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Leadership\nAlexis Lindsay\nClaremont Lincoln University\n\n\n\n\nA Capstone Action Project\nSubmitted to Claremont Lincoln University\nin Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the\nM.A. Organizational Leadership \u2013 Professional Studies\nClaremont CA\n\n\nTable of Contents\n\t[List each chapter and major section of the capstone paper and provide its page number.]\n\nHow to create a Table of Contents in Microsoft Word: \n<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cN-JX6HP7c>\n\n\nAbstract (this is completed once the project is complete)\n\n\t\tUse no more than 250 words.\n\t\tInclude a statement about the problem addressed (could be the \u2013research question\u2013).\n\t\t\tBriefly\n\t\t\t\tDescribe the audience.\n\t\t\t\t\tBriefly describe the goal/methods for change.\n\t\t\t\t\t\tBriefly describe the results of the change project.\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\tBriefly include conclusions/recommendations.\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\tKeep the abstract to one paragraph in length.\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\tAt end of abstract include \u2013keywords:\u2013 with up to six terms relevant to the project. For example: \u2013keywords: action research; ethical leadership; mentoring; mindfulness\u2013\n\nAcknowledgement\nUse this space to acknowledge those who encouraged you on the journey! (This is the ONLY section where first person can be used.)\n\n\nFrom Tweets to Change: Social Media's Role in Contemporary Leadership\nCHAPTER 1: Introduction\nThe author's fianc\u00e9 is suspicious. He does not trust easily and always looks beyond what people say to determine their meaning. Consequently he is very hard to manipulate and very hard to influence and as such he is very hard to lead; he prefers to be in charge. Therefore he is skilled in convincing people. He knows how to influence others and lead people because as Northouse (2019) asserts leadership is an influence process.\nUnlike the author's fianc\u00e9 a significant portion of the population does not delve deeply into the authenticity of the information they receive; 18% of Americans report that social media has a significant impact on their voting decisions and 55% consider it their primary news source according to a 2019 Pew Research study. This widespread influence of social media raises a compelling question about the nature of leadership in the digital era. Building on Northouse's definition I intend to argue that the influence exerted by social media can be seen as a form of authentic leadership. This form of leadership practiced by social media influencers aligns closely with authentic leadership theory emphasizing transparency ethics and a focus on the communal good. Through their pervasive reach and often personal engagement with followers these influencers craft a modern leadership narrative that significantly shapes public opinions and societal values.\n\nSocial Significance\nThe influence of social media is profound and ubiquitous reaching across all sectors of society. According to the Pew Research Center approximately 72% of the U.S. public uses some type of social media with varying impacts on social political and community engagement (Pew Research Center 2021). The breadth of this influence spans across diverse demographic groups making nearly everyone a potential recipient of communicated messages whether accurate or misleading.\n\nThe potential benefits of this influence include increased awareness and mobilization for social causes as seen with movements like #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter which have propelled significant societal shifts and brought critical issues to the forefront of global awareness. Social media influencers have played crucial roles in these movements utilizing their platforms to amplify voices and call for action. For instance prominent figures like Alyssa Milano and Tarana Burke have used their influence to promote the #MeToo movement leading to widespread discussions about sexual harassment and assault (Mendes et al. 2018).\n\nHowever the risks involve the spread of misinformation and manipulating public

opinion which can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The cost of such influence can be seen in the widespread controversies surrounding elections and public policy debates where influencers have swayed public sentiment through both genuine and questionable means. For example during the 2016 U.S. presidential election false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots was found to have significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors (Allcott & Gentzkow 2017). The individuals most impacted by this phenomenon include young adults who are the most active on platforms like Instagram and TikTok and are particularly susceptible to influencer marketing and political campaigns (Auxier & Anderson 2021). This demographic's high engagement levels highlight the critical need to understand the mechanisms of influence and leadership within these digital platforms. Research indicates that young people trust influencers more than traditional celebrities or politicians making them a key target for marketing and political messaging (Djafarova & Rushworth 2017). In addition to social movements and political implications the economic impact of social media influence is significant. Influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry with brands leveraging the reach and authenticity of influencers to connect with consumers. According to a report by Business Insider Intelligence the influencer marketing industry is set to grow to approximately \$15 billion by 2022 (Business Insider Intelligence 2021). This economic dimension underscores the dual nature of influencer power: while it offers opportunities for authentic brand engagement it also raises questions about ethics and transparency in advertising. The social significance of social media influence is further highlighted by its role in mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image particularly among young women. For example Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies. These findings suggest that while influencers can promote positive messages they also have the potential to contribute to harmful social norms.

Conclusion

This research project is situated at the intersection of leadership theory and digital media studies. It aims to critically analyze the role of social media influencers as contemporary leaders who not only entertain but also significantly influence societal values and norms. By aligning the characteristics of social media leadership with authentic leadership theories this study will evaluate the authenticity and ethical considerations of influencers' practices. The findings are expected to provide insights into how digital platforms can be harnessed for responsible and effective leadership promoting positive change while mitigating risks associated with digital influence. This foundational exploration sets the stage for a detailed literature review in Chapter 2 where theories of leadership and empirical studies on digital influence will be synthesized to build a comprehensive framework for understanding leadership in the digital age.

CHAPTER 2:

Identification of Phenomenon

The author's fiancé does not consider social media such as TikTok and Twitter as reliable sources of information. He feels that government leaders and politicians undermine the seriousness and importance of their positions when they use lighthearted TikTok videos to promote their message or agenda. Additionally he believes that such displays reflect the sensationalism and showmanship of American politics. In contrast to the author's fiancé's opinion a Pew Research study in 2023 found that over 50% of adults surveyed reported getting their news from social media at least sometimes (Social Media and News Fact Sheet 2023). On July 21st 2024 President Joe Biden announced his decision not to seek re-election in

the fall. This historic announcement marking the first time in over fifty years that a sitting president refused their party's nomination was made using the platform now known as X (Mason et al. 2024). The use of social media highlights its efficiency in disseminating information and providing individuals with the opportunity to engage in the public sphere gain followers and exert influence on an unprecedented scale.

Social media has emerged as a formidable force influencing public opinions and attitudes in the contemporary digital era. This phenomenon where social media shapes and reflects public opinions is particularly significant when examined through authentic leadership theory. Authentic leadership which emphasizes transparency ethics and a communal focus aligns closely with the activities of social media influencers who wield substantial sway over their followers.

The role of social media in influencing public opinion is both profound and pervasive. Approximately 72% of the U.S. public uses social media with platforms such as Facebook and YouTube leading the way (Auxier & Anderson 2021). This extensive reach ensures that nearly everyone is exposed to the opinions and ideas circulated on these platforms whether accurate or misleading. The impact of social media is evident in various sectors from political engagement to social movements economic trends and mental health.

In order to investigate this phenomenon data was collected through a comprehensive literature review and qualitative analysis of social media interactions. The sources encompassed peer-reviewed articles books on leadership theories and empirical studies on social media's influence. Statistical data on social media usage and its societal impacts was provided by reputable institutions such as the Pew Research Center.

The influence of social media on public opinion became noticeable in the early 21st century with the advent of platforms like Facebook Twitter and YouTube. Events such as the Arab Spring (2011) and Occupy Wall Street (2011) highlighted the power of social media to mobilize people and spread ideas rapidly. The #MeToo movement which gained momentum through a tweet by Alyssa Milano in 2017 exemplified how social media could catalyze significant social change by encouraging victims of sexual harassment to speak out (Thomson 2018).

