**SCRIPT 5: Should there be more monitoring on Social Networks because of Cyber-bullying?**

**CUE:** Social Media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and the controversial Ask.fm are growing faster than they have before. With almost a quarter of teenagers logging into Facebook ten times a day, and eight in ten young people using some form of social-media online, it may seem like a great opportunity for instant-communication. Although, after the suicides of nine young people, parents and the government are calling for restrictions on the use of social-networking. P1 and P2 report.

PRESENTER 1: How many times do you turn on your computer and log in to Facebook instantly? How many times do you tweet status’ on Twitter about something you wouldn’t speak about in the real-world? How many times do you post a picture or an update that you would not show your parents?

PRESENTER 2: For a lot of young people, the answer is too many times. Online, you have the ability to hide behind a screen, where nobody can see you, or know who you are.

PRESENTER 1: The chance to be anonymous online means that people do not think before they act, thinking that there are no consequences. An increase in the number of cases of cyber-bullying proves this; with many victims going to extreme measures to end the abuse they receive when they open their computer.

PRESENTER 2: The truth about social-media is that it is not just a place where you read a running commentary on a friend’s life, or describe yours in extreme detail. Instead, it promotes bullying, where report buttons are hard to find on many sites, and even if they are, responses just are not quick enough.

PRESENTER 1: More teens now use social-networking sites than adults, with one in four online teens using Twitter.

PRESENTER 2: Some young people are easily influenced by the actions of others, many parents have said, and this means that more are joining in with sending abusive comments and cyber-bullying.

PRESENTER 1: After the recent rise in suicides committed by young people, one of the founders of Ask.fm posted a response, which said, “Mass Media is knocking on the wrong door”

PRESENTER 2: He continued by saying, “It’s not about the site; the problem is about education, about moral values that were devastated lately’

PRESENTER 1: Now, after campaigns from angered parents, the Government has proposed to make report-buttons to help young people who are receiving abuse online a requirement.

PRESENTER 2: Is a report-button enough, or should there be strict guidelines, since children as young as eight are joining social-media?

PRESENTER 1: Reporters talked to... about this issue.