Dilemma Dialogue Protocol

Scenario

One day a male student comments that women have no place in the workforce, and that they belong at home, taking care of their husbands. At first it seems like parody of bygone values, but the student seems serious. Further inquiry reveals he's been watching videos of Andrew Tate — a violent and misogynistic influencer whose videos were viewed 11.6 billion times before he was banned from TikTok. The student adds there's "nothing wrong with being sexist." A female student takes him to task, things escalate quickly, and the class becomes chaotic.

Instructions

- 1. Assign a timekeeper (person travelled from farthest away) and a group note-taker (person who most recently pet a dog).
- 2. Read the dilemma scenario provided. Take a few minutes to individually jot down any initial thoughts and questions you have about the prompt. **(3 minutes)**

Guiding questions:

- What are the main issues?
- Who is being affected, and how?
- What context may be important to consider?
- 3. Take turns responding to the prompt: each group member takes 1 minute (max) to briefly share their initial thoughts. **(4 minutes)**
- 4. Explore the scenario as a group, focusing on understanding the situation and factors at play. Discuss what actions a teacher could take: *in the moment, after class is over,* and *before the next problem arises.* **(8 minutes)**
 - Have the group note-taker write down your group's ideas on the Dilemma Dialogue Brainstorming sheet

