# **HW1: The Internet and the News**

**1. What did you read / watch?**

Tell us what you read / watched.

* [**Facebook Knows Instagram Is Toxic for Teen Girls, Company Documents Show**](https://www.wsj.com/articles/facebook-knows-instagram-is-toxic-for-teen-girls-company-documents-show-11631620739?mod=hp_lead_pos7&mod=article_inline)
* [**Is Facebook Bad for You? It Is for About 360 Million Users, Company Surveys Suggest**](https://www.wsj.com/articles/facebook-bad-for-you-360-million-users-say-yes-company-documents-facebook-files-11636124681?mod=article_inline)

**2. Describe the controversy / issue raised in the articles / film (~1/2 page single spaced)**

Describe the technology, the issue / controversy, and the context surrounding the issue / controversy. Make sure you answer the following questions:

* What is the technology being examined?

**Instagram App**

**Facebook**

* What is the issue?

**Posts on the platform are negatively impacting young teens (particularly women), it giving them eating disorders.**

**People are developing an addiction to facebook, which affects their sleep, work and every aspect of their lives.**

* Why is it an issue?

**This creates a problem because now people are having body issues and feeling insecure about themselves, they are also having to deal with eating disorders.**

**They are sleeping less, and spending less time with loved ones, or even their children**

* Who are the stakeholders?

**The people using the app and the people who own the app.**

**Same**

* What are the different perspectives or “sides” (if there are sides)?

**One side wants to point out how Instagram affects people negatively, while the other somewhat acknowledges the problem but will not really do anything about it.**

**Some people like using the app because it allows them to keep in contact with friends and family members who live far away.**

**3. Analyze the controversy (~1/2 page single spaced)**

What do you think about this controversy? Some questions you might consider:

* In the technology’s current configuration, who benefits most and who is most harmed?

**Instagram definitely benefits because they have the ability to profit from people’s insecurities, while everyone else gets an addiction to social media.**

* Can the controversy be resolved?

**Honestly I am not sure because social media has become so ingrained in our society that I do not think that it will ever go away. Maybe insta could stop pushing certain accounts or ideas in the algorithm.**

* Could it have been prevented or was it inevitable?

**Again I am not sure because of how it has affected people and due to human nature.**

* Is it a sign of something bigger on the horizon?

Tell us what you think!