

## DAY FIVE: NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>

### Cyber Bullying

Cyberbullying takes its toll and can happen in many forms. It can even originate from strangers online and become relentless.

Amanda, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student was approached online by a male stranger. He convinced her to flash her breasts while on a webcam. That one instance led to relentless cyberbullying and the threat of exposure. He contacted her on Facebook to get her to take part in a live sex show on camera. If she didn't, he'd share the photo of her breasts with her friends. When Amanda refused to give in, the stranger shared the photo online for the world to see. Soon enough, bullies contacted her and she couldn't escape the cyberbullying. Tragically, Amanda's second attempt to kill herself was successful, but she did leave a video telling the full story of what led to this point. She was just 15 years old at the time. (*familyorbit.com 2018*)

#### Question:

- What is your initial reaction to this true story?



*pexels.com*

#### Global Facts

- 20% of young women in the European Union have experienced cyber sexual harassment and 14% of women have experienced cyber-stalking since the age of 15. (*europarl 2018*)
- Girls are more likely than boys to be both victims and perpetrators of cyber bullying. 15% of teen girls compared with 6% of boys. (*pewresearch.org - 2007*)
- Increased domestic violence against women during the COVID-19 crisis is spilling into the online space. 52% of young women and girls have experienced online abuse, including threatening messages and sexual harassment. (*February 2020, Worldwide Web Foundation online survey*)

**Pope Francis:** "The spread of ever more extreme pornography and other improper uses of the net, not only causes disorders, dependencies and grave harm among adults, but also has a real impact on the way we view love and relations between the sexes." (Rome, October 4, 2017)



#### UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Most of the SDGs reference Women.

**Goal 5 Target 5b:** "Enhance the use of technology, in particular, information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women."

**Goal 5c:** "Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels."

#### CEDAW

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

[www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CEDAW](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CEDAW)

(Suggest you read this during the **16 Days**)

**ACTION** I will take, to promote respect and equality between all women and men....

1. Read *UN Women's global data base for your country's profile* - <http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries#I>
2. Encourage people to report any form of harassment on-line and discuss dangers of divulging personal information. <https://www.icrw.org/making-internet-safe-place/>
3. Visit *Staying Safe Online - Ireland* <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3ef852-staying-safe-online/>

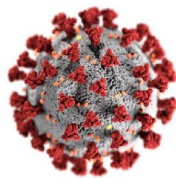
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**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**  
is a systematic and widespread  
human rights violation. It cuts  
across age, socio-economic,  
educational and geographic  
boundaries...



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#### **BEFORE**

#### **THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

**243 million** women and girls, aged 15-49,  
experienced sexual and/or physical violence  
by an intimate partner in the past year.

#### **SINCE THE PANDEMIC**

violence against women,  
especially domestic violence,  
has increased dramatically.

#### **EXACERBATING FACTORS INCLUDE**

security, health and money worries,  
cramped living conditions,  
isolation with abusers,  
deserted public spaces,  
limited access to support services.

In some countries, resources and efforts have  
been diverted from responses to violence against  
women to immediate COVID-19 relief.

*(unwomen.org)*

#### **Watch 'CYBER BULLYING VIRUS'**

(2013)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmQ8nM7b6XQ>

#### **SEE**

<https://webfoundation.org/2020/07/theres-a-pandemic-of-online-violence-against-women-and-girls/>



*of Activism  
Against  
Gender  
Violence...*

**DAY 5...**

*29<sup>th</sup>*

*November*

## **CYBER BULLYING**



2020 UNiTE Campaign Theme:

*"Orange the World: Fund,  
Respond, Prevent, Collect!"*