According to the Department of Homeland Security, the threat of deepfakes "comes not from the technology used to create it, but from people's natural inclination to believe what they see, and as a result deepfakes and synthetic media do not need to be particularly advanced or believable in order to be effective in spreading mis/disinformation."

Discuss the threats posed by deepfakes. What are some specific ways in which deepfakes cause harm? How does this type of digital media constitute a breakdown in communication? What can be done to counter deepfakes? What regulations are in place that address the creation and distribution of deepfakes?

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"Problem-solving Discussion is an effort on the part of a small group to reach a solution to a problem through informal interchange of facts, inferences, and judgments." (Discussion Outline)

In an attempt to foster a meaningful conversation, discussants will be given a question that allows the group to explore the topic in ways that they decide. It will be up to the group to determine anything not explicitly prescribed: groups impacted, individuals and organizations involved in the solution, the criteria used to judge the severity of problems or the success of solutions, et cetera.