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Should Police Use Social Media to Fight Crimes: Recent Looting in Philadelphia

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PRE – ASSESSMENT



PRE 1 – True, False, Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio.

	TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
1 Parts of Philadelphia were burned due to a wildfire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Thieves targeted banks and supermarkets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Police say the agitators organize their plans on social media.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Among the 50 folks arrested was an influencer named Deja Blackwell.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



PRE 2 – Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned in the audio in 3-5 sentences using at least 3 vocabularies from the article.

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Article Transcription Reading.

The following text below is a transcribed text from the listening article. Feel free to **mark other words** that you are **not familiar with** or are not highlighted below. Notes are available at the last page of this lesson.

- 00:00 "Is it appropriate for law enforcement to monitor social media to prevent and solve crimes?"
- 00:06 "I ask because here in Philadelphia this week, parts of the city were **ransacked** by widespread **smash and grab looting**. The thieves targeted clothing and sneaker shops, high-end stores, wine and spirits shops, pharmacies and an Apple Store."
- 00:19 "Police say the **agitators** organize their plans on social media. Among the more than 50 folks arrested was an influencer, Deja Blackwell, known as Meatball. According to police, she live streamed the ransacking and broadcast which stores and locations to loot. She was later arrested after what the Philadelphia Inquirer dubbed a digital **cat and mouse game** with police."
- 01:13 "She now faces eight charges, including criminal **conspiracy** and **riot**. She declined CNN's request for comment, but later told a local TV station that her lawyer had advised her not to do interviews. What happened in Philadelphia isn't a lone incident. Not a **one off**."
- 01:31 "Cities across the country are working to **combat** organized retail crime and performance crime, where **perpetrators** often **brag** about their actions on social media, with more people posting crimes publicly online or using social media as a criminal tool."
- 01:46 "Police departments are stressing the importance of **ramping up surveillance** so that they can monitor accounts for threats or criminal activity. But they're facing **stiff opposition** from civil liberty **advocates** who say that it's just another way for the government to infringe on your right to privacy."
- 02:00 "Take Boston as just one example. In 2016, the city wanted to spend \$1.4 million to **beef up** its social media monitoring but [kicked it down the road] after **backlash** from the ACLU, who said that it would chill free speech and could target communities already subjected to extra **scrutiny**, including Muslims and people of color."
- 02:20 "New York has ramped up their monitoring, even signing a contract with a company that uses AI to monitor online behavior. And in 2021, a public records request by the Brennan Center found the Los Angeles Police Department **authorizes** its officers to engage in **extensive** surveillance of social media without internal monitoring of the nature or effectiveness of the searches. The LAPD responded by saying that it works to keep residents safe and is committed to protect their privacy rights as we **confront** the challenge every day."
- 08:31 "I think that social media monitoring can be a useful tool for fighting crime, but I think it's really, really important that police departments have clear standards and **safeguards** so that that tool is not turned against Americans exercising their First Amendment rights."

02 A1 – Pairing Meanings.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

A ransack	1 _____	a strong, negative reaction to something, esp. to change
B agitator	2 _____	a noisy and violent public gathering
C riot	3 _____	to search a place or container in a violent and careless way
D combat	4 _____	to protect something from harm
E backlash	5 _____	covering a large area; having a great range
F extensive	6 _____	to try to stop something unpleasant or harmful
G safeguard	7 _____	someone who tries to make people take part in protests

02 A2 – Choosing the Right Words.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

combat
criminal
agitators
confront
ransacked
committed
smash
surveillance
threats
influencer

- 1** I ask because here in Philadelphia this week, parts of the city were _____ by widespread _____ and grab looting.
- 2** Police say the _____ organize their plans on social media. Among the more than 50 folks arrested was an _____, Deja Blackwell, known as Meatball.
- 3** Cities across the country are working to _____ organized retail crime and performance crime, where perpetrators often brag about their actions on social media, with more people posting crimes publicly online or using social media as a _____ tool.
- 4** Police departments are stressing the importance of ramping up _____ so that they can monitor accounts for _____ or criminal activity.
- 5** The LAPD responded by saying that it works to keep residents safe and is _____ to protecting their privacy rights as we _____ the challenge every day.

03 Speak Up.

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1 Do you agree that using social media to fight crime is against *freedom of speech*?

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2 How can we use social media to fight crimes effectively?

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3 What should the police do to assure the safety of using social media as a way to decrease crimes?

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4 Can you suggest methods on how the police can decrease crime rate?

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04 Building Deeper.

Choose the **words** from the article, or the vocabulary activity before. Write them under their corresponding categories. Do your best to **create examples** that can **help you remember** and understand the word better.

FAVORITE WORDS

Words that you think you will use on a daily basis

WORD	01
.....	
+ example	

INTERESTING WORDS

Words that you find interesting for the first time

WORD	01
.....	
+ example	

DIFFICULT WORDS

Words that you find difficult to say or understand

WORD	01
.....	
how can I understand better + example	

WORD	02
.....	
+ example	

WORD	02
.....	
+ example	

WORD	02
.....	
how can I understand better + example	

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Steer clear from mediocre efforts if you want extraordinary outcomes.

Notes

[1] ransack /'rʌn,sʌk/ ▶ <i>verb</i>	hastily/ hurriedly stealing things and causing damage
[2] smash and grab ▶ <i>verb phrase</i>	a robbery that is done by breaking a window of a car, store, etc., and stealing fast
[3] agitator /'ajə,tædər/ ▶ <i>noun</i>	a person who urges others to rebel or protest
[4] cat and mouse game ▶ <i>phrase</i>	to trick people into making a mistake and take advantage of the mistake
[5] conspiracy /kən'spɪrəsi/ ▶ <i>noun</i>	a secret plan by a group that is unacceptable, unlawful or harmful; scheme, plot
[6] one off ▶ <i>noun</i>	something that happens only once
[7] combat ▶ <i>verb</i>	battle, fight, take action to reduce or prevent something bad or undesirable
[8] perpetrator /'pɜ:pə,tʀədər/ ▶ <i>noun</i>	a person who carries out harmful or illegal act
[9] brag /brʌg/ ▶ <i>verb</i>	say something in a boastful manner, show off
[10] ramping up ▶ <i>verb intransitive</i>	to cause something to increase
[11] surveillance /sər'væləns/ ▶ <i>noun</i>	close and intensive observation, monitor
[12] stiff opposition ▶ <i>adjective</i>	strong disapproval
[13] advocate ▶ <i>noun (sentence usage)</i>	a person who publicly supports a particular cause or policy, promoter
[14] beef up ▶ <i>phrase</i>	give more strength, intensify and support
[15] kicked it down the road ▶ <i>phrase</i>	delay something or cancel the idea of something
[16] backlash /'bʌk,lʌʃ/ ▶ <i>noun</i>	a strong adverse reaction by people
[17] scrutiny /'skru:tənē/ ▶ <i>noun</i>	critical observation or monitoring
[18] extensive /ɪk'stensɪv/ ▶ <i>adjective</i>	large-scale
[19] authorize /'ɔ:θə,rɪz/ ▶ <i>verb</i>	give official permission, allow, legitimize
[20] confront /kən'frʌnt/ ▶ <i>verb</i>	to face something

Good job for finishing the lesson through. If you were to **give yourself stars** for doing your best, how many stars will you give to yourself for today's hardwork?



KEY ANSWERS

A1
1C 2G 3B 4F 5A 6E 7D

A2
1 ransacked, smash
2 agitators, influencer
3 combat, criminal
4 surveillance, threats
5 committed, confront

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