In addition to social movements social media's influence extends deeply into the political sphere. Modern political candidates in America have recognized the necessity of maintaining a robust online presence. Platforms like Twitter and Facebook are not only used for engagement but also for major announcements policy declarations and real-time interaction with constituents. For instance former President Donald Trump famously used Twitter to communicate directly with the public and announce significant policy decisions bypassing traditional media channels (Heilweil & Ghaffary 2021). This direct communication method aligns with the principles of authentic leadership where transparency and direct engagement are paramount.

Authentic leadership as defined by Northouse (2019) is a process where an individual influences others to achieve a common goal through genuine and ethical behavior. This concept is mirrored in the actions of social media influencers who build trust and engagement with their followers through transparency and authenticity. Influencers and public figures like Tarana Burke and Alyssa Milano have utilized their platforms to lead movements such as #MeToo advocating for societal values of justice and accountability (Mendes et al. 2018). These influencers often exemplify the core components of authentic leadership by maintaining a transparent and genuine presence online fostering trust and loyalty among their followers. This trust is critical enabling influencers to mobilize their audience for various causes from social justice movements to political campaigns.

Social media acts as both a mirror and a mold for public opinion reflecting current sentiments and attitudes while

simultaneously shaping those sentiments through disseminating information and mobilizing collective action. For instance during the 2016 U.S. presidential election social media significantly influenced voter perceptions through both authentic content and misinformation (Allcott & Gentzkow 2017). The economic implications of social media influence are also significant. Influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry with brands leveraging influencers' reach and perceived authenticity to connect with consumers. According to a report by Business Insider Intelligence the influencer marketing industry is projected to grow to approximately \$15 billion by 2022 (Business Insider Intelligence 2021).

While social media holds the potential for positive influence it also poses risks. The spread of misinformation can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The controversies surrounding the 2016 U.S. presidential election exemplify this risk where false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors (Allcott & Gentzkow 2017). Moreover the influence of social media extends to mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image particularly among young women. For instance Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies.

The role of social media in shaping and reflecting public opinions and attitudes is intricately linked with the principles of authentic leadership. Influencers who engage authentically with their followers can drive significant social change by promoting ethical behavior and communal values. As digital platforms continue to evolve understanding the mechanisms of this influence becomes crucial for harnessing social media's power for positive societal impact.

CHAPTER 3: Literature Review

[Literature Review Instructions: From the topic chosen for the Capstone project review and examine a minimum of ten to fifteen sources related to surveying both theory and practice on the Capstone topic. Write a literature review synthesizing common themes amongst the reviewed sources. Follow the APA guidelines. This chapter should be 8-12 pages].

Success Resources:

- What is a literature review?
<https://researchguides.uoregon.edu/litreview/synthesize#:~:text=About%20Synthesis&text=Combining%20elements%20of%20several%20sourcesnew%20ideas%20to%20existing%20knowledge>
- How to write a literature review
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vc_Yu_6lYmg

Some themes that might be found in the research:

- Example topic: food shortage
- Example project: create a food resource flyer to post around local community
- Some themes that might be found in the research: how many people have a food shortage what communities struggle the most with food supply what is nourishing food what is a food resource how food resources get funded how food resources get food to share how restaurants might help how to volunteer what other communities/program could be used as a prototype to follow how to distribute flyers how to create informative flyers how to create engaging flyers etc.

CHAPTER 4: Solutions

[Project Goal]

[In chapters one through three the field/topic/problem that deserves attention and carries social significance was defined and described. Both theory and practice were explored through the research in the literature review. With these chapters and any conversations with mentors in mind carefully craft a narrative that addresses the change (campaign initiative resource) being proposed.]

Explain briefly what this change is and why this change should take place. If a research question(s) is appropriate for the project please provide it/them. This section will include 3-5 pages that provide the process of the solution being proposed to implement.

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section must include research explaining why this solution is the best course of action. Examples might include training website blog Wiki page social media campaign evaluation process and rubric organizational philosophy mission/vision/values statement course syllabus webinar etc.] \n[Implementation]\n[Drawing from the goals narrated upload fully developed materials that would be used in implementation of the proposed solution. This might include video PowerPoint training manual quizzes handouts links etc. This is a substantial portion of the project and these materials should address how the proposed solution will be implemented from start to finish. \n[Project Measurements]\n\t[In this section describe what is being measured and what methods will be used to measure the success of the proposed project. In the design of the project plan think about how to measure successes/failures of the proposed solution. Once it\u2019s determined what to measure explain how to measure them. Like the section above this project proposal illustrates the researcher\u2019s expertise and informed process: explain what elements are being measured and why they are being chosen to measure; what is being measured and the methods being used to measure the project\u2019s outcome. Share the logic and thought process behind the measurements of the project.]\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\nCHAPTER 5: Reflections and Recommendations\nProject Summary\n\t[Briefly summarize the goal for the project the actions that were taken and the results realized.]\nReflections\n\t[Reflect on the project in its entirety. What was learned? What were the highest moments of the research process? What were the lowest moments? If the project moves forward provide recommendations for change. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the project.]\nRecommendations/Conclusions \t[What would be the next steps from this project? What are some recommendations for future researchers? How would the next researcher address the weaknesses of the project? Would the project be scalable? How so?? What would that look like? What is the likelihood on the sustainability of this project?]\n\n\nReferences\nAllcott H. & Gentzkow M. (2017). Social Media and Fake News in the 2016 Election. Journal of Economic Perspectives 31(2) 211\u2013236. <https://doi.org/10.1257/jep.31.2.211>\nAuxier B. & Anderson M. (2021). Social media use in 2021. Pew Research Center 1(1) 1\u201314. https://www.pewresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/04/PI_2021.04.07_Social-Media-Use_FINAL.pdf\nBusiness Insider Intelligence. (n.d.). Influencer Marketing: Social media influencer market stats and research for 2021. Business Insider. Retrieved July 29 2024 from <https://www.businessinsider.com/influencer-marketing-report>\nDjafarova E. & Rushworth C. (2017). Exploring the credibility of online celebrities\u2019 Instagram profiles in influencing the purchase decisions of young female users. Computers in Human Behavior 68 1\u201317. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2016.11.009>\nFardouly J. Diedrichs P. C. Vartanian L. R. & Halliwell E. (2015). Social comparisons on social media: The impact of Facebook on young women\u2019s body image concerns and mood. Body Image 13 38\u201345. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bodyim.2014.12.002>\nGottfried J. (2024 January 31). Americans\u2019 Social Media Use. Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2024/01/31/americans-social-media-use/>\nHeilweil R. & Ghaffary S. (2021 January 8). How Trump\u2019s internet built and broadcast the Capitol insurrection. Vox. <https://www.vox.com/recode/22221285/trump-online-capitol-riot-far-right-parler-twitter-facebook>\nInfluencer Marketing Is Becoming a Lucrative Business for Brands in 2021\u20132024 Business Insider. (n.d.). Retrieved July 29 2024 from <https://www.businessinsider.com/influencer-marketing-important-for-brands->

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dialogical philosophy and sets about describing a proposed framework for dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership. Berkovich (2010) identifies eight areas of dialogical pedagogy which are useful in authentic leadership development: care contact critical thinking empathy mutuality open-mindedness respect and self-exposure. Finally the article evaluates and critiques the use and outcomes of using dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development initiatives.

The source was useful in that the author first defined his view of the current perspectives in authentic leadership before exploring a new perspective. The author discusses the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy in an in-depth manner which is helpful in understanding the overall purpose and ideas set forth in the article. The article is from a peer reviewed scholarly journal and is found easily through a simple search in EbscoHost through the university's library.

Blekkingsh B. W. (2015). Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission. Infinite Ideas; eBook Collection (EBSCOhost).

