

## Social Psychology and Social Media Final Paper

### Disciplines: Psychology and English

In your Psychology class and in your textbook, you have been learning about how social influences, such as conformity, obedience, and groupthink, impact your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. As we've learned, social influences can have both positive and negative effects. We have also been discussing how social influences impact your use of social media.

You have also discussed some of these ideas in your English class, where you focused not only on the ideas but on how the ideas were presented. You analyzed the rhetorical strategies (ethos, pathos, logos) people use to create an online image, and you wrote about the effects of social media on relationships.

**In this essay, which you will submit for both your English and Psychology courses, you will reflect on your experience during our social media lunch gathering and link your personal experience to the concepts you've been learning in your Psy 3 and English courses.**

Possible psychology themes to consider include: conformity, deindividuation, obedience, diffusion of responsibility, social facilitation, social loafing, groupthink, Maslow's hierarchy of needs, personality traits, etc.

Also think about how you'll structure the essay, how you'll support your points with evidence, and how you'll make use of ethos/pathos/logos as you craft your argument.

#### **Paper Requirements:**

1. 4-5 pages double spaced, 12-point font, 1" margins
2. Staple the pages of your paper together – no paper clips or folded pages will be accepted
3. **The draft will be due to Professor Antinori on Tuesday, November 19, and the revision on Thursday, December 5. You may submit via email or in hard copy. For Professor Cain, print your paper and turn it in on 12/11/13 – I will not accept emailed papers and I will not accept late papers (no exceptions).**