



## Lesson Plan

Using the resources and materials on the website [www.facetofaithonline.org](http://www.facetofaithonline.org), I have prepared a series of lessons having the following objects:

- To provide students a broad introduction to the concept of human rights;
- To consider the value of human beings;
- To reflect on and understand the border line between freedom of expression and freedom from insult;
- To teach students some strategies and techniques for dialogue in video conferences and on the online community;
- To educate students to get involved and act against hate speech in their community.

**In the first lesson**, we have introduced the concept of “Human Rights” through a mind map and students have found some fundamental common features of them: working in couple, they have written down on their copybook their ideas and then a class discussion has followed. As a result, the main features students have found are that human rights are  
Universal (they apply to everyone),  
Inalienable (they can’t be taken away),  
Indivisible (equally important)  
Interdependent (that all the human rights are equally important for people to flourish).

**In the second lesson**, after I have given students some hints on the historical period when the “Universal Declaration on human rights” was written, we have read and translated the introduction of the text, reflecting on and discussing the intentions and the principles which inspired its founders. Then I have taken some strips I had prepared before, containing the definition of one of the 33 rights of the Declaration and its link to a YouTube video explaining the related right. Students have picked up one of the strips at random and their home assignment has been to read carefully the text, to watch the video and fill in the chart or write a short text with their impressions on the right they have analyzed.

**In the third lesson** students have talked about the right they have studied expressing well the situations in which this right is denied. Each student in turn has exposed his own reflections and the whole class has given examples of how and when this right isn't respected. Some of them have found newspaper articles on the Internet as examples of circumstances in which their human right hasn't been respected.

Then we have resumed the common traits of all the rights they have analyzed underlining the following points:

- Universal – for all people, of all backgrounds
- based on the idea that all human beings have worth
- About treating people equally and fairly
- About treating people with dignity and respect
- About protecting people from abuse
- About creating a peaceful world.

Then we have discussed if and how the Christianity tradition contains and defends some of these rights and values.

**In the forth lesson** students have reflected on the meaning and effects of hate speech. After writing on the blackboard the words hate speech I have asked them to give a short definition of these words and to reflect upon some examples of hate speech they have experienced. Many students in the class discussion have proposed examples taken from their familiar or school life.

Then I have divided them in four groups and I have given them four different definitions of hate speech taken from

1. United Nations' International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1976)
2. The Council of Europe Recommendation on Hate Speech (1997)
3. American Bar Association
4. Scottish Government Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act in March 2012

Students have read and discussed on their definitions in group and then in the whole class underlining the common elements of these definitions. As home assignment students have been asked to give their definition of hate speech and by contrast to reflect upon the meaning of love speech.

**In the fifth lesson**, after reading and discussing students' definition of hate speech we have moved in the multimedia room where students have watched a short scene taken from the movie "Hotel Rwanda" as an example of places and spaces where hate speech happens. Hotel Rwanda (Cut The Tall Trees/First Scenes Of Genocide) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RW6tLBxxqg>). I have asked students some questions to understand the situation in the film. Then we have discussed on the impact of hate speech for the individual and the communities where it happens.

**In the sixth lesson** resuming their ideas on hate speech referring to the video they had watched, I have proposed them a short text on [Hate speech & online gaming](#) in order to reflect on other examples of hate speech in a usual activity for students like computer games. After reading and translating the text, a class discussion has followed solicited by some questions.

Many students had never realized how terrible the language of their war computer games was and which negative consequences this could have on young people education.

**In the last lesson**, students have discussed whether hate speech should be legislated against by the state. I have summed up their for and against on the blackboard, then they have read and worked on the synthesized article "How to hate hate speech" by professor Ian Linden. They have been working on the article in small groups and then a class discussion has followed.

According to the plan of our class activity, students had prepared some short text to summarize the main themes and points of discussion in order to be ready for the videoconference. Some of these texts I have scanned and attached to this plan. Thank you for the useful resources!!!!

Teacher Grandolfo

## **Students' Contributions**

*I have summed up oral and written students' reflections on two questions. The first question is about one of the rights of the Declaration of Human rights. The question given to students is "After reading carefully your right and watching the video on youTube about it, analyze In what situations people might be denied this right".*

*The second question is "Give your definition of hate and love speech and express your opinion". Here are their reflections:*

Right n.5: *NO ONE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO TORTURE OR TO CRUEL , INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT .*

*<< In what situations might people be denied this right? >>*

No government can use the state of war , threat , internal political instability or any other public emergency to justify torture . For the Geneva Convention , torture is illegal for all the kinds of conflicts . But , in some cases , the laws are inadequate . A form of torture permitted by the laws of some countries is the " judicial corporal punishment " . In the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1987 , is entered into force " The United National Convention " against the torture , but only 112 on 193 countries have signed it . Now , around the world , about 60 countries use the torture .

