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AP Research Paper

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Poses a specific researchable question on a local, regional, and/or global issue, and explains its significance to the global community.

Reflection

Throughout this entire year, I have been working on a research paper in my AP Research class. The goal has been to work to create a research paper that I'm proud of and is able to provide a filler for a gap in the body of knowledge. At the beginning of the year, I investigated constantly to find out what I wanted to do. Originally, I had no clue, but with due time, I found my topic. To be able to keep attention the whole year and create my best final product, I wanted to research something that I found interesting and suitable to me. That being said, I researched something that became new to me this year after becoming an adult, being voting. Going through the body of knowledge led me to find every piece I needed to get my final research question and overall topic.

After researching the whole year, I've learned many things both about myself and emotionally charged images in the media--being my topic. The entire process has helped me grow as a researcher and investigate an important part of life today. Since the media has such a large influence on everything today, it was important to investigate a part of it and learn more about how it affects each and every individual.

While I used and specifically targeted new voters as my sample study, the research overall proves that we are affected by emotionally charged images in the media. To me, this

result is extremely important and can be used by others to take as a meaningful message to keep in mind about how everyone can be easily influenced by different things in the media. Whether it's an emotionally charged image or text that is trying to convince you of a political perspective, I hope that my research is able to show people that they can be influenced, and then by keeping that in mind while looking at media, they watch their steps and recognize when they are being affected by possible influence.

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