

Should Employers View Facebook Profiles?

In this activity, you will examine the controversial issue of potential employers demanding access to the Facebook profiles of job applicants and take a position on the issue. Approach this project as if you would be debating another student either in person or via a new article.

Part I: Read the Article

Read this article from [Business Week](#) where two writers (Greg Fish and Timothy A. Lee) debate whether or not your Facebook profile is an appropriate tool for potential employers to use when evaluating you for a job.

- [The Debate Room: “Employers, Get Outta My Facebook” by Greg Fish and Timothy A. Lee](#)

Now, try to find one or two additional credible sources to use.

Part II: Formulate Points & Counterpoints

- First, choose the side you want to argue.
- Complete this chart with five high quality, hard-to-argue “points” for your position. Make sure you include enough details that you could actually debate the your position. Rank them in order of how persuasive or important each point is.

Point to Backup Your Position	Rank
1.) http://bluevaletg2o.pbworks.com/f/Employers+and+Facebook.pdf	
2.)	
3.)	
4.)	
5.)	

C. Now, try to anticipate at least 3 points your opponents will make and write a counterpoint to argue back.

Guess your opponent's Points	What will be your Counterpoints?
1.)	
2.)	
3.)	

Part III: Reflection Questions

1. Ultimately, do you think potential employers should view your social media profiles when considering you for a job? Why or why not?

2. Does knowing that potential employers might look at your social media impact what you post there? Why or why not?