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=987184&site=ehost-live>

This e-book explores the ideas present in authentic leadership theory with the intent to use them as a tool for discovering one's purpose. Blekkingsh (2015) approaches his topic through a seven layer model which he postulates is the framework of all human beings. These seven layers in chapter discussion order are: environment behavior skills norms ego values and authenticity. The initial seven chapters are each focused on one of these layers and the problems associated with each layer. Blekkingsh (2015) suggests that through this layered self reflection one is enabled to find their authentic self and their purpose. He presents the idea that this once an individual is aware of their authentic self and purpose they will be able to put Authentic Leadership into effect (Blekkingsh 2015 p. x). Finally he concludes the book with resources for further exploration and includes a lengthy appendix that functions as kind of encyclopedia with supplemental materials.

The author is a credible source in the field of authentic leadership theory due to his work as both an authentic leadership lecturer at a Dutch university and as one of the founders of a consultancy firm centered around the tenets of authentic leadership. One failing of the book as Authentic Leadership resource is that many of the examples in the book are mainly anecdotal and lack an academic or scientific robustness. In contrast the authors simple language and engaging exercises make his ideas and pedagogy easily understood and applicable to anyone.

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Gardner et al. (2005) contend that the purpose of this article is to further develop and extend an emerging theory of authentic leadership development (p. 344). The authors begin by defining their interpretation of the constructs of authenticity authentic leadership and authentic followership. Gardner et al (2005) then discuss a conceptual authentic leadership framework for leader and follower development. Gardner et al (2005) propose what they describe as a self-based model of the developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership (p. 348). This model sets forth the idea that a leader's personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development (Gardner et al. 2005). The authors identify self-awareness and self-regulation as two fundamental components of authentic leadership development and they discuss both these concepts in depth. Also at the heart of this

article is the idea that authentic leaders are positive role models for followers and consistently model authentic behavior balanced processing self-awareness and transparency. \n\tThis article is a valuable resource in examining authentic leadership theory because it examines authentic leadership development using a reflective perspective which looks at the roles of both the leader and follower. The authors also clearly and succinctly define the various components of their authentic leadership model. One area for critique is that the authors don\u2019t provide any concrete examples of the outcomes they predict making the subject matter of the article entirely theoretical. \nHsieh C.-C. & Wang D.-S. (2015). Does supervisor-perceived authentic leadership influence \temployee work engagement through employee-perceived authentic leadership and employee \ttrust? International Journal of Human Resource Management 26(18) 2329\u20132348. Business \tSource Elite. <LINK>
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=108302656&site=ehost-live>\nThis journal article reports the findings methodology and initial hypothesis of a study concerning authentic leadership. The study focuses on the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective. Hsieh & Wang (2015) made four distinct hypothesis concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and its mediatory relationship with employee trust and engagement. The study sample was taken from the responses of 77 supervisors and 345 employees from 36 of Taiwan\u2019s best performing companies (Hsieh & Wang 2015). The results of the study were quantified using study participants questionnaire responses which were then converted to statistical data and applied to a hierarchical linear model. Using this data the authors were able to conclude that \u201csupervisor-perceived authentic leadership has a fully mediating influence on employee work engagement through employee trust\u201d (Hsieh & Wang 2015 p. 2341).\n\tThis study is a valuable resource for authentic leadership theory because of its use of statistical data. The presentation of quantifiable results gives greater credibility to the authors\u2019 conclusions. Hsieh & Wang\u2019s (2015) presentation of their authentic leadership research hypothesis test and findings present a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes.\nKerfoot K. (2006). Authentic Leadership. Dermatology Nursing 18(6) 595\u2013596. Academic Search \tElite. <LINK>
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=afh&AN=23659813&site=ehost-live>\nThis peer-reviewed journal article discusses authentic leadership development in the context of the nursing profession. Kerfoot (2006) presents the idea that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined it lies only in the perception of followers. The author also suggests that authenticity may be a character trait but then postulates that through mentoring and confidence one can create the perception of authenticity as a leader (Kerfoot 2006).\n\tThis composition clearly defines the author\u2019s idea of authentic leadership and its importance. While the article does state several arguable conjectures they are all supported by the cited references from other credible sources. This article is relevant and helpful to any authentic leadership research in that it gives context to\u2014and an application of\u2014authentic leadership theory in a specific profession.\nMehmood Q. Hamstra M. R. W. Nawab S. & Vriend T. (2016). Authentic leadership and followers\u2019 \tin-role and extra-role performance: The mediating role of followers\u2019 learning goal orientation. \tJournal of Occupational & Organizational Psychology 89(4) 877\u2013883. Business Source Elite. \t <LINK>

http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=119180634&site=ehost-live\nThis article presents the findings of a research study concerning authentic leadership. Specifically the study examined the role of authentic leadership on employees developmental goals and the correlation between supervisor authentic leadership and employee performance (Mehmood et al. 2016). The authors put forth three distinct hypothesis which predict that authentic leadership positively predicts followers learning goal orientation and indirectly positively predicts followers performance and engagement. The study sample of participants included 115 supervisors and 345 employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector (Mehmood et al. 2016). Similar to the study conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) a questionnaire and statistical data was used to quantify the results. Mehmood et al. (2016) were able to conclude there is evidence that authentic leadership predicts followers' role performance and civic virtue extra-role performance through followers' LGO (p. 882). \n\tThis article is a credible source due to being published as part of peer-reviewed scholarly journal. Additionally the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors conclusions. One criticism of this source is that it does not discuss much of the research that the authors conducted in authentic leadership theory before they arrived at their hypothesis. The authors site an extensive list of credible sources from which they formulated their ideas but it may have been helpful for them to be more in-depth. \nQian J. Yang F. & Han Z. R. (2016). The Influencing Mechanisms of Authentic Leadership on Feedback-Seeking Behaviour: A Cognitive/Emotive Model. *Current Psychology: A Journal for Diverse Perspectives on Diverse Psychological Issues* 35(3) 478-485. WorldCat.org. \t <LINK> https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-015-9316-z\nThe article suggests that a key influencing mechanism on feedback-seeking behavior in the leader-follower dyadic relationship is through followers cognitive and emotive processes. This composition describes how authentic leadership and employees' cognitive and emotive perspectives influence feedback-seeking behaviors. Qian et al. (2016) argue that authentic leadership influences feedback seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions about value and cost (p.482). They also put forth a model where authentic leadership correlates with employee positive emotions thereby indirectly fostering feedback-seeking behavior (Qian et al. 2016). \n\tThe article provides a focused view of authentic leadership and how it correlates with feedback-seeking behaviors. The authors cite an extensive amount of credible sources and literature to support their claims but at times this may cause a reader to get the sense that they're not putting forth any new ideas. One criticism of the composition is that due to its focused view some portions of the article seem almost redundant. \nRego A. Vit\u00f3ria A. Magalh\u00e3es A. Ribeiro N. & e Cunha M. P. (2013). Are authentic leaders associated with more virtuous committed and potent teams? *The Leadership Quarterly* 24(1) 137-149. <LINK> https://doi.org/10.1016/j.leaqua.2012.08.002\nThis peer-reviewed article concerns a study which examines how authentic leadership predicts team potency both directly and indirectly. Rego et al. (2013) suggests that authentic leadership alone is not sufficient to achieve positive team outcomes (p. 62). The authors assert that team affective commitment and team virtuousness may also be a link between authentic leadership and team potency. Therefore the study also explores the mediatory role of team affective commitment and virtuousness. The study was conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams of sizes ranging from 4-21 members. Similar to the study conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) as well as Mehmood et al. (2016) a questionnaire

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Shapira-Lishchinsky O. (2014). Toward developing authentic leadership: Team-based simulations. *Journal of School Leadership* 24(5) 979+. Gale Academic OneFile. <LINK> <https://link-gale-com.claremontlincoln.idm.oclc.org/apps/doc/A424532388/AONE?u=clar94421&sid=bookmark-AONE&xid=f96c90b3>

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Although this study is peer reviewed its results were not presented in the form of quantifiable data. While the study did include detailed research relating to authentic leadership and also clearly stated its methodology ultimately it is not the best resource for the study of authentic leadership theory. It does however provide ample information and examples which could be correlated with authentic leadership theory through conjecture and deduction.

