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Status Updates

Status updates are ways you can let your Facebook friends know what's on your mind. While status updates on the whole are a mechanism for keeping friends informed, they may also be used to incite arguments.

Qualitatively, young people say inflammatory or negative status updates are one of the most common reasons for online arguments beginning on Facebook.

Whenever anyone updates his or her status, it appears in the news feed of all of his or her friends. This is useful if updates are used sensibly and with discretion but can become annoying if abused or overused.