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Researched Critical Analysis Essay Peer Review #2

First Impressions

Does the title attract your attention? Why/why not? Does it clearly identify the author's purpose and stance? Why/why not? Suggest at least one improvement in word choice or phrasing, or an alternative title.

The title grabs my attention because it is clear what Cordelia is going to be analyzing in her essay. The title is clear and doesn't need improvements.

What type of introduction is this? (Narrative, Expository, etc...) Name two things you enjoyed and two areas for improvement.

This is an argumentative introduction because it includes the background of the Tv Show and a claim that Cordelia will support with evidence. I like how Cordelia included a specific episode she's going to analyze and a brief description of this episode. I believe that the introduction is complete and clear.

Is there enough background information presented in the introduction? Is there any additional information needed to clarify the context of the primary source or the author's thesis?

There's enough background information presented.

Is there a clear thesis statement? What is it and where is it located? Can it be argued from supporting or opposing sides?

The thesis is the last sentence of the introduction. The thesis is about how political themes, such as surveillance and invasion of privacy, are negatively shown, alongside with identity confusion that the main character experiences as a result of her simulated punishment. The thesis can be argued because not everyone perceives surveillance negatively.

Arrangement

Are there enough claims to fully support the thesis and convince readers that the argument is logical and valid? What other claims might the author make to strengthen their argument?

There are enough claims that fully support Cordelia's thesis. Since surveillance and invasion of privacy are the primary focus, another claim might be made if Cordelia includes other themes.

Does the arrangement of claims flow in a logical and persuasive manner? Describe the progression of ideas.

Yes, it does. Cordelia begins with a summary of the episode and illustrates how surveillance and invasion of privacy are negatively shown by using evidence from the episode. Moreover, she connects her the episode with the real-life cases of invasion of privacy.

Is every claim clearly and fully explained? Are there any areas where you were confused? What additional explanations or phrasing would improve clarity and comprehension for the reader?

Every claim is clearly explained. I understood Cordelia's claims.

Are there any paragraphs or sections that need to be moved to different locations? Which ones and where should they be placed?

The arrangement of paragraphs is logical, no need in corrections.

Does the writer successfully transition throughout each paragraph? Are there any transitional words or phrases that are overused? Suggest at least one additional phrase they can use.

Cordelia successfully transitions throughout each paragraph. In the first body paragraph, Cordelia uses the word “throughout” twice in the second and third sentences. I’d suggest changing the beginning of the second sentence to “In the episode, she is chased by. . .”

Does the writer transition successfully from paragraph to paragraph? Are there topic sentences strong and clearly linked to the focus of each paragraph?

The topic sentences are strong as well as transitions.

Research

Is each claim fully supported with proof from the primary source? Are there any claims which require more evidence?

Cordelia summarizes the episode in the second paragraph and uses paraphrasing to support her thesis.

Is there enough supporting data from outside sources for each major claim? What kind of data do they use?

There is not enough supporting data from secondary sources for each claim. Cordelia uses journal articles, which are sources from CCNY libraries. I think she might include more evidence, possibly the ones that are related to the TV Show.

Is the supporting data fully explained and clearly linked back to the author’s claim and/or thesis? Where do they need to clarify or explain further?

The supporting data is fully explained and connects to the thesis. However, the secondary sources are not directly related to the TV Show, so more evidence would strengthen the thesis.

Is any data/information missing, or interpreted in a way that seems confusing or incorrect?

Quotes from primary sources as pieces of evidence would be helpful in strengthening the thesis statement.

Is every quote, statistic, or image properly labeled and cited using MLA format?

The citation is correct.

Counterarguments

How does the author engage with counterarguments? Are they embedded into each paragraph or is there a separate section that only deals with counterarguments (Refutio)

There is a separate section, containing two counterarguments. Cordelia explains them, then opposes them.

Do the author's rebuttals seem logical and persuasive? Why/why not? Suggest another idea for a counterargument(s) that the author might employ.

Rebuttals seem logical and persuasive. I'd only suggest illustrating clearly why the counterarguments are "wrong" and Cordelia's claims are "right".

In Conclusion

Is the conclusion clear and impactful? Why/Why not? Does it reinforce the thesis and major claims in their argument?

The conclusion is clear and it reinforces the thesis as well as other major claims.

Are you convinced by the conclusion? Why or why not? What else did you want to know?

I am convinced that surveillance negatively impacts individuals, Cordelia might connect the episode to real life and write about how the invasion of privacy remains an issue that impacts us nowadays.

What is the writer's overall tone and how do they achieve this? Is the tone consistent throughout the essay?

The tone is calm and unbiased. It remains consistent, which makes Cordelia's thesis more credible.

What did you enjoy most about reading this essay? Name at least two aspects.

I haven't watched Black Mirror but Cordelia's essay made me interested in the TV Show. I also like the structure of the essay because it's easy to follow.

Where should the writer focus most to improve their work? Name two areas.

After explaining a counterargument, she might want to show why her claim is stronger and why people should believe her. Everything else is logical and very well organized.