Wulffers T. (2017). *Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach*. KR Publishing; eBook Collection (EBSCOhost). <LINK> <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1595178&sit e=ehost-live>

Wulffers (2017) begins by commenting on the state of leadership today and also examining the consequences of poor leadership. The author cites authentic leadership theory as a key method for achieving a better quality of leadership. Wulffers (2017) states that authentic leaders are leaders who know who they are and who are true to themselves (p. 7). The book examines what authentic leadership is from a scholarly perspective and cites multiple literary works concerning the mechanisms of authentic leadership. The author then examines the components and methodologies of authentic leadership development. Wulffers (2017) describes leader authenticity as a spectrum with leadership development levels of maturity that shape the moral and cognitive capacities (p. 57) of leaders. The author then goes on to discuss how leaders may navigate up developmental levels. Finally Wulffers (2017) examines well known leaders through the lens of authentic leadership (p. 208).

While the author does make some assertions this book functions mainly as an extended case study and detailed manual on how to achieve leader authenticity. The author heavily references previous literature on authentic

leadership theory as well as her own experiences to formulate her ideas. The book includes several appendices and end-notes which enhance its usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. Wullffers is also lent a greater credibility through endorsements and reviews by industry leaders.

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 accountability and morality from their leadership the need for authentic leadership is
 undeniable. Indeed this demand people feel to be led by those purpose-driven
 individuals with strict moral compasses is evident. \nAlthough authentic leadership is
 still nascent in its philosophy (Northouse 2019) many of the greatest minds in
 academia commerce and even science have written literature studying hypothesizing and
 postulating on its methodology application and efficacy. For example Gardner et al.

(2005) Berkovich (2010) and Qian et al. (2016) sought to examine the methodology and social mechanisms by which authentic leadership operated while Rego et al. (2013) Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) Hsieh and Wang (2015) and Mehmood et al. (2016) tested its efficacy and application. Even outside of academia experts have found the topic of authentic leadership compelling. For instance both Blekkingh (2015) and Wulffers (2017) have written entire books dedicated to the question of how to find your purpose and achieve authenticity while Kerfoot's (2006) application of authentic leadership theory in nursing is brilliant in its simplicity!

This paper will summarize critique and evaluate each of the literary works referenced in turn. Furthermore each literary work will be critiqued on the basis of its academic robustness or usefulness to research concerning authentic leadership. Finally this treatise will examine the credibility of the authors and their writing concerning the subject matter on the whole.

Literature Review

Academic Discourses on Leadership Theory and Methodology

In their article titled "Can you see the real me? A self-based model of authentic leader and follower development" Gardner et al. (2005) contends that the purpose of this article is to further develop and extend an emerging theory of authentic leadership development (p. 344). The authors begin by defining their interpretation of the constructs of authenticity authentic leadership and authentic followership. Gardner et al. (2005) then discuss a conceptual authentic leadership framework for leader and follower development.

Gardner et al. (2005) propose what they describe as a self-based model of the developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership (p. 348). This model sets forth the idea that a leader's personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development (Gardner et al. 2005). In addition the authors identify self-awareness and self-regulation as two fundamental components of authentic leadership development and they discuss both these concepts in depth. Also at the heart of this article is the idea that authentic leaders are positive role models for followers and consistently model authentic behavior balanced processing self-awareness and transparency.

This article is a valuable resource in examining authentic leadership theory because it examines authentic leadership development using a reflective perspective that looks at the roles of both the leader and follower. The authors also clearly and succinctly define the various components of their authentic leadership model. However one area for critique is that the authors do not provide concrete examples of the outcomes they predict making the article's subject matter entirely theoretical.

Another scholarly literary work concerning the exploration of authentic leadership theory and its methodology is an article by Berkovich titled "Between Person and Person: Dialogical Pedagogy in Authentic Leadership Development" first published in the Academy of Management Learning & Education journal in 2014. Within this article Berkovich (2014) suggests that dialogical pedagogy can be used to develop authentic leadership. In addition he examines critiques and summarizes common approaches and ideas held in the academic community regarding authentic leadership theory and development.

Berkovich (2014) identifies and discusses the two central focuses "narrative identity processing" and "dramaturgical enactment" of the main didactic methods for authentic leadership development. He then suggests a new perspective based on dialogical philosophy and outlines a proposed framework for dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership. Berkovich (2010) identifies eight areas of dialogical pedagogy which he asserts are useful in authentic leadership development: care contact critical thinking empathy mutuality open-mindedness respect and self-

exposure. Finally the article evaluates and critiques the use and outcomes of using dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development initiatives.

Berkovich (2014) discourses were helpful in that the author first defined his view of the current perspectives in authentic leadership before exploring a new perspective. The article discusses the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy in-depth which helps the reader understand the author's overall argument and ideas.

In contrast to the scholarly works by Gardner et al. (2005) and Berkovich (2014) the article titled "The Influencing Mechanisms of Authentic Leadership on Feedback-Seeking Behaviour: A Cognitive/Emotive Model" published in 2015 by Qian et al. functions almost as both a long-form hypothesis and authentic leadership methodology model. The article suggests that a critical influencing mechanism on feedback-seeking behavior in the leader-follower dyadic relationship is through followers' cognitive and emotive processes.

This composition describes how authentic leadership and employees' cognitive and emotive perspectives influence feedback-seeking behaviors. Qian et al. (2016) argue that authentic leadership influences feedback-seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions about value and cost (p. 482). They also put forth a model where authentic leadership correlates with positive employee emotions thereby indirectly fostering feedback-seeking behavior (Qian et al. 2016).

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Studies on the Application Development and Effects of Authentic Leadership

In contrast to the other articles mentioned about authentic leadership studies this peer-reviewed journal article by Rego et al. (2013) focuses on group outcomes. The study examines how authentic leadership predicts team potency both directly and indirectly. Rego et al. (2013) suggest that authentic leadership alone is not sufficient to achieve positive team outcomes (p. 62). The authors assert that team affective commitment and team virtuousness may also link authentic leadership and team potency. Therefore the study also explores the mediatory role of team affective commitment and virtuousness. The authors described the concepts of authentic leadership which led to their hypotheses in detail and provided ample supplementary information on their study topic.

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As previously stated many of the studies which concern themselves with the effects of authentic leadership focus on individual follower outcomes. This study is rare in that it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes. This rarity makes it an exceptional resource for authentic leadership theory research.

Another noteworthy peer-reviewed article examining authentic leadership concerns a study conducted to identify whether principal trainees can develop authentic leadership through processing decisions that they or their peers made in TBSs [team based simulations] of ethical cases that they or their peers had experienced (Shapira-Lishchinsky 2014 p. 987) in the educational field.

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Although this study is peer-reviewed its results were not presented in the form of quantifiable data. Thus while the article did include a detailed analysis of authentic leadership theory and its methodology it is ultimately not the best resource for authentic leadership research. However many of the examples presented pertained to ethical moral dilemmas that could easily correlate with authentic leadership theory through conjecture and deduction.

Hsieh and Wang (2015) conducted another compelling study into the effects of authentic leadership in organizations. The study focused on the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective (Hsieh & Wang 2015). The study tested four distinct hypotheses concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and its mediatory relationship with employee trust and engagement.

