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Online Self Reflection

In today’s world employers are starting to look at future employees’ social media accounts to see how they live their life outside of the work place. This is happening because employers want to know who they are hiring to work in their company, and if they are going to represent the company in a professional manner when they are not at work. For this assignment I had to take a look at all of my social media account (Facebook, twitter, and Instagram.) After reviewing my accounts I’ve come to the conclusion that there are some differences and some similarities between my personal life and social media accounts.

I am a person that doesn’t really like to put my life out on social media for other people to see and judge. My Twitter consists mostly about sports and song lyrics. My Instagram has mainly pictures of things I do with my family, nothing to reveling. When it comes to Facebook, I really don’t post anything on there because that’s where most of my family is and they can see everything that I put up. There are similarities and differences when it comes down to my academic life and my social media life.

There are many similarities when it comes down to my social media life and my academic and personal life. Like I stated before my twitter consists of post that have to do about soccer or any type of sport. I’ve played soccer all my life and watch it all the time when it comes on. In my twitter you will find tweets about the 2014 world cup when Germany beat Brazil 7-1 in the semifinals to reach the world cup finals. In these tweets I happen to be making fun of the Brazilian defense because they were not playing good at all, they looked like they were blind and could not find the ball all game. This is similar to my personal life because in my personal life I tend to talk a lot about sports when I’m around my friends that either play or watch the same sports as I do.

A distinction that I found in my social media identity from my personal identity is that on my social media I tend to use a lot of cuss words when I’m talking about my favorite teams and they are playing poorly or there is something that I do not like. I do not want future employers to view me in a negative way because of this. I want to be viewed as a professional speaking young man. During the academic year I try to refrain myself from using that type of language because I’m around professors and professionals in my field of study that I want to make a good impression on. I want to be viewed as a responsible person that is well talked mannered and spoken of, but my social media accounts do not always reflect my responsible, academic self.

Because I tend to stay off of social media as much as possible I believe that my social media accounts do not do a good job representing my academic life. I don’t tend to post any academic achievements anywhere on social media. This would be a problem for future employers if they are trying to investigate my academic achievements through my social media accounts and they don’t find anything they could hesitate on offering me the job position.

Yes, I get on it to check what is going on with my friends and stuff like that I myself tend not to post as much on any type of social media whether it be Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook. I personally think that I represent myself in a professional manner for the most part in all of my social media accounts. This can positively benefit my civic and professional identities because there isn’t much in my social media that would cause any controversy on whether I get a job offer taken away from me because of a bad social media presence. At the same time, it can negatively affect me because I do tend to use a lot of vulgar language in my posts. This can be a concern to a future employer because they wouldn’t want someone with foul language talking to their customers or in a Physical Therapist clinic you don’t want your Doctor of Physical Therapy throwing out random cuss words in front of the patients. That would just be inappropriate and unprofessional for the company. I need to try and create a bigger social media presence for myself especially for my academic persona.