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### **Discuss IT Topic 6: Where is our country headed?**

**Discuss IT Topic:** Over the last week, our country has had growing concerns on immigration bans, border safety, and executive orders that remind us of issues that have been plaguing our country for years. Now that Trump has been elected President, there has been people threatening to blow up the White House, human right protests, and a plethora of other sensitive subject matters that are very compelling to individual groups of people. Why have these issues come up now as we head into a time in which it seems no one is going to be happy with the outcomes? Will this create a split in this country and place citizens against one another when it comes to their views? In your opinion, what other topics are at the forefront of concern? Explain.

**Response:** Please make sure all grammar, spelling, indentation, and punctuation is correct.

The media has been feeding us lies for years, telling us all information that has been skewed to favor a party, or a specific agenda. The government is so beyond corrupt and manipulative, that even when the people are shown undeniable proof of the corruption, the media is able to still manipulate people's understanding of the information and facts being exposed.

As for the protests... These protesters (including millennials) need to realize that the election was a fair process and that they're not always going to get their way. In a country that celebrates freedom of expression, which includes sexual orientation and identity, human rights, and equality, they should live up to that belief and let people have their own opinions even if they're different from theirs. They're adamant on what they believe and that they're right they're right they're right they're right, and they fail to see the other side of the issue, going as far as calling themselves "humanitarian activists" and then beating kids unconscious on the street for wearing a "Make America Great Again" cap.

I think the biggest topic of concern overall is the media. Over the last couple of years, we have seen how much power the media has gained over the masses. I strongly believe the problems begin there. We are being told what is deemed important, what should and shouldn't matter to us, and how mad we should actually be. One example was when the Democratic National Convention was exposed with all the emails. There was so much damaging information-exposing the DNC corruption and the media involvement, the cheating Bernie Sanders from an honest election process, countless emails proving deceitful things done by and for Hillary Clinton. But what did the media do with all this? They blamed Russian hackers, and *that* became the center of the scandal. If you're being biased when giving out information, then you no longer are a credible channel to give the real facts, it's forced fed opinion.

The media is by far the most important factor in the division and hysteria that is happening in our country right now. Corrupt government? Sure, but if the media is biased and controlled then who is doing the real damage to the people?

I do believe there is some deep, dark agenda in getting the people of this country divided. How do you control the masses? DIVIDE AND CONQUER. Racism, immigration, shootings, refugees, wars, income gaps, the list goes on and on of the issues that have always existed, and have not been properly dealt with by the last administrations. But let's blame it all on the new guy and all who support him. Using words like Revolt, Rebel, Revolution and The Resistance are actually quite dangerous when you are getting half-truths and alternate facts. It is scary how many people are easily convinced by things they see and hear without actually checking facts and sources. We have become a lazy generation that believe what is shared by social media and media channels as solid information and react based on popularity and trends. I sometimes feel the media is doing some kind of social experiment with the citizens in our country. They give out opinionated information that is part of their agenda, throw in some celebrity names, and people will just follow- I mean "the sheep" will just follow. Those who don't are the "Divergents" and must be called out and named as haters and traitors. Meanwhile, there is power being gained in dividing and breaking up the strongest nation in the world. Divide and Conquer-but who are/will be the conquerors?