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COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Kelsey Barker & Gabby Caselnova - Long-Distance Relationships and Communication

We analyzed the effects of social media use and long-distance human relationships. We wanted to see what effects are caused from this and how couples feel about it.

Deanna Karst - The Effect of Facebook on Romantic Relationships

I analyzed the potential effects on a romantic relationship by one or both partner's usage of Facebook.

Emily Truhan - Anxious Feelings and Communication: Public Speaking Anxiety

I analyzed what kind of anxiety we demonstrate due to public speaking and what we can do to decrease this anxiety.

Nicolette Pagliei & Braden Hudak - How Parents are Crafting Their Children's Identity on Facebook

We surveyed parents who were on Facebook and post about their children for all different reasons. We observed that parents post mostly about their children's achievements and expose their child to make themselves as parents look like they are doing a successful job. Parents craft their child's identity on social media and it was very interesting to focus in on the thought process behind what and why they post.

Samuel Kline - Lack of Self-Disclosure During Mental Health Consultations Online

I am exploring the degree to which physical settings during telemedicine communication between physician and patient influence the disclosure of personal information. My research investigates how forthcoming a patient is willing to be when disclosing personal information about their mental health problems when they are not physically in a physician's office or medical facility.

Gina Esposto & Maura Tini - What Makes a Tweet Go Viral

Our research project was designed to find out what aspects of a tweet make college students more likely, or not likely, to like, retweet, quote, or comment on a tweet on Twitter. Through interviewing and survey, we asked almost 200 college students specifics about their behavior on Twitter and what exactly makes a tweet catch their attention enough to interact with it.

Joe Tini - Algorithmic Culture and Social Interactions

This research has been a focus on brands and social interaction throughout social media platforms. The theory I linked it to is Algorithmic Culture Theory and figuring out the different norms created through social media presence.

Claire Chew & Matthew DeBerry - Unregulated Social Media and the Negative Effects on Self-Image in Young Adults

We aimed to figure out if the students that surrounded us believed that unregulated social media has a negative effect on self-image. Through surveys and questionnaires, we wanted to find out if there should be more regulations put onto social media pages and websites to help combat this problem.

Danielle Pillart - Technological Psychosis in Popular Culture

Climate change is an issue that requires participation from multiple fields in order to identify constraints in public opinion. My research focuses on popular culture's role.

Emmeline Knowlan - Celebrity Endorsement, Nonprofit Organizations and Parasocial Relationships

This project looks at how nonprofit organization use of celebrity endorsers on Twitter effects engagement levels on posts. "Best practices" are also identified and discussed.

Kiersten Gruteke & Sam Sebia - The Uncertainty Reduction Theory and Self-Disclosure While Using Dating Apps

We wanted to understand how users of dating apps used the Uncertainty Reduction Theory and Self- Disclosure while communicating with matches while on the dating app platform and through other outlets. We wanted to understand when they felt comfortable telling their match any information about themselves and when they felt that any uncertainty that they felt towards their match had gone away.

Joseph Tracey, Cam Kessler & Amanda Liberacki - The Communication Problem in College Families

In our study, we see how the communication between college students and their families affects their current/future relationships. This involves looking further into the amount of time spent communicating, platforms of communication and means for communication.

Jade Beasley & Sadie Marsh - The Negative Impact That Social Media Influencers Have on Their Followers

We conducted surveys and interviews to research if or not fitness Instagram influencers affect the body image and/or mental health of their followers.

Emily Lay & Alexa Buzby - Effects of Social Media Anxiety in Young Adults

We researched young adults with ages between 18-25 and how social media affected their anxiety.

Megan Weiss - Instagram Channels & Algorithmic Identity Exploration

My research focuses on gender biases in Instagram's content recommendation algorithms and the ways that they can inhibit or enhance user's identity exploration on the platform.

Corrine Calderbank and Amanda Britner- Communication Variation Among Males and Females While Using Instagram Direct Message

Lexi McKelley and Davis Miller: Faking It to Make It: How Young Adults Use Deception on Dating Apps

Daniel Hamm-- Social Penetration and Privacy Behaviors Inside Relationship Development on Snapchat

James Bouffard - Lega Nord Counterpower on Twitter

Katie Miller and Claire Kondracki - Words as Weapons: LGBTQ+ Rhetoric in American Media and Politics

J. Yerges - A Content Analysis on Political Speakers on American University Campuses Via Framing Theory

Jamilee Hoffman and Gigi Loch - Your Softness is Sacred: Plus Size Influencers Supporting Body Positivity in a Time of Fitspiration

Victoria Ragusa and Corryn St. Thomas - My Doctor Told me it was Nothing: Muting Women's Health Concerns

Tony Destin and Ryan Graham- To Cancel Or Not To Cancel: Changing A Life In 280 Characters Or Less

Sterling McKee & Nate Burkhart -- Critical Race Theory: Analysis of the Experience of Black Students at Predominantly White Institutions

Taylor Hoover- I'm Not Strange, I'm Just a Little Different: The Portrayal of Autism Spectrum Disorders on Television

Rose Moore and Mitch Pinder- What Makes Athlete's Tick? An Analysis of the Coach - Athlete Relationship

AJ Gerry and Angelo Cerra – Digital Evolution: What Makes a Meme Thrive in in the Online World

Connie Reznicek and Amy Vogel - "When He's Left You on Read": The Mediated Pitfalls of Texting and Calling in New Relationships

Sabrina Stewart and Ryan Dashe - Women and Nonverbal Communication During an Interview: 2020 Update

Courtney Deobil & Victoria Tennyson - Hypersexualized Female Instagram Influencers

Bethany Hunter and Gianna Destefani - Acting Humerus: How Medical Dramas and Comedies Depict Gendered Physician-Nurse Relationships

Katie Neece and Julio Rodriguez --"You Need to get on Birth Control":
The Standpoints of Women's Gynecological Care