

Stop Online Insults!

An extension of "Star Wars actress faces racial insults"

Kelly Marie Tran is the first Asian actress to be cast in a major role in any *Star Wars* film. Sadly, as we see in "**Star Wars actress faces racial insults**" (page 19, *What's Up* July 2018), this has led to online bullying for the new star. The harassment was so bad that she quit social media. The article notes that racist and sexist attitudes are not uncommon in Hollywood.





1. Discuss the following in groups of three to five members:

- Have you seen any hurtful comments about you or your friends on social media? If so, how did they make you feel?
- Did you take action? What did you do, or wish you did?
- How can a mean comment affect somebody? Besides causing hurt, how else can online bullying affect someone's life?
- Reflect on the phrase in our pledge: "regardless of race, language or religion". We know that we all deserve to be treated well by others, no matter who we are or where we are from. But, when someone uses insults based on race or gender, what does it say about that person?
- Why are such insults so dangerous?

2. Advise an internet user who is younger than you. Imagine that the child has just received a smart phone. The child instantly signs up for an Instagram account. What would you say to the child?

3. Create a list of three Do's and three Don'ts that will guide the child when exploring social media. Write clearly and simply, so that your list will be understood fully. Feel free to get creative! You may choose to use the space below, or you may start on a fresh piece of paper and decorate it in any way you wish.

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