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ASSIGNMENT 3: Paper and Presentation

Find an article from a local newspaper during the periods of December 1, 2000 and February 1, 2001 related to the youth of your assigned city. Please provide a copy of the article with your written paper.

Four Page Paper:

Discuss Language:

- How does the headline contribute to or obscure the point of the article?
- What are the “facts” as presented in the article? How are these “facts” used?
- Is the language used in the article “neutral”? Does it show a negative or positive point of view from the writer?
- Are there examples of “charged” or questionable words or phrases?

Discuss Graphics:

- If there are photos, how are photos or other images used to support the article? Pay close attention to placement of figures, facial expressions, ethnicity, gender, and age when evaluating the visual effects of graphics.
- If there were no photos, would it have added to the article to have some type of graphic imagery? What type of imagery would you suggest and how would it have been used?

Discuss Context

- Based on the article’s “facts” discuss how the language and graphics are used. What are the possible assumptions or ideas of youth presented? Does the article show a bias towards an “assets” or “deficits” model of viewing community?

Please provide at least one quote from each of the following readings in your paper:

- Introduction
- Mapping Community Capacity
- News media samples from reader

Presentation:

In your presentation to the class discuss:

- The facts presented
- Your first impression of the article.
- Your point of view regarding the article