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Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Exploring timeless social issues

*Offense* Defined (dictionary.com):

1. a violation or breaking of a social or moral rule; transgression; sin.

2. a transgression of the law; misdemeanor.

3. a cause of transgression or wrong.

**Directions Part 1**: Consider the following social offenses:

* Rank each offense between 1 and 4 in the degree of seriousness
* **1 = most serious; 4 = least serious**
* In small groups, compare your answers with each other.
* Why does one person rank an offense with a 1, while another person ranks the same offense as a 3?
* Discuss your differences in opinion and support/defend your rankings
* Answer the two follow-up questions

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Planning to trick someone

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lying to parents

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Two families having a feud

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cursing/using profanity

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Suicide

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Picking a fight

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Using violence

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Killing someone in self-defense

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Killing someone by mistake while fighting

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Killing someone for revenge

1. Which of the rankings above are non-negotiable (nothing with change your mind)? List them below with a brief explanation of why.
2. Which rankings did you reconsider based on your classmates’ rationale? List them below with a brief explanation of why.

**Directions Part 2**: When you have completed your discussion on ranking, answer each question individually below with 3-5 complete sentences. Be prepared to discuss as a class.

1. What do the above offenses/situations have in common? Explain.
2. Select one of the social offenses listed above and discuss which character attributes (see table) are lacking in a person that would commit such an act.

**Character Attributes**

* Respect
* Honesty
* Fairness
* Responsibility
* Loyalty
* Self-discipline
* Courtesy
* Trustworthiness
* Compassion
* Integrity
1. What factors do you think contribute to a person participating in this offense?