

PSY4180
ASSIGNMENT 2
Library Skills and Media Report Analysis

FORMAT

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Course Code

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GOALS

The purpose of this assignment is to provide you with an opportunity to :

1. apply skills acquired in the library tutorial in the context of a specific research area.
2. evaluate the credibility of various information sources in the popular press

Media Report Evaluation

Dr. Larry Rosen, Professor Emeritus at California State University is a research psychologist and is recognized as an international expert in the “Psychology of Technology.” In 2011, he delivered a plenary address at the 119th annual APA Conference in Washington D.C. entitled: *Poke Me: How Social Networks Can Both Help and Harm Our Kids*. The link below is a video of the same talk that he delivered at APA (different title, but same material):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhL2H0BirRo>

Watch the video.

This talk, not surprisingly, generated considerable interest and he sent his PowerPoint slides out to over 50 media news outlets. Below are 2 lists of media reports which reported on Dr. Rosen’s talk. Pick a one report from each list and answer the following questions:

1. **REFERENCE** Using APA style, indicate how you would reference the 2 articles you selected.
2. **AUTHOR** Who is the author of the report? Would you consider this author to be a credible source to report on findings presented at an APA conference? Why/why not? You should do some research on the author in order to answer this question.
3. **PUBLICATION** What is the name of the publication which printed the articles you selected? Who is the target audience for this publication? (search for media analytics data

on the publication for information on readership, sales, etc). Does the publication extend to a wide, general audience, or is it a niche market publication? Is this a publication you would go to for information in psychology?

4. **CONTENT** Overall, how faithfully was the material presented in Rosen's talk conveyed in the articles? Were Rosen's ideas and findings presented accurately? Did the articles contain erroneous information? Be specific. In your opinion, did the article portray a well-balanced presentation of Rosen's facts and ideas? Or was it biased? If so, in what direction? Did the articles provide a critical analysis of Rosen's work (reflecting investigative journalism) or did they simply summarize major findings?

MEDIA ARTICLES

LIST 1

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/285956/facebook-breeding-ground-for-teen-narcissists>

<https://www.webmd.com/parenting/news/20110808/facebook-good-bad-ugly#1>

<https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/do-social-networking-sites-create-anti-social-behavior/>

<http://healthland.time.com/2011/08/08/kids-who-hang-out-on-facebook-do-worse-in-school/>

LIST 2

<https://www.foxnews.com/health/facebook-public-health-danger>

<https://www.adweek.com/digital/study-overindulgence-in-facebook-harms-students/>

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/facebook-can-be-a-harmful-for-your-teens-and-cause-social-disorders.html>

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5. Using APA style, list 2 articles from peer reviewed journals published between 2010-2015 on the topic of effects of social media. For 1 of these articles, provide a summary of the abstract (2 - 3 sentences, in your own words). Do NOT append the articles to your assignment.
6. Using APA style, list 2 books on this topic that are available at Scott Library. Indicate the call number of each book.

7. Using the cited reference techniques discussed in the tutorial, identify 5 articles which have cited the following study:

Rosen, L. D., Whaling, K., Rab, S., Carrier, L. M., Cheever, N. A. (2013). Is Facebook creating “iDisorders”? The link between clinical symptoms of psychiatric disorders and technology use, attitudes and anxiety. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 29, (3), 1243-1254.