

## Cyberhate Culture

Wesley is an avid gamer. Whenever he is home, he is either playing PUBG, watching YouTube videos about how to get better at the game, or watching Twitch streams of some of the best in the world play. While his parents don't love that he is playing all day, they are happy that he is passionate about something and they feel it is keeping him out of trouble.

He has a few friends at school, and they are all equally passionate about gaming. His friends Dontae and Kaleb are part of his squad whenever they play PUBG online and they spend hours attempting to get better. On occasions they will let others play on their squad but never more than just for a game or two.

After a long run of poor play, Wesley signed off and turned on YouTube to try and see what he could learn from some of the channels that he follows. He started with a couple of channels that he trusted and then started to follow a rabbit hole of other content generators about playing PUBG and the community that surrounds it.

After clicking on just a few suggested videos, he was watching content that was less game oriented and more specific to gaming culture and those who are holding it down. The first video he watched pegged all women as being oppressive of men and what they are interested in doing. It discussed how women don't want men to game because if men did, that men would realize that it makes them happier and women would no longer be needed in a man's life. This video interested Wesley and he followed the page because he found it convincing.

The next videos he started was on the same YouTube channel but with a different YouTuber. This person talks about the race wars aligned within gaming culture. The YouTuber outlined how all black people were intruding on "white culture", gaming being part of that culture. Wesley finished the video and he turned it off for the night but he continued to think about it. Every night for the next few weeks, he started to play less and less with his friends and kept watching the videos to learn more.

After a while of watching, Wesley started to act out toward his friend Dontae, who is black. He started to question why he was playing games with him and asking "are you trying to be white?" This hostility continued, as he started to act out toward the girls in his class and his own mother as well whenever she suggested he stop playing games. Wesley quickly lost many of his friends and looked into starting his own YouTube channel with the hopes of achieving what he had been watching.

1. What should Wesley have done when he first came across the first hateful YouTube video?
2. How does the internet play a role in the spread of hate?