

# Speaking Out: Conflict & Community

## **Essay #1 Guide:**

**Rough Draft Due:** Monday, February 5 @ end of class (20 points)

**Final Draft Due:** Tuesday, February 6 @ end of class (30 points)

**Essay Reading:** Wednesday, February 7 (10 points)

## **Use the following text:**

*Us and Them*, David Sedaris

*War is a Force that Gives us Meaning*, Chris Hedges

*Interview from Afghanistan*, Shaun Ridings

## **Choose between the following questions for your essay:**

**1. WHAT ATTITUDES, BEHAVIORS, WAY OF THINKING, OR SOCIAL CONDITIONS CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS A *BREEDING GROUND* FOR HATE AND VIOLENCE?**

\* USE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES FROM EACH OF THE TEXTS WE'VE DISCUSSED.

\* EXPLAIN YOUR REASONING.

\* DRAW CONNECTIONS TO YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE.

**2. COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE THREE TEXTS WE'VE DISCUSSED: HOW IS THEIR LANGUAGE SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT? WHAT CONCLUSIONS CAN YOU DRAW ABOUT HOW HATE AND VIOLENCE BEGIN?**

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**3. WHERE, IN A COMMUNITY, DOES HATRED AND VIOLENCE BEGIN? HOW DOES IT MOVE THROUGH THE LAYERS OF COMMUNITY WE DISCUSSED EARLIER?**

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