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Authentic leadership and its correlation with transparency and ethical behavior.\n - Influence of social media on public opinion and mobilization (include references to sources like Gardner et al. (2005), Rego et al. (2013), and others from your annotated bibliography).\n \n#### New Sources and Expanded Discussion\n- **Additional Sources**:
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authentic leadership is undeniable. Indeed, this demand people feel to be led by those purpose-driven individuals with strict moral compasses is evident. \nAlthough authentic leadership is still nascent in its philosophy (Northouse, 2019), many of the greatest minds in academia, commerce, and even science have written literature studying, hypothesizing, and postulating on its methodology, application, and efficacy. For example, Gardner et al. (2005), Berkovich (2010), and Qian et al. (2016) sought to examine the methodology and social mechanisms by which authentic leadership operated while Rego et al. (2013), Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014), Hsieh and Wang (2015), and Mehmood et al. (2016) tested its efficacy and application. Even outside of academia, experts have found the topic of authentic leadership compelling. For instance, both Blekkingh (2015) and Wulffers (2017) have written entire books dedicated to the question of how to find your purpose and achieve authenticity, while Kerfoot\u2019s (2006) application of authentic leadership theory in nursing is brilliant in its simplicity! \nThis paper will summarize, critique, and evaluate each of the literary works referenced in turn. Furthermore, each literary work will be critiqued on the basis of its academic robustness or usefulness to research concerning authentic leadership. Finally, this treatise will examine the credibility of the authors and their writing concerning the subject matter on the whole.\nLiterature Review\nAcademic Discourses on Leadership Theory and Methodology\nIn their article titled, \u201cCan you see the real me?\u201d A self-based model of authentic leader and follower development,\u201d Gardner et al. (2005) contends that \u201cthe purpose of this article is to further develop and extend an emerging theory of authentic leadership development\u201d (p. 344). The authors begin by defining their interpretation of the constructs of authenticity, authentic leadership, and authentic followership. Gardner et al. (2005) then discuss a conceptual authentic leadership framework for leader and follower development. \nGardner et al. (2005) propose what they describe as a \u201cself-based model of the developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership\u201d (p. 348). This model sets forth the idea that a leader\u2019s personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development (Gardner et al., 2005). In addition, the authors identify self-awareness and self-regulation as two fundamental components of authentic leadership development, and they discuss both these concepts in depth. Also at the heart of this article is the idea that authentic leaders are positive role models for followers and consistently model authentic behavior, balanced processing, self-awareness, and transparency. \nThis article is a valuable resource in examining authentic leadership theory because it examines authentic leadership development using a reflective perspective that looks at the roles of both the leader and follower. The authors also clearly and succinctly define the various components of their authentic leadership model. However, one area for critique is that the authors do not provide concrete examples of the outcomes they predict, making the article\u2019s subject matter entirely theoretical. \nAnother scholarly literary work concerning the exploration of authentic leadership theory and its methodology is an article by Berkovich titled \u201cBetween Person and Person: Dialogical Pedagogy in Authentic Leadership Development,\u201d first published in the Academy of Management Learning & Education journal in 2014. Within this article, Berkovich (2014) suggests that dialogical pedagogy can be used to develop authentic leadership. In addition, he examines, critiques, and summarizes common approaches and ideas held in the academic community regarding authentic leadership theory and development. \nBerkovich (2014) identifies and discusses the two central focuses, \u201cnarrative identity processing\u201d and \u201cdramaturgical enactment,\u201d of

the main didactic methods for authentic leadership development. He then suggests a new perspective based on dialogical philosophy and outlines a proposed framework for dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership. Berkovich (2010) identifies eight areas of dialogical pedagogy which he asserts are useful in authentic leadership development: care, contact, critical thinking, empathy, mutuality, open-mindedness, respect, and self-exposure. Finally, the article evaluates and critiques the use and outcomes of using dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development initiatives.

Berkovich's (2014) discourses were helpful in that the author first defined his view of the current perspectives in authentic leadership before exploring a new perspective. The article discusses the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy in-depth, which helps the reader understand the author's overall argument and ideas.

In contrast to the scholarly works by Gardner et al. (2005) and Berkovich (2014), the article titled "The Influencing Mechanisms of Authentic Leadership on Feedback-Seeking Behaviour: A Cognitive/Emotive Model," published in 2015 by Qian et al. functions almost as both a long-form hypothesis and authentic leadership methodology model. The article suggests that a critical influencing mechanism on feedback-seeking behavior in the leader-follower dyadic relationship is through followers' cognitive and emotive processes.

This composition describes how authentic leadership and employees' cognitive and emotive perspectives influence feedback-seeking behaviors. Qian et al. (2016) argue that authentic leadership influences feedback-seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions about value and cost (p. 482). They also put forth a model where authentic leadership correlates with positive employee emotions, thereby indirectly fostering feedback-seeking behavior (Qian et al., 2016).

The article provides a focused view of authentic leadership and how it correlates with feedback-seeking behaviors. The authors cite an extensive amount of credible sources and literature to support their claims, but this may cause a reader to get the sense that they are not putting forth any new ideas. One criticism of the composition is that some portions of the article seem almost redundant due to its focused view.

Studies on the Application, Development, and Effects of Authentic Leadership

In contrast to the other articles mentioned about authentic leadership studies, this peer-reviewed journal article by Rego et al. (2013) focuses on group outcomes. The study examines how authentic leadership predicts team potency both directly and indirectly. Rego et al. (2013) suggest that authentic leadership alone is not sufficient to achieve positive team outcomes (p. 62). The authors assert that team affective commitment and team virtuousness may also link authentic leadership and team potency. Therefore, the study also explores the mediatory role of team affective commitment and virtuousness. The authors described the concepts of authentic leadership, which led to their hypotheses in detail and provided ample supplementary information on their study topic.

The study was conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams ranging from 4-21 members. The results were quantified using questionnaires and statistical data. As a result, Rego et al. (2013) were able to conclude that the findings suggest that AL [authentic leadership] predicts team potency via the mediating role of team virtuousness and team affective commitment (p. 75). As with many other studies referenced, the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors' conclusions.

As previously stated, many of the studies which concern themselves with the effects of authentic leadership focus on individual follower outcomes. This study is rare in that it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes. This rarity makes it an exceptional resource for authentic

leadership theory research. Another noteworthy peer-reviewed article examining authentic leadership concerns a study conducted to identify whether principal trainees can develop authentic leadership through processing decisions that they or their peers made in TBSs [team based simulations] of ethical cases that they or their peers had experienced (Shapira-Lishchinsky, 2014, p. 987) in the educational field. The study found two main advantages of TBSs: TBSs create a supportive environment to learn from participant mistakes, and TBSs heightened educational leader awareness of their caring responsibilities. However, while Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) concluded that TBSs provide a framework for ethical discussion, the author did not establish a strong correlation between authentic leadership development in educational leaders and TBSs. Although this study is peer-reviewed, its results were not presented in the form of quantifiable data. Thus, while the article did include a detailed analysis of authentic leadership theory and its methodology, it is ultimately not the best resource for authentic leadership research. However, many of the examples presented pertained to ethical, moral dilemmas that could easily correlate with authentic leadership theory through conjecture and deduction.

