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Informative Speech Self-Evaluation

My Informative Speech

The topic of my informative speech was on the 5g network. I chose this topic as I felt that it would be easy for me to be impartial about it when presenting. I also thought that it might be nice to know about as we are currently transitioning into this technology. In my speech, I started off by quickly going through my attention-getter, purpose statement, salience statement, credibility statement, and preview of main points. The introduction was the easiest and smoothest part for me. In the “body” of my speech, I briefly went over the different networks that we progressed through (which were 1g, 2g, 3g, 4g, and 5g). I referred to my first article and then talked about how 1g gave us analog signal calls, that 2g gave us digital signal communication with encryption and text messaging, that 3g gave us internet connection and video calls, and how 4g allowed for streaming and video calls with multiple people. Finally, I got into 5g and about how it solves capacity issues with 4g and its lower latency connections. I went into how 5g works, talking about things like higher frequency waves, MIMO (multiple input multiple output) systems, and 5g chips. Lastly, I covered 5g infrastructure, discussing how 5g drives to a large number of antennas, small cell networks, and massive MIMO base stations. Performance-wise, I felt good as I had rehearsed my presentation quite a bit. Not only that, but when I felt something was significantly off with my presentation, I did not hesitate to redo it. I did slip up on one of my points when it came to verbally citing my sources, but I quickly caught

myself in that same speech. I did feel like I had rushed a bit, but I did make good use of the time I had while presenting. I did a better job at “eye contact” and made sure my visual aids were visible this time. Certain processes also became easier for me, like recording and gathering an audience. Overall, I felt fine about my presentation.

The first thing that I believe went well regarding my speech was the supporting information and evidence. I made sure to get all my articles and sources from the Sac State Database. Every time I searched a certain topic for my research, I made sure that the scholarly (peer reviewed) journal and academic journal settings were enabled. The process was tedious as I had to do a lot of reading, but worth it if I wanted to speak with some form of credibility. The next thing that I believe has gone well was the content aspect of my speech. The topic I chose was vast, but I did well in breaking it down and focusing on some of the most important main ideas. For instance, I brought up the high frequency waves that 5g networks would be using and talked about the cellular towers and how they would change to accommodate the new network. Finally, the last thing that I believe went well was the delivery of my speech. I did well in not stuttering and avoiding any long or awkward pauses. Not including the time limit, everything else was done well (this includes posture, non-verbal language, tone, etc.).

One area that I would like to improve in would be the organization of my speech. For this speech, I did mostly well with the order in which I presented things and was fairly consistent with my outline, but I did momentarily forget to verbally cite one of my articles and went back to it later in my speech. It wasn't too big of a deal, as I was able to play the mistake off just fine, but I felt like it significantly altered the impact of one of my messages. This can be remedied with practice and trying to internalize my speech a little better. Another area that I need to improve in is my verbal delivery of the speech. When I watched the video, I noticed that I did

stutter a bit and used some filler words like “um”. Again, this is another one of those things that can be remedied with more practice. For my next speech, I plan on having more material to talk about. This is just to help me with feeling like I have run out of things to say. Lastly, the final area that I would like to improve in is my transitions and my ability to “connect the dots” for the audience. My speech was simple enough to understand and follow through, but I wasn’t too sure that I made connections between my points that were good enough to tie things together. I will work on this by looking at my outline with higher scrutiny and practicing my speech further. This shouldn’t be too difficult as I am finishing things up for the semester, meaning that my course load will be lighter as the semester finishes. I can definitely take advantage of this situation.

As a whole, I think I did well. I did mess up with the time requirement, but that was on me for thinking that the thirty second window applied to going under the five-minute time limit and overtime as well, not just overtime. The process of finding an audience and recording my speech has become easier since my demonstrative speech. My delivery was better, but I still need practice with my body language. As far as things go, I just need to repeat the good things that I have been doing and that would end my semester on a good note.