and often distracted looking at Instagram on their phones. They are trying to multitask with social media, but it’s not working.” |  |  |
| Criminal | “I am able to find out all kinds of biographical information about my victims; I know where they like to eat, where they’ve been, when they are going out of town, where they’ve been to school…all from their Facebook page. It makes it easy for me to steal their identity.” |  |  |