

Discussion Questions: “It Never Goes Away”

1. Have you ever contributed to spreading a rumor without evidence? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever had a rumor spread about you that was untrue? What was your response to the situation?
3. What damage do rumors cause and why?
4. Is there ever a time when rumors are a positive thing? When and why?
5. Is it unethical to spread rumors or a harmless pastime?
6. How do ethics, gathering information, and well-informed decision-making work together?
7. The title of the video is “It Never Goes Away” –how does it relate to the content of the video?
8. What are some strategies people can use to diffuse gossip and rumors?
9. Is there a difference between “small” gossip and rumors? Explain.
10. How much would you have to edit my words if you determined only to communicate facts about people and to avoid speculation, assumption, and motive-judging?