<< *What's for you Hate Speech?* >>

Hate Speech is a conversation where you predominantly use offensive words to people who are considered "different" . Many people are insulted for the color of their skin , for the religion they profess or for their sexual orientation . This doesn't only happen in the streets , in front of schools or " in real and social life " but also " in the virtual one " : in facts , some insults are received from websites or from online games . I simply think that's unnecessary use the Hate Speech and that it would be better exchanging words of affection and maybe make new friends rather than insults us all the time .

Francesca Ricci

#### THE RIGHT TO SEEK A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE

Anyone has the right to overcome mistreatment in their own country by finding asylum in another safe state. For example in Africa there are wars and millions of people die and it's their right to RUN AWAY FROM DANGER and sure death. In Italy in the last months we have assisted to a great flow of people coming from the north coasts of Africa to escape from their country where there is war, poverty and terrible living conditions and to find refuge in our country where they expect to live a better life! it is our duty to give these people a hope of having a future, protecting them and saving their lives.

#### Hate speech

Everyday in the world there are millions of people that express their hate with words. We find these words in video games, on TV and in the radio. People should reflect on the impact and terrible consequences that these words can have on themselves and on their children. We should begin to educate our generation to understand the great power of words and the importance of avoiding the use of hate speech in every situation from the social to the personal private life.

Daniele Milella

We must have faith in what you do in life, we must be free to become what you want and not be afraid. We must respect the rules. The property is a right and it can't be eliminated the rights aren't respected when the children suffer injustice situations, they don't play, they don't study and they are also obliged to fight and work. No one shall be submitted to the others, because we are all equal, with equal rights and duties.

An example of denial of property rights is a case happened in Italy. A lady came out from her home to go shopping. She found on her return, people who were illegally introduced in her house. This lady slept on the landing for social institutions and police intervened to get her back into her own home. After a few days the lady was able to claim the right to property. Those people explained that they had occupied the lady's house as a protest because they have no job and no house. Nevertheless, they must respect the right of private property of the lady and find other

forms of protest which do not violate others' rights. In fact the protest against the violation of a right never justifies a violent action of violation of someone else' rights.

#### Love and hate speech

Hate and love are both feelings but hate is negative, love is positive. Hate is cause of violent actions like murders and even wars. From love good actions derive , for example: the birth of a baby, the availability for the others. Love for animals and nature.

Claudia Mangarella

“Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; This right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”

The censorship wants control of public communication, for example, that through the press or other media. Political censorship prevents individuals, associations, political parties and the media impart information and express opinions to the contrary. In Italy, the censorship is applied both on television as other means of information and the press. Sometimes the simple freedom of expression in public too.

I think this right is generally respected because every person not only in my city but around the world, too, can express everything they like. Everyone can say his thought. Also the prisoners can express their truth for their freedom. However there are some situations in which this right is denied. For example some categories are less listened to than others and for them it is really difficult not to express their needs but to be heard. I mean poor or unemployed people, those without family like orphans. The freedom of speech doesn't mean the acceptance of violent hate speech against the other.

**HATE SPEECH:** for me hate speech, means express hate with words and deeds. For example, hate is taught by videogames against some people, as the Jewish, according to their racial belonging. The parents have to follow their children because they can grow without understanding the impact of these hate words and the consequence is that they will despise their friends.

**LOVE SPEECH:** for me the love speech want to express the feeling that can't miss between the mothers and their children and between friends. We should use the love speech because it is safe. Through love speech parents transmit trust and self-esteem in their children, and they will follow their parents' example praising and respecting the others instead of despising them

Cianciaruso Maria Chiara

**RIGHT:** All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

There can't be freedom, justice and peace without respecting the equal dignity of people, because all human beings, of different nation, skin, religion, economy are born free and equal in dignity and rights. This means that we all have some rights and we have to respect us. Human beings are endowed with reason and conscience to understand that there aren't differences of people around the world. We all live in a spirit of brotherhood and we have to avoid wars of religion, discrimination and lack of freedom.

