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Classmate 1

Identity Politics and a Dad's Loss written by Nicholas Kristof opens with a interview with a black pastor's son who was shot by a white police officer in Tulsa, OK. The writer thinks of this family and the frustration he feels with identity politics overshadowing the disparities in unequal pay, healthcare, opportunity, and fairness. Kristof describes the struggles faced by minority families that are held back from opportunities and the consequences. Kristof's article points out that politicians need to focus on all aspects of "identity politics," not just for rights, but for equal employment and education opportunities. (Kristof, Nicholas. "Identity Politics and a Dad's Loss." International New York Times, 8 Dec. 2016. Global Issues in Context.)

Logos

The author uses his interview with the Crutchers to describe the hardships to families of color face with no opportunity in employment, education and proper health care. The difficulties with the criminal justice system and the stereotypes of race and crime. (Kristof)

Pathos

The Crutcher family lost four children. One son died in an officer shooting, another son in a gang hit, a child in a crib death, and the last passed away of cancer. (Kristof)

Ethos

Without equal opportunities and jobs, families are unable to better themselves and are forced to succumb to the environments in which they live. Violence, poor healthcare, lack of jobs, and education. The author points out that racism is not only about rights and the other issues need to be addressed because solving one problem does not fix the other. (Kristof)

Classmate 2

I chose the article "Danger of a Dominant Identity" and it started out as an informational type of article then it led into the persuasion. This article started with talking about politics and what we saw during the presidential election. In the

article Brooks was talking about how they all thought that the blacks would choose to go with what they see other blacks doing, and Mexicans not vote for trump because of the things he was saying and that democrats were going to vote for the democrats and republicans for republicans but nothing is as they seem. Then it turned into the persuasive part where it was telling us a way out of this mess that we have created. Brooks then gave the solution of keeping in mind and keep remembering that we are all just humans and that we are not being identified by race, color, and religion. Also he said that getting out of this mess means that we need to be more accepting the limits of social science. Over all this was a very good article.

In the article there are lots of pathos around that are going to be affecting your judgement because you do not want to be like everyone else that are doing things wrong and that are categorizing one person based on religion, race, and color. Brooks used pathos by strong words like racists and generalizing identities. The article also had a logos which was basically the first part of the article where it was giving you information about the election and what was going on. Also with ethos, there was a lot of ethos all around because just like brooks said that this is what the racists were doing, this is the way that Brooks is playing morals against us because we all know what is right and what is wrong and he is using ethos to play to our morals and also with logos and pathos he uses them all to get to us. He uses all three to have his voice heard and so that we know what is going on in our lives and persuade us to make a change.