

YouTube has plan to fight online terror

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YouTube has announced a plan "to fight online terror". One of the things YouTube says it will do is to find dangerous videos and delete them. This includes videos on how to make fire-bombs and other deadly devices. Google, which owns YouTube, announced

four things it would do to tackle the problem of dangerous videos. Kent Walker, Google's senior vice president, called these things: "Four steps we're taking today to fight online terror." The first step is to ask users to identify or flag videos that might help terrorists. The second step is to remove the videos. The third step is to focus on videos that could make people become terrorists. Finally, step four is to show "anti-terrorism" adverts.

There are many problems with making the four steps work. Perhaps the biggest problem is that it is a huge task to monitor so many videos on YouTube. Over one hour of video is uploaded to YouTube each second. The advertising company AdWeek said one hundred years' of video is uploaded every 10 days. Another problem is that many of the videos Google wants to target are not illegal. Mr Walker said even a BBC news video could be used by terrorists in the wrong way. Walker said Google would use software that will learn what content breaks its guidelines. A further problem is how to delete videos that do not break YouTube's guidelines but still have content that could turn people towards terrorism.

Sources: [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) / [digitaltrends.com](http://www.digitaltrends.com) / [cnet.com](http://www.cnet.com)

Writing

The Internet can help win the war on terror. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

plan / online / terror / videos / devices / first step / vice president / fight / adverts / problems / huge task / monitor / uploaded / one hundred years / software / guidelines

True / False

- a) YouTube wants to delete how-to-make-fire-bomb videos. T / F
- b) YouTube is owned by Google. T / F
- c) Google has six steps to fight online terror. T / F
- d) Google wants YouTube to show "anti-terrorism" videos. T / F
- e) It is not a problem to check so many videos. T / F
- f) One hundred years' of video is uploaded to Google every hour. T / F
- g) Many of the videos YouTube are targeting are not illegal. T / F
- h) It is not a problem to delete videos that follow YouTube's guidelines. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. announced | a. lethal |
| 2. delete | b. commercials |
| 3. deadly | c. rules |
| 4. step | d. very big |
| 5. adverts | e. reported |
| 6. huge | f. pick out |
| 7. each | g. material |
| 8. target | h. remove |
| 9. guidelines | i. action |
| 10. content | j. every |

Discussion – Student A

- a) How well will YouTube's plan work?
- b) How can you fight online terror?
- c) What's the best way to keep bad videos off YouTube?
- d) What steps is YouTube taking to fight online terror?
- e) How useful is the Internet to terrorists?
- f) What should happen to people who upload terrorist videos?
- g) What difficulties are there finding dangerous videos?
- h) How well will 'anti-terrorism' adverts work?

Phrase Match

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| 1. fire-bombs and other deadly | a. become terrorists |
| 2. tackle the problem | b. wrong way |
| 3. identify or flag videos that might | c. many videos |
| 4. focus on videos that could make people | d. devices |
| 5. step four is to show "anti-terrorism" | e. uploaded every 10 days |
| 6. it is a huge task to monitor so | f. help terrorists |
| 7. one hundred years' of video is | g. guidelines |
| 8. used by terrorists in the | h. adverts |
| 9. breaks its | i. towards terrorism |
| 10. content that could turn people | j. of dangerous videos |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- How important is YouTube to you?
- How can people fight against terrorism online?
- What do you think of the number of videos on YouTube?
- How could terrorists use BBC news videos?
- Do you think the software will find terrorist videos?
- What's the best way to fight terrorism?
- What questions would you like to ask the boss of YouTube?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. h	3. a	4. i	5. b
6. d	7. j	8. f	9. c	10. g

Role Play

Role A – YouTube

You think YouTube is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their websites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Google, Facebook or Twitter.

Role B – Google

You think Google is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their websites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): YouTube, Facebook or Twitter.

Role C – Facebook

You think Facebook is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their websites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Google, YouTube or Twitter.

Role D – Twitter

You think Twitter is the best website. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their websites. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Google, Facebook or YouTube.

Speaking – Websites

Rank these with your partner. Put the best websites at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • YouTube | • eBay |
| • Twitter | • Facebook |
| • Amazon | • BBC.com |
| • Google | • Breaking News English |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.