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Final Reflection and Conclusions

COM372T

As the course is coming to an end, I will have to admit from what I said in my introductory reflection at the beginning of this semester some of my expectations were sufficient and I did enjoy the class material. My favorite assignment for this course was the Platformed Analysis project. This project is designed for you to be creative and think freely. For this project I created a YouTube video which talked about my Instagram and TikTok and how it ties into Generation like on how we try to portray ourselves online. We use social media to express but some platforms we are geared to perform to certain demographics similar to an advertisement you would watch TV.

This class helped me become more aware of the content I create and post. It helped me to understand why people post certain things and how they design and express themselves. It's important to be aware of these things in the event these technologies may not always be freely available as many people think they will always be. The class content was interesting, and I did enjoy how the materials we used for the discussions blogs and projects were already everyday stuff the average student has and uses such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, etc.

This course has helped me improve my interactions with how I view new media with the social and underlying messages behind the content and the creating aspects. In all honesty I am not to too sure how significant this course was on improving my portfolio for

my professional degree. I will admit the media curations I have posted on my blogs may should future reviews that I can do an in depth analysis of the applications and how I am able to demonstrate that I can view technology from another lens.

Any advice I can give to future students is to ensure you are fully comfortable with the platform you use. I talked with some people who really struggled with using systems like WordPress and Wix, so I recommended they use Google Sites. My biggest struggle was actually adding elements of creativity. I used the same format as my content for my major based courses, but I should I also remember COMM might have different expectations and that would mean different layouts and maybe a less rigid mindset.

Overall, the course was fun, I would recommend this course to anyone who asks. I wish there were more communication between the professor and the student though. Prior to classes starting I reached out talk Greece trip and establish if any work I could either do ahead of time or late but was met with no response. Another thing that wasn't really my favorite was how long it took for the assignments to get graded with little to no feedback. No hate to the professor as I understand life happens. I also understand what it says on the syllabus, it talks about late work and the penalty. I just believe the assignments should not take 2 months to be graded though, regardless I still went out of my way to finish those assignments as soon as I could and I am okay with that. Again, just to reiterate, the class was pretty fun, and I loved learning about the material.