

Journals

Journal #1: Can you see their viewpoint? Nike Ad

I am completely fine with the ad that Nike and Colin Kaepernick are promoting. They are selling a product while also standing up for a good cause. However, people who have seen the print ad believe that Kaepernick's "sacrifice" isn't bigger than what people in the military or their family members had to sacrifice. In that degree, yes, he has no right to have stated that he, "sacrificed everything" because soldiers have lost their lives and family have lost their loved ones to actual sacrifices that they did for their country. So, I do agree that Kaepernick's sacrifice isn't as great as theirs but, at some degree, he has sacrificed his career in his effort to stand or rather kneel by his beliefs. Some people think that he is disrespecting the flag and all the people who have served it but, in his eyes, he is protesting in the way that he thinks is the most respectful to the flag.

Journal #2: Part of the Resistance

Donald Trump's is very impulsive when he makes decisions that concern the nation as a whole. This caused many people to question his ability to preserve our democratic institutions. Such as this group of individuals who feel like certain parts of his agenda don't benefit the people. Even though President Trump has provided a more robust military his not being able to take the initiative go expel Putin's spies when they poisoned a former Russian spy in Britain demonstrated how he is not looking at the best interest for our country by showing Russia we do not condone that type of activity. It is not only the fault of the president but the people, all Americans should speak out if they feel like a policy is not working for the people. Like Senator John McCain said in his farewell letter that we should unit together in our shared values to make our nation better.

Journal #3: Can You Spot the Fakest "Real" News?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2018/01/09/oprah-might-run-for-president-we-did-the-opposition-research-for-you/?utm_term=.ad645b65c7c1

This article is basically stating what the opposition could dig up on Oprah Winfrey if she were to run for president in 2020. It went on to bring up potential issues that could stop her from being elected. For example, the time Oprah caused a hamburger panic. When she brought a vegetarian activist on the show and said that the vegetarian activist just made her stop wanting to eat a burger again. Then that escalated to Winfrey being accused of “whipping up anti-beef ‘lynch mob,’”. Or when Winfrey defended an author after finding out that his book was not based on his own personal experience like he stated when he was on her show. Then Winfrey went on to publicly shame him on her show. Finally, pictures of Oprah with Harvey Weinstein when his sexual behavior was an open secret in the industry.

There are a bunch of potential fake news aspects in this article. For example, the hamburger panic was basically started because people misinterpreted how Oprah preserved her view on meat. That escalated into her being sued for defamation then it was later dropped. Regarding the fake memoir, Winfrey’s opinion was constantly changing because of the hate people gave her for defending then publicly shaming the author. Pictures can also be misleading causing people to speculate and this could lead to the wrong interpretation of said pictures.

Journal 4: Experiencing Racism / Sexism

Growing up I was always told that because I was a girl, I had to act a certain way. For example, my parents and grandparents said, “You’re a girl, your room should be clean, and you should know how to cook because you’re a lady.” I always hated when they said that because I didn’t see why me being a girl dictated how I should act or what chores I did when my brothers didn’t have to because they were boys. My dad told me that I needed to know how to cook for

my future husband. My mom later told me that it is what they grew up with in Africa that the women would be the caretaker. I hated that logic because we weren't in Africa we were in America where women were in the military and are CEOs. As I got older, I still learned how to clean and cook, but I just thought of it as doing it for my own betterment. Not to satisfy a man in the future. I believe that it shouldn't matter that what gender anyone is because where all equal. I know that I'm strong and independent and just because that is the traditional way my family does things, I don't have to follow their way.

Journal #5: The Voters both Parties are Ignoring

This podcast is talking about how eligible minorities specifically Latino Americans are not being reached out to come and vote. It talks about an ad that a 3rd party group put to make Latino Americans come out to vote because other parties specifically the Democratic party is not reaching out to them like they are supposed to which has been happening for the past couple elections. Making eligible Latino Americans feel like there is no point in them voting.

I thought that this podcast was very eye-opening. The fact that the Democratic Party who could benefit if they campaigned towards the Latino American community is not making a big effort especially for this midterm. I agree that when parties talk to Latino American about policies it mostly about immigration and not about other issues that they could also be interested in. When the New York Times reporter talked to Sandra she said that she cared about issues like mental health and the economy, but after the elections, the same issues continue, and nothing changes, so there is not a point in voting. People in the Latino community care about other issues and just because they are Latino doesn't mean that immigration reform is the only issue that matters to them and I agree that that type of thinking isolates Latino Americans from the political parties' target group.