Hsieh and Wang (2015) conducted another compelling study into the effects of authentic leadership in organizations. The study focused on the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective (Hsieh & Wang, 2015). The study tested four distinct hypotheses concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and its mediatory relationship with employee trust and engagement (Hsieh & Wang, 2015). The study sample took the responses of 77 supervisors and 345 employees from 36 of Taiwan's best-performing companies (Hsieh & Wang, 2015). Results of the study, along with the methodology and initial hypotheses, were published in a peer-reviewed journal article. Results were quantified using study participants' questionnaire responses and then converted to statistical data and applied to a hierarchical linear model. Using this data, the authors were able to conclude that supervisor-perceived authentic leadership has a fully mediating influence on employee work engagement through employee trust (Hsieh & Wang, 2015, p. 2341). This study is a valuable resource for authentic leadership theory because of its prominent use of statistical data. In addition, Hsieh and Wang's (2015) presentation of quantifiable results gives greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. Overall, the authors' research, hypotheses, test, and findings present a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes.

In contrast to the other authentic leadership studies done by Rego et al. (2013), Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014), and Hsieh and Wang (2015), which primarily focused on outcomes, Mehmood et al. (2016) research focus was on correlative relationships. Specifically, the study examined the role of authentic leadership in employees' developmental goals. In addition, the authors also sought to test the correlation between supervisors' authentic leadership and employee performance (Mehmood et al., 2016). The authors put forth three distinct hypotheses which predicted that authentic leadership positively predicts followers' learning goal orientation and indirectly positively predicts followers' performance and engagement. The study sample of participants included 115 supervisors and 345 employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector (Mehmood et al., 2016). Similar to the study conducted by Rogo et al. (2013) and Hsieh and Wang (2015), results were quantified using a questionnaire and statistical data. Mehmood et al. (2016) concluded that there is evidence that authentic leadership predicts followers' in-role performance and civic virtue extra-role

performance through followers (Lagomarsino, 2010, p. 882). As with most of the other studies referenced, the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. However, one criticism of this source is that it does not discuss much of the research that the authors conducted in authentic leadership theory before they arrived at their hypothesis. Indeed, while the authors cite an extensive list of credible sources from which they formulated their ideas, it may have been helpful for them to discuss and perform a deeper analysis of those sources more before stating their hypotheses in the article.

How to Achieve Authenticity

Blekkingsh (2015) book, titled *Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission*, explores the ideas present in authentic leadership theory with the intent to use them as a tool for discovering one's purpose. Blekkingsh (2015) approaches his topic through a seven-layer model, which he postulates is the framework of all human beings. In chapter discussion order, these seven layers are environment, behavior, skills, norms, ego, values, and authenticity. Each of the initial seven chapters focused on one of these layers and the problems associated with each layer. Blekkingsh (2015) suggests that through this layered self-reflection, one can find their authentic self and purpose. He presents the idea that once an individual is aware of their authentic self and purpose, they will be able to put Authentic Leadership into effect (Blekkingsh, 2015, p. x). Finally, he concludes the book with resources for further exploration and includes a lengthy appendix that functions as a kind of encyclopedia with supplemental materials.

The author is a credible source in authentic leadership theory due to his work as both an authentic leadership lecturer at a Dutch university and as one of the founders of a consultancy firm centered around the tenets of authentic leadership. However, one failing of the book as an authentic leadership resource is that many of the examples in the book are mainly anecdotal and lack academic or scientific robustness. In contrast, the author's simple language and engaging exercises make his ideas and pedagogy easily understood and applicable to anyone.

In contrast to Blekkingsh (2015) writing, Wulffers (2017) book begins by commenting on the state of leadership today and also examining the consequences of poor leadership. The book, titled *Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach*, is similar to Blekkingsh's book in that it also focuses on achieving authenticity. The author cites authentic leadership theory as a key method for achieving a better quality of leadership.

Wulffers (2017) examines what authentic leadership is from a scholarly perspective and cites multiple literary works concerning the mechanisms of authentic leadership. She then examines the components and methodologies of authentic leadership development. First, the author states that authentic leaders are leaders who know who they are and who are true to themselves (Wulffers, 2017, p. 7). Next, she describes leader authenticity as a spectrum with leadership development levels of maturity that shape the moral and cognitive capacities (p. 57) of leaders. The author then goes on to discuss how leaders may navigate up developmental levels. Finally, Wulffers (2017) examines well-known leaders through the lens of authentic leadership (p. 208).

Wulffers (2017) heavily references previous literature on authentic leadership theory to support her assertions. While the author presents some new ideas, this book functions mainly as an extended case study and detailed manual on achieving authenticity. She also relies heavily on her own experiences to present concrete examples illustrating the book's concepts and ideas. Wulffers is also lent greater credibility through endorsements and testimonials by industry leaders. Finally, the book includes several

appendices and end-notes which enhance its usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. \nPutting Authenticity to Work\nAuthentic leadership isn\u2019t just a philosophy or theory. It isn\u2019t just useful for experts and scholars. Even without being an appointed leader\u2014or reading or writing books on the subject\u2014ordinary people can use the tenets of authentic leadership to improve many aspects of their professional life. For example, Kerfoot (2006) wrote a compelling article detailing the practical applications of authentic leadership theory in the nursing profession.\nKerfoot\u2019s (2006) peer-reviewed journal article discusses authentic leadership development in the context of the nursing profession. Kerfoot (2006) presents the idea that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined; it lies only in followers\u2019 perceptions. The author also suggests that authenticity may be a character trait but then postulates that through mentoring and confidence, one can create the perception of authenticity as a leader (Kerfoot, 2006).\n\tThe composition clearly defines the author\u2019s idea of authentic leadership and its importance. Moreover, while the article states several arguable conjectures, they are supported by the cited references from other credible sources. Thus, this article is relevant and helpful to any authentic leadership research in that it gives context to\u2014and an application of\u2014authentic leadership theory in a specific profession. \nAlthough authentic leadership theory is still considered a developing philosophy, various treatises, studies, and books have been written examining its application, development, and efficacy. However, much is still unknown about the mechanisms by which authentic leadership functions, and even less is certain about how to achieve authenticity. Even so, one central theme is observed through the breath of all authentic leadership literature: authentic leaders are ethically moral bound and purpose-driven. \n\n\nReferences\nBERKOVICH, I. (2014). Between Person and Person: Dialogical Pedagogy in Authentic Leadership Development. *Academy of Management Learning & Education*, 13(2), 245\u2013264. Business Source Elite.

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 suggests that dialogical pedagogy can be used to develop authentic leadership. He
 examines and critiques common approaches and ideas held in the academic community
 regarding authentic leadership theory. The author goes on to summarize and discuss
 current approaches to authentic leadership development. Berkovich (2010) identifies
 and discusses the central focus \u2018narrative identity processing\u2019 and
 \u2018dramaturgical enactment\u2019 of two of the foremost didactic methods for
 authentic leadership development. He then suggests a new perspective based in
 dialogical philosophy and sets about describing a proposed framework for dialogical
 pedagogy in authentic leadership. Berkovich (2010) identifies eight areas of
 dialogical pedagogy which are useful in authentic leadership development: care contact
 critical thinking empathy mutuality open-mindedness respect and self-exposure.
 Finally the article evaluates and critiques the use and outcomes of using dialogical
 pedagogy in authentic leadership development initiatives.\n\tThe source was useful in
 that the author first defined his view of the current perspectives in authentic
 leadership before exploring a new perspective. The author discusses the foundations
 and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy in an in-depth manner which is helpful in
 understanding the overall purpose and ideas set forth in the article. The article is
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 ehost-live\nThis e-book explores the ideas present in authentic leadership theory with
 the intent to use them as a tool for discovering ones purpose. Blekking (2015)
 approaches his topic through a seven layer model which he postulates is the framework
 of all human beings. These seven layers in chapter discussion order are: environment
 behavior skills norms ego values and authenticity. The initial seven chapters are each
 focused on one of these layers and the problems associated with each layer. Blekking
 (2015) suggests that through this layered self reflection one is enabled to find their
 authentic self and their purpose. He presents the idea that this once an individual is
 aware of their authentic self and purpose they will be able to \u201cput Authentic
 Leadership into effect\u201d (Blekking 2015 p. x). Finally he concludes the book
 with resources for further exploration and includes a lengthy appendix that functions
 as kind of encyclopedia with supplemental materials.\n\tThe author is a credible
 source in the field of authentic leadership theory due to his work as both an
 authentic leadership lecturer at a Dutch university and as one of the founders of a
 consultancy firm centered around the tenets of authentic leadership. One failing of
 the book as Authentic Leadership resource is that many of the examples in the book are
 mainly anecdotal and lack an academic or scientific robustness. In contrast the
 authors simple language and engaging exercises make his ideas and pedagogy easily
 understood and applicable to anyone.\nGardner W. L. Avolio B. J. Luthans F. May D. R.
 & Walumbwa F. (2005). \u201cCan you see the real \tme?\u201d A self-based model of
 authentic leader and follower development. Leadership Quarterly \t16(3) 343\u2013372.
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 (2005) contend that \u201cthe purpose of this article is to further develop and

