

# **AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES**

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## **COURSE AGREEMENT**

- General expectations
- Note to the "second year group"
- Trolling

## **OUTLINE OF TODAY'S LECTURE**

- Review of virtual community
- Syllabus
- Criteria: how posts and comments are marked
- Postman interview
- Problem of online content/context

## **OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY**

- New assignments replace old ones
- If you post an assignment, do it well or not at all

## **FINALIZING THE SYLLABUS:**

- Intercultural extraneity . com / forum
- Suggestion: 7 tasks, 2 in 'uncomfortable zone'
- Assume the best, add don't repeat, enage, weave, volley, measure words



## **CRITERIA, CONT'D**

- Post thoughtfully
- "Five whys"

**IF CULTURE IS COMMUNICATION AND SHARED INFORMATION, WHAT IS OUR CULTURE NOW? - POSTMAN**



## **CREATIVE COORDINATION**

## POSTMAN INTERVIEW

- Stewardship, character actors
- vs. stars: cult film Slacker
- Category and coherence: meaning/problems of restrictions
- How to decide on category and coherence
- Freemarket extremists - expressive individualism
- Use of tech for economic gain vs. loyalty, neighbors
- Faustian bargain
- Tech has an agenda

## **CONTENT/CONTEXT**

- social media blurs distinctions
- form
- register
- sense
- importance
- context

## **CLASS CULTURE**

- Listening is the beginning of medicine and attention" - Oliver Sachs
- work is done 'on site', in our community
- collaborative co-creation
- if you want to give input on syllabus course, do it this week
- reading & writing
- preparing
- finding & exploring resources
- reflecting & communicating
- discussing on forum

## **META**

recognize, understand, and more effectively manage social practices online

## **WHY DOES THIS MATTER?**

## **PERSONAL DEPTH**

# **DOOM SCROLLING THE DIREHOSE OF INFORMATION**



## **PERSONAL AGENCY, EXPRESSION**

## **MEANINGFUL ACTION**

## **JOHN DEWEY:**

... the basic freedom is that of freedom of mind and of whatever degree of freedom of action and experience is necessary to produce freedom of intelligence. The modes of freedom guaranteed in the Bill of Rights are all of this nature: Freedom of belief and conscience, of expression of opinion, of assembly for discussion and conference, of the press as an organ of communication. They are guaranteed because without them individuals are not free to develop and society is deprived of what they might contribute. Dewey, J. (1946). "Democracy and Education," Problems of Men.

**TIME**

**HOW MEANINGFUL DO YOU MAKE IT?**

## **SUMMARY**

- Our community
- Syllabus
- Grading criteria
- Self, stewardship vs. tech agenda, category, coherence, capital

## **HOMEWORK**

- Questions or Resources - using grading criteria





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