

Disinformation and Genocide

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Answers

The lesson scenario and the worksheet have been developed to allow students to have considerable independence in narrative creation. As the teacher's role is that of a supervisor and moderator, below you will find only answers to questions requiring simple content analysis (Exercises 1, 4, 5 and 7). The rest remains in the hands of your students and your own, Dear Colleague.

Exercise 1

Possible answers:

Media bashing, pejorative labels, racism, history manipulation by Belgians and the Hutu.

Exercise 4

The definition may be based on the provisions of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

Article II

In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- (a) Killing members of the group;
- (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

(e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.¹

Exercise 5

- Suspicion of a threat from Russia;
- Armenians possibly acting as the 'fifth column' in case of a war with Russia;
- Armenians wishing to create their own state at the expense of Turkey;
- Nationalism/chauvinism – wishing to remove the Armenian community; motivated by the ideas championed by the Young Turks.

Exercise 7

Fake news – definition: false stories that appear to be news, spread on the internet or using other media, usually created to influence political views or as a joke.²

¹ Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 9 December 1948 (ratified pursuant to Act of 18 July 1950) [accessed 24.11.2021]. Available from the UN Treaty Collection:

https://treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/1951/01/19510112%2008-12%20PM/Ch_IV_1p.pdf.

² The definition of the term *fake news* [accessed 24.11.2021]. Available from the Cambridge Dictionary: <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/fake-news>.