extend an emerging theory of authentic leadership development (p. 344). The authors begin by defining their interpretation of the constructs of authenticity authentic leadership and authentic followership. Gardner et al (2005) then discuss a conceptual authentic leadership framework for leader and follower development. Gardner et al (2005) propose what they describe as a self-based model of the developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership (p. 348). This model sets forth the idea that a leader's personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development (Gardner et al. 2005). The authors identify self-awareness and self-regulation as two fundamental components of authentic leadership development and they discuss both these concepts in depth. Also at the heart of this article is the idea that authentic leaders are positive role models for followers and consistently model authentic behavior balanced processing self-awareness and transparency.

This article is a valuable resource in examining authentic leadership theory because it examines authentic leadership development using a reflective perspective which looks at the roles of both the leader and follower. The authors also clearly and succinctly define the various components of their authentic leadership model. One area for critique is that the authors don't provide any concrete examples of the outcomes they predict making the subject matter of the article entirely theoretical.

Hsieh C.-C. & Wang D.-S. (2015). Does supervisor-perceived authentic leadership influence employee work engagement through employee-perceived authentic leadership and employee trust? *International Journal of Human Resource Management* 26(18) 2329-2348. *Business Source Elite*.
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 This journal article reports the findings methodology and initial hypothesis of a study concerning authentic leadership. The study focuses on the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective. Hsieh & Wang (2015) made four distinct hypothesis concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and its mediatory relationship with employee trust and engagement. The study sample was taken from the responses of 77 supervisors and 345 employees from 36 of Taiwan's best performing companies (Hsieh & Wang 2015). The results of the study were quantified using study participants questionnaire responses which were then converted to statistical data and applied to a hierarchical linear model. Using this data the authors were able to conclude that supervisor-perceived authentic leadership has a fully mediating influence on employee work engagement through employee trust (Hsieh & Wang 2015 p. 2341).

This study is a valuable resource for authentic leadership theory because of its use of statistical data. The presentation of quantifiable results gives greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. Hsieh & Wang's (2015) presentation of their authentic leadership research hypothesis test and findings present a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes.

Kerfoot K. (2006). Authentic Leadership. *Dermatology Nursing* 18(6) 595-596. *Academic Search Elite*.
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=afh&AN=23659813&site=ehost-live>
 This peer-reviewed journal article discusses authentic leadership development in the context of the nursing profession. Kerfoot (2006) presents the idea that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined it lies only in the perception of followers. The author also suggests that authenticity may be a character trait but then postulates that through mentoring and confidence one can create the perception of

authenticity as a leader (Kerfoot 2006). This composition clearly defines the author's idea of authentic leadership and its importance. While the article does state several arguable conjectures they are all supported by the cited references from other credible sources. This article is relevant and helpful to any authentic leadership research in that it gives context to and an application of authentic leadership theory in a specific profession.

Mehmood Q. Hamstra M. R. W. Nawab S. & Vriend T. (2016). Authentic leadership and followers' in-role and extra-role performance: The mediating role of followers' learning goal orientation. *Journal of Occupational & Organizational Psychology* 89(4) 877-883. Business Source Elite. <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=119180634&site=ehost-live>

This article presents the findings of a research study concerning authentic leadership. Specifically the study examined the role of authentic leadership on employees' developmental goals and the correlation between supervisor authentic leadership and employee performance (Mehmood et al. 2016). The authors put forth three distinct hypotheses which predict that authentic leadership positively predicts followers' learning goal orientation and indirectly positively predicts followers' performance and engagement. The study sample of participants included 115 supervisors and 345 employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector (Mehmood et al. 2016). Similar to the study conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) a questionnaire and statistical data was used to quantify the results. Mehmood et al. (2016) were able to conclude there is evidence that authentic leadership predicts followers' in-role performance and civic virtue extra-role performance through followers' LGO (p. 882).

This article is a credible source due to being published as part of peer-reviewed scholarly journal. Additionally the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. One criticism of this source is that it does not discuss much of the research that the authors conducted in authentic leadership theory before they arrived at their hypothesis. The authors site an extensive list of credible sources from which they formulated their ideas but it may have been helpful for them to be more in-depth.

Qian J. Yang F. & Han Z. R. (2016). The Influencing Mechanisms of Authentic Leadership on Feedback-Seeking Behaviour: A Cognitive/Emotive Model. *Current Psychology: A Journal for Diverse Perspectives on Diverse Psychological Issues* 35(3) 478-485. WorldCat.org. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-015-9316-z>

The article suggests that a key influencing mechanism on feedback-seeking behavior in the leader-follower dyadic relationship is through followers' cognitive and emotive processes. This composition describes how authentic leadership and employees' cognitive and emotive perspectives influence feedback-seeking behaviors. Qian et al. (2016) argue that authentic leadership influences feedback seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions about value and cost (p. 482). They also put forth a model where authentic leadership correlates with employee positive emotions thereby indirectly fostering feedback-seeking behavior (Qian et al. 2016).

The article provides a focused view of authentic leadership and how it correlates with feedback-seeking behaviors. The authors cite an extensive amount of credible sources and literature to support their claims but at times this may cause a reader to get the sense that they're not putting forth any new ideas. One criticism of the composition is that due to its focused view some portions of the article seem almost redundant.

Rego A. Vitória A. Magalhães A. Ribeiro N. & Cunha M. P. (2013). Are authentic leaders associated with more virtuous