I believe that Latino American voters are not turning up because no one is reaching out to them. If a group feels like their voice is not being heard, then they will not waste their time in voting for something that doesn't represent their ideals. For example, when the reporter talks to Enrique Gonzalez who is very involved in the voting process said that his people in his community don't vote because they feel like it is rigged. That is what the parties are doing by not going out to the Latino community they are not letting the community be heard.

Journal #6: The Problems with Polls

This podcast is discussing how the polling system flawed. It further talks about that because of bad polling it affected the demographic ideology of the public. The podcast started by discussing how during the 2016 election it looked as if Hillary Clinton was going to win but ending up losing to Donald Trump and people were shocked at the result because they thought she would win. Some polls declared that Clinton was going to win by a landslide while others said that they were neck and neck. I did not know that the polls were such a problem in the first place, but after hearing this I believe that it is true. If a poll is not correctly done, then the wrong information will be given to the public and mislead the public. I agree that when he said because we are a very diverse country and most people don't have a good understanding of public opinion that the results of the poll would reflect on that lack of knowledge. That is why polls are so inaccurate. I feel like if the parties actually went out and tried to inform the public on what is the issues then there would be a better public consensus.

Journal #7: Why Trump is Firing Sessions Now?

This podcast is about the president of the united states, Donald Trump and attorney general Jeff Sessions. Jeff Session was sided firmly on Trump's side while he was still campaigning and continues to be loyal to him. Trump fired Sessions because he accused himself from the Russia investigation. Trump was very admen on the fact that he shouldn't have. I

believe the main problem was that Sessions recusing himself from the Russia investigation. If he didn't retract himself then he wouldn't have been fired and wouldn't have been perceived in a negative way in front of the president. However, there are people who believe that Trump is wrong for talking negatively to Sessions because it is negative affecting Trump. The president however still fires Trump. I agree with the speaker that Trump fired Sessions just to take lead in the Russian Investigation with someone who is not negatively affected by it.

Journal 8 – Does the Five-Second Rule Work?

This podcast is about how effective the five-second rule really is and if the surfaces that the food that is being dropped is really clean enough to be eaten off. The podcast starts off with them talking about how much bacteria is really in different places and the fact that the places that they think are cleaner than others but really, they are not. They continue to talk about different places are dirtier like how the kitchen is dirtier than the bathroom, but it all depends on what type of bathroom it is like a public or private one. I agree with the fact that children should be around children because if they don't build up a tolerance to it then they will be more susceptible to illnesses. I also agree that if you don't clean down your surfaces like your cutting board that is harder for bacteria to stay on will have the bacteria stay on because of how much build up has been left on it. This podcast has official grossed me out I want to wipe down all of my things but I'm glad that I know more about how much bacteria is really on the surfaces of my things.

Journal #9: Memoir Reflection

I did well on my memoir but if I could go back and fix it, I would mostly put in more vivid details. When I was writing it, I thought I had put enough but I only put enough details on the overall topic, not on my dad I described him, but I didn't really do sensory details. Another thing that got me was my use of the word you. I know that you never supposed to use you, but I used it three times in my paper so to not repeat that I will reread my papers before I submit them

to avoid that happening in my future papers. If I ever have to make another memoir in the future or another paper that uses memoir elements, my main focal points would be more sensory details and connecting my paper to the memory.

Journal #10: Best and Worst

I think some of the best parts of English 110C with Mrs. Emerson-Coyle was the in-class group activities especially the arguments at the beginning of the year. I liked how we took different positions and argued the pros and cons of each side. My favorite paper to write was my memoir. At first, I was completely nervous, especially that being my first paper and I truly felt that I was a bad writer but after having the conference I was a little more confident in my writing ability. I liked that I got to have my paper looked over before I actually turned in the final product. I appreciate the peer edit process because it helps me catch the issues I didn't catch before I get to the conference and lets me be a step ahead. My favorite journals were the podcast because I like to listen to assignments rather than read them.

I didn't really have parts of this semester that I didn't except the readings in the book because they were really long, I wish we had small passages. In turn, the reading quizzes were hard for me because the readings were so long that I would forget what I actually read. I learned a lot in this class and I think I have become better because of it.