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Persuasive Speech Reflective Response

I gave my speech on Monday about Lowering the Drinking Age. It was a very interesting topic to research and present to the class. I felt like I found pretty good information to back up what my argument was. I did notice after watching my speech that I had some pros and cons to how I delivered the speech and the content that was in the speech.

The biggest difference between the paper and the speech was that in the speech it seemed to be much more causal. I could connect a lot of information to the audience because I knew who I was speaking too. I also had to make my speech much more interesting, for example, the introduction of my speech. I used my introduction to pull the audience in to listen and take into consideration my argument. I knew that while delivering my speech, majority of my audience were under the legal age of drinking. I could easily tie all my information back to the audience because of that factor.

I also did not want to offend anyone by what I was saying so I made sure that I used the correct wording while delivering my speech. In my paper, I felt it had to be more formal and I technically didn't know who my viewers were.

I felt that my delivery of the speech did not go as well as I expected. When I watched the video, I felt that I relied on my notecards a lot during the speech. This might have been because I was not fully comfortable with delivering my speech. For my strengths, I felt that I projected my voice very well and it was clear what I was saying. I felt that my whole speech flowed well together and it was very easy to understand. I learned a lot from this speech. I know that I should prepare many days in advance to be confident with delivering my speech. In this speech, I did not prepare that many days in advance so I was not very well prepared. This caused me to read directly off my cards and not feel confident with my speech.

The praises that I received from my peers were that my speech itself was well put together and I had a clear, projective voice. I would agree with the praises I received because my voice was clear and easily understood when watching. The polishes that I had were to not read off my notecards and more eye contact. I agree with both of these criticisms because when I watched I saw exactly what they are talking about.

In my speech, I could have prepared farther in advance and not relied so much on my notecards. I feel like every speech I give, I rely a lot on my notecards. Within my next speech, I should just write bullet points instead of the whole outline on the notecards. Next time I deliver a speech, I plan on getting the audience more involved and making my speech much more interesting. This speech helped me realize that maybe not everyone will agree with you on what you trying to persuade them to believe.

But you can try your best, relate it back to them, and get them interested in what you are saying. That is all that really matters within your speech.