

Abstract

Unpacking Student Perceptions: A Review
of Research on Ratemyprofessor.com

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Introduction

The rise of digital platforms has drastically altered many aspects of our life, including how students make academic decisions and shape their college experience. One of the most popular and widely utilized websites, Ratemyprofessor.com, has become an influential tool for students to voice their experiences and opinions on their educators. This literature review aims to explore the comprehensive research associated with Ratemyprofessor.com. It seeks to present an overview of the existing scholarship while pinpointing areas that warrant further exploration. The goal is to offer a thorough understanding of the platform's reach, its insights, and the yet-to-be investigated aspects of its influence.

Overview of Ratemyprofessor.com

Rate my professor is a website that has been around since 1999. For the longest time, it has been the leading public platform for students to anonymously leave reviews about their college professors. Many

competitors have come and gone while Ratemyprofessor.com has stood the test of time. Despite its popularity, professors, researchers, and students alike have often debated on its true value. This is in part due to the fact that the site does not require a reviewer to verify that they took the class, nor that they are even a college student. Despite its limitations, the vast amount of publicly available data - with a little over two million professor profiles - has drawn interest among researchers seeking to understand student perceptions in academia. This contrasts with formal university evaluations, which are frequently difficult to obtain and inaccessible for research purposes.

Review of literature

Effect of Ratemyprofessor on Students

This is a test citation Lewandowski, Higgins, and Nardone (2012)

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