

- Survey on how class is doing is currently on EEE between now and Monday
- Final project video (most likely due end of week 10) ideas:
 - Video project, e.g. science fiction piece on future and technology, fake product descriptions, contemporary pieces (documentaries, interviews, etc.)
 - 5-8 minutes long
 - end of week 5, have some sort of storyboard/treatments, major themes, and how they will be presented
 - Week 7: storyboard or treatment
 - Most likely due end of week 10
 - No class week 10, professor won't be here, but no class time to work on project
 - Topical carte blanche
 - don't violate copyright (you can quote w/ permission though). Stick to fair use. Things to consider:
 - why are you using something?
 - Analyzing and comedic reasons are okay!
 - Parody, critique, and analysis permissible
 - small segments of extraction only
 - Youtube DMCA takedowns possible
 - Size of reproduction – you are obligated to limit your use of the work

Discussion on Group 6's Presentation: Ideas warranting expansion

- How do you resolve smoking a cigar every afternoon, w/ dangers of smoking.
 - Everything is always “bad” for you. Research is flawed – anecdotes used to defy research; existing research seen as inconsistent
 - Everything in moderation, i.e. moderation permits some exercise of a bad habit
 - Cigarettes are full of crap, but cigars are handcrafted etc. Research pertains to cigarettes, not cigars.
 - Life is dangerous; smoking a cigar is relatively safe
 - Smoking helps deal w/ stress that would cause health concerns anyways; i.e., smoking is bad but stress is a killer.
 - What is the moral of the story?
 - Contemporary American life is all about how busy you are
 - If you're stressed you're successful

- Stress is not an objective health measure but an idea we all have some collective orientation about. This concept has social value
 - By marking some thing stressful and some not, a culture delineates things it wants to
 - Consider contemporary reaction to “how are you doing?” - Stress becomes a marker of status
 - In japan, those who die from stress are dead because of a high status job, which is better than to die of a heart attack, which is usually from manual labor (low status job)
 - Japanese diet supposedly better
 - How do we know there is less heart disease?
 - Fewer death certificates list heart attack as cause of death
 - Key: Heart Attack seen as low-status death; conversely, to die of stress is seen as a high-status death
 - Key: In ambiguous cases, physicians are pressured to list stress as cause of death
 - Upon further examination: Japanese prevalence of heart disease is not as low as previously thought
- Stress has become a marker of values and of social status
- Information Technology and Democracy
 - Strong link between information and democracy
 - We the people need to be informed and be able to debate w/ others
 - Habermas: Public Sphere: Middle Class attempts to get recognized, talking amongst themselves, newspapers
 - “Public” in 2 senses: Accessibility and Political Involvement
 - The internet creates a more uniform and more informed public sphere
 - Competing Views:
 - Internet good for politics because of variety of views available for the people
 - Echo Chamber:
 - Internet allows me to further focus on the opinions/views that only I care about
 - Issues in IT and Democracy
 - Barriers of internet are as barriers to democracy
 - Money + Infrastructure to internet (electricity)
 - Censorship on Internet
 - Computer literacy gains importance