An example of discrimination is the story of an Italian girl who for a long time has been denied citizenship. Only as result of intervention by the UN has been recognized as a citizen of Italy.

**HATE SPEECH:** hate is a negative feeling that the human being feels for other people. It's a feeling which manifests itself with revenge and aggression. It is expressed with insults and hate speech. Hate speech is the use of violent language to offend a person because of

- various disabilities
- racism (insulting a person for his physical traits)

Language of hate can also manifest itself with the body:

- with wars
- hitting and harming (facendo male a) a person or animal
- mafia

**LOVE SPEECH:** Love is a positive feeling that the human beings feel for other people.

It's a feeling that manifests itself with brotherhood and love and friendship, It is used to express

- help and compassion to people in difficulty
- love for its own family
- love for a particular person (the boyfriend or the husband)
- love for everyone (though it is difficult)

Cecilia Catacchio

The language of hatred now has spread everywhere, from video games to advertising, but also in sports. In sport ii racist chants are an example, where in this case is discriminated skin color. In some computer games, like for example Battlefield or Call of Duty, violence is encouraged through a violent and aggressive language. This language is now part of our DNA, our common language, so that we don't realize what we say or do. I think that hate speech not only means the spoken language, but especially that of the body. A hate speech with the use of the body can kill and I think in this case one of the biggest acts passed into history is the extermination of the Jews by Hitler. Killing is a wrong act because life is a gift and you can not deny an individual of it.

Giuseppe Fornarelli

No one, least of this policy can be said to have clear ideas and decisive to solve the question of justice. today in the world and in our society there is a strong need for justice and the right to the society in which we live is governed justly. Every person has the right to liberty and security of person. No one can be deprived of this liberty: it is not in a halted state.

-In my opinion, hate speech generally arises from the refusal of the opinions of others and fight them with the internet to destroy them. - In my opinion, the Language of love is something that acquires all with the passage of time, and that affects not only the relationships between humans, but also with the culture environment that surrounds us. "Respect for human" often leads to not openly express affiliation with his religion and therefore does not participate actively in all the events related to their beliefs.

Gaia Corinna

According to me, hate is a feeling that generates indifference, intolerance and meanders across all levels of the population. This fear becomes hate that we have against a nation, a religion, the racism, the homosexuals, etc..Hatred is transmitted to us by the political classes and the media, that lead us to use discriminating terms, without regard to the Charter of Human Rights.

According to me love is an intense feeling, full of affection, sympathy toward people, animals, objects or ideals. We all need words of encouragement, gestures, touches that make us feel loved, desired. Loving means sharing in a disinterested way.

Today some people are denied this right and are obliged to go abroad hoping that in the other nation these rights of justice, of equality and brotherhood can be recognized. The immigrants should not feel temporary visitors, but people who intend to stay to build or bring their families.They are called "foreigners", but they are citizens of fact. They should be considered as an opportunity for cultural development of the country, for the economy and the job. On the other hand, the immigrants have to accept and respect the rules of the country they are in.

Daniele Milillo

Hate speech is used in war and in war games.

For me this speech is useless because it is the cause of suffering and sorrow in the world. To prevent this, I think that we should put an end to the war and make peace reign in the world.

In Order to do this, you should use the speech of love, which for me is the best speech in the world.

Davide Buttiglione

The right of having a regular process is not respected in situations where people don't commit any crime and they are arrested. Rarely people are mistaken for other and they are arrested for nothing. I think it is unfair because the police must first investigate and only after asserting the guilt, people should be arrested.

I think that "hate speech" is full of bad language and offensive words and they can become aggressive and rude. The hate speech ruins our language and the way we do. The "love speech" for me is a proper language that helps us to grow and to talk quietly with all.

Finally, the love speech helps us to have a chance to work.

Simona Pellegrino

I think the language of 'love is a beautiful thing but I think the language of' love is different from person to person but I am sure that the language of love does exist . It not only exists , but it seems even be a predictor of a happy and long lasting relationship , say some psychologists .

Since at least September in the West has spread a fear of Islam that sometimes touches on the ridiculous , often enters the tragic . Of course the terrorist attacks are a reality, but who really represent a threat to the West has everything to prove . Above all, the terrorists , the Taliban , Al Qaeda , call it what you like , they have very little following in the Muslim and when they have it is because they are the only force that opposes , with violence to the violence of foreign colonizer (that would be us ). But what is more important is that this fear has spread from America to Europe and crafted , not only against Muslims but also against immigrants, homosexuals and so on. this is the language of ' hate.

