

BULLYING VS. HATE



Example of bullying:

Taylor is a sophomore and Kelly is a senior. They play soccer on the same team. When Taylor starts three games in a row, Kelly gets jealous and points out Taylor's mistakes to everyone on the team. She convinces the rest of the seniors to pretend like they can't see or hear Taylor at practice and in the hallways. One day, Taylor opens her locker and finds a note that says "nobody wants you on this team or at this school."



Example of hate-based violence:

Chris is a 21-year-old college student who doesn't have close friends and has never kissed a girl. He spends a lot of time online talking to other people who are dealing with similar rejection. They tell him that the problem is with the women who won't give him a chance. Chris starts acting hostile to the women in his classes and calling them derogatory names under his breath. One day Chris posts online about how he bought a gun and he's going to show these "stuck-up" women why they should pay attention to him.



Can you spot the differences?

- A personal conflict between the two girls leads to Kelly's actions
- Kelly's actions are confined to the soccer field and the school hallway
- Kelly bullies Taylor because of specific events and not because of Taylor's identity
- Chris blames a large identity-based group (women) for his personal grievances
- Chris seems to target women regardless of whether he knows them personally
- Chris interacts with people online who reinforce his harmful views