

- 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