Fabrizio De Fiore

Hate speech is an offensive language. Hate speech is that language which is used to offend a person of different race, religion, sex, origin, ....By contrast, love speech is the use of kind words, to express a feeling.

I think that today hate speech is the most used in our world because people only think of doing evil to others. Hate speech is used for different reasons: to take revenge on others, to harm someone, to offend someone's dignity, to show its own superiority on others. All these harmful actions pass through the use of offensive sentences and discriminative words, that is hate speech. That's why it is important to underline that the way we talk has great influence on the way we act.

## RIGHTS 8

the goal of the human right n 8 according to the International Declaration of human rights is to get justice. Human beings have the right to a fair process to protect them when their rights are violated and to give them the possibility of defending when they are accused of something. Also those without education are equal to any other else before the law. Today there are still people who can't have a regular process and are discriminated before the law like women in Africa, or people condemned to torture or electrical chair.

Claudia Tedesco

## DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination is practiced all over the world. There are people who consider themselves more important than others just because they have a different skin color, traditions, national origin or other conditions. For example: a guy calling another guy "black". In my opinion, there should not be any difference and discrimination of others, because we are all equal, we are part of a big family, that is the world. Almost everyone in the world has experienced a form of discrimination in their life (by friends when they mock you even for something stupid, or by the family when one child is preferred to another). We have to pay attention to avoid not only the clear explicit forms of discrimination like the racist behaviors, but also the little, hidden and not always clear gestures of personal discrimination that we everyday experience. All human beings are entitled to be treated with equal dignity, without giving privileges to anyone.

## TEXT ON HATE SPEECH

The American Bar Association defines hate speech as speech that offends others.

The I.C.E.R.D (The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) to which 174 states belong, obliges governments to eliminate racial discrimination, without distinction.

The right to security of a person and protection by the State against violence.

Hate speech is mainly used in games of war or other conditions. Gamers offend, for example, a black boy, or if it is of another religion. Instead we have to use the language of love, because we are equal and no one must be offended with cruel hate words, but on the contrary language must be used to praise the others and underline their abilities and capacities.

Pietro Sarniola

People should love instead of hate. People should be generous and altruist, but for many reasons few people in the world are like that. People should avoid fighting or killing those of different color and should also avoid being selfish and spoil a nation for monetary goal. Laws are not respected when someone wants to do something evil.

For me the term "hate speech" is said in war game as GTA that lead the protagonist to take action by bandit.

Many games take the player to act stupidly and violently in real life. When a game is used many times, you begin to lose the ability to distinguish real life from that of the game. These behaviors and languages came out of war games as Battlefield, Call of Duty, GTA and others. Instead the language of love is created by peace, calm and tranquility, when you want all good for others and don't think about skin color, physical defects, but language is used for its real function that is to communicate with other people, to help them and be helped by them.

Domenico Gazzilli

The right of movement of people

I agree with this right. Everyone must be free to live everywhere but he must respect these rights of the states. So if he respects rights and if he works he can live and integrate in the new State.

After the second world war people living in east Berlin had not the permission to go on the other side of the Wall in west Berlin. Many German people had been killed because they tried to pass the wall. Their right to move in another part of the same city was violated. The collapse of the Berlin Wall is a symbolic event for



the freedom of oppressed country. It is also hope of democracy for the people who are still subject to totalitarianism.

Hate speech

Hate speech for me is a language of rage. Is one of the causes of conflicts and wars that still go on today all over the world. The hate speech is used in many videogames: Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto. In this games the racism and insult prevails. On the contrary, Love speech for me is the language used to show love and respect for the others. It can assure peace in the world.

Andrea Sassanelli

This video speaks of the right of privacy. Not everyone respect this right, but is everyone respect this right,we can have a better world.This right isn't respected in the school and in social network for example facebook or twitter. The account ,on this social network, isn't free. We buy our account whit our privacy.

Hate speech

For me the "hate speech" is a racist language. This language it's used in many countries and in many videogames. Hate speech has brought many wars and I think will continue to bring.

Luca Sgobba

I also attach videos of our lessons

In the first video student are discussing their rights and they are expressing their opinion on them. The discussion leads to the introduction of the concept of hate speech.

The second video is a lesson summing up the common traits of human rights.

The third video is connected to the second because students read some reflections on the common element of human rights

Teacher Grandolfo