committed and potent teams? The Leadership Quarterly 24(1) \t61\u2013379. <LINK>
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.leaqua.2012.08.002>\nThis peer-reviewed article concerns a study which examines how authentic leadership predicts team potency both directly and indirectly. Rego et al. (2013) suggests that authentic leadership alone \u2013is not sufficient to achieve positive team outcomes\u2013d (p. 62). The authors assert that team affective commitment and team virtuousness may also be a link between authentic leadership and team potency. Therefore the study also explores the mediatory role of team affective commitment and virtuousness. The study was conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams of sizes ranging from 4–21 members. Similar to the study conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) as well as Mehmood et al. (2016) a questionnaire and statistical data was used to quantify the results. Rogo et al. (2013) were able to conclude that \u2013the findings suggest that AL [authentic leadership] predicts team potency via the mediating role of team virtuousness and team affective commitment\u2013d (p. 75).\n\tMany of the studies which concern themselves with the effects of authentic leadership focus on individual follower outcomes. This study is rare in that it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes. This rarity makes it an exceptional resource for authentic leadership theory research. The authors described the concepts of authentic leadership which lead to their hypothesis in detail which provided ample supplementary information on their study topic. As with the studies conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) as well as Mehmood et al. (2016) the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. \nShapira-Lishchinsky O. (2014). Toward developing authentic leadership: Team-based simulations. \tJournal of School Leadership 24(5) 979+. Gale Academic OneFile. <LINK> <https://link-gale-com.claremontlincoln.idm.oclc.org/apps/doc/A424532388/AONE?u=clar94421&sid=bookmark-AONE&xid=f96c90b3>\nThis peer-reviewed article concerns a study conducted \u2013to identify whether principal trainees can develop authentic leadership through processing decisions that they or their peers made in TBSs [team based simulations] of ethical cases that they or their peers had experienced\u2013d (Shapira-Lishchinsky 2014 p. 987) in the educational field. The study found that there were 2 main advantages of TBSs: TBSs create a supportive environment to learn from participant mistakes and TBSs heightened educational leader awareness of their caring responsibilities. Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) was able to conclude that TBSs provide a framework for ethical discussion but did not ever establish a firm correlation between authentic leadership development in educational leaders and TBSs.\n\tAlthough this study is peer reviewed its results were not presented in the form of quantifiable data. While the study did include detailed research relating to authentic leadership and also clearly stated its methodology ultimately it is not the best resource for the study of authentic leadership theory. It does however provide ample information and examples which could be correlated with authentic leadership theory through conjecture and deduction.\nWulffers T. (2017). Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching \tApproach. KR Publishing; eBook Collection (EBSCOhost). \t <LINK> <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1595178&sit e=ehost-live>\nWulffers (2017) begins by commenting on the state of leadership today and also examining the consequences of poor leadership. The author cites authentic leadership theory as a key method for achieving a better quality of leadership. Wulffers (2017) states that \u2013authentic leaders are leaders who know who they are and who are true to themselves\u2013d (p. 7). The book examines what authentic

leadership is from a scholarly perspective and cites multiple literary works concerning the mechanisms of authentic leadership. The author then examines the components and methodologies of authentic leadership development. Wulffers (2017) describes leader authenticity as a spectrum with leadership development levels of maturity that shape the moral and cognitive capacities (p. 57) of leaders. The author then goes on to discuss how leaders may navigate up developmental levels. Finally Wulffers (2017) examines well known leaders through the lens of authentic leadership (p. 208).

While the author does make some assertions this book functions mainly as an extended case study and detailed manual on how to achieve leader authenticity. The author heavily references previous literature on authentic leadership theory as well as her own experiences to formulate her ideas. The book includes several appendices and end-notes which enhance its usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. Wulffers is also lent a greater credibility through endorsements and reviews by industry leaders.

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variety of their contribution with reference to our organising framework. Diagnosing
from a strategic perspective, we position SM strategy in and for innovation as an
overlapping interaction between dynamic capabilities (sensing, seizing,
reconfiguration) and the level of stakeholder engagement (macro, meso, micro). We
explain how each interaction holds distinctive synergy in an open and collaborative
innovation process. This organising framework shows how the malleable nature of SM
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 strategy. In the present systematic literature review we address this deficiency. Our
 findings reveal that prior B2B research predominately investigated social media as
 short-term tactics with context-specific limitations. Our thematic analysis extends
 beyond these boundaries and extracts from the literature three relationship-orientated
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necessary to ensure incremental and radical changes to the survival of dynamic businesses. The findings of this study are beneficial for change leaders and recipients of change to implement successful organizational change using social media tools. The effective and efficient use of social media applications helps organizations to foster knowledge amongst employees and they can address various critical issues, that is resistance to change, lower levels of knowledge sharing and support for change acceptance and lack of employee participation in decision making. There is an inadequate understanding regarding how SNAs play a role in facilitating the change process in both public and private sector organizations. This study offers a social change facilitation model with the help of social learning, social networking and social behaviourism theories.

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Journey“;,”;abstract“;: “;Social media platforms such as Facebook, where Pernod Ricard USA spent more than half of its ad dollars last year, are indispensable business tools. They allow affordable, targeted advertising for even the smallest brands and businesses, and enable easy two-way communication with customers and brand fans. In addition, they help businesses facilitate search, increase website traffic, and demonstrate brand values and cultural relevance in real time. Social media platforms allow brands to interact directly with individuals in the midst of the customer journey, influencing customer decision making and purchase. As social media platforms continue to transform and evolve how brands and consumers engage, it is imperative for marketing researchers and practitioners to reevaluate current thinking on the customer journey framework. Hamilton et al. (2021, hereinafter Hamilton et al.) offer a framework for understanding the current role of various social influences on that journey\what they call the \social customer journey.\ Their work explores the potentially powerful impact of distal social others\larger groups or the whole of society, whose members may not be individuated, present, temporally proximal, or even known to the customer\ (Hamilton et al.)\at each step in the journey and the role these distal influences, or \traveling companions,\ have on consumers\ motivations, search, evaluation, decisions, and postdecision sharing activities. Marketers are currently grappling with one aspect of their model: the role of shared values in the social customer journey and the traveling companions, including brands, that leverage those shared values to influence decision making at each step of the journey. Hamilton et al. suggest the following questions for further research: How do consumers navigate conflicts between brand preferences and alignment with their broader social networks\ values (e.g., political ideologies, social causes)? How do consumers manage situations in which proximal motivational inputs are in opposition to distal social norms? In simpler terms, how do consumers make choices when the act of choosing is an \identity signal\ (Hamilton et al.) that either aligns them with or puts them in opposition

to the norms and values of their personal social networks? These questions are critical for practitioners, who are increasingly communicating their values via social channels, leading to both positive and negative outcomes including boycotts, buycotts, increases or decreases in reputation, changes to loyalty and consideration, and becoming a target of society's ever-growing "cancel culture." This past summer's #StopHateForProfit boycott points to a critical question to explore about the role of brands in the social customer journey: What is the role of the business community in stopping "traveling companions" from toxifying the social media environment with hate speech and negativity? While Hamilton et al. acknowledge the influence these distal social others have on a specific customer journey, they do not address the influence they have on the overall environment in which individuals are making decisions. "Traveling companions" who spread hate in social media environments may have an outsized influence on the social customer journey, driving consumers to curtail or end engagement on social media, thereby diminishing trust in the social media platforms themselves and the viability of social media platforms as powerful business tools all brands can rely on. This commentary extends Hamilton et al.'s view of the social customer journey by exploring the business imperative of addressing the toxic social environments created by "traveling companions" and a solution being developed by Pernod Ricard USA, in partnership with industry associations, to empower consumers, advertisers, and social media platforms to stop the spread of hate speech

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Drawing on academic research, discussions with industry leaders, and popular discourse, the authors identify nine themes, organized by predicted imminence (i.e., the immediate, near, and far futures), that they believe will meaningfully shape the future of social media through three lenses: consumer, industry, and public policy. Within each theme, the authors describe the digital landscape, present and discuss their predictions, and identify relevant future research directions for academics and

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dedicated to the question of how to find your purpose and achieve authenticity, while Kerfoot's (2006) application of authentic leadership theory in nursing is brilliant in its simplicity! This paper will summarize, critique, and evaluate each of the literary works referenced in turn. Furthermore, each literary work will be critiqued on the basis of its academic robustness or usefulness to research concerning authentic leadership. Finally, this treatise will examine the credibility of the authors and their writing concerning the subject matter on the whole.

Literature Review

Academic Discourses on Leadership Theory and Methodology

In their article titled, "Can you see the real me? A self-based model of authentic leader and follower development," Gardner et al. (2005) contends that the purpose of this article is to further develop and extend an emerging theory of authentic leadership development (p. 344). The authors begin by defining their interpretation of the constructs of authenticity, authentic leadership, and authentic followership. Gardner et al. (2005) then discuss a conceptual authentic leadership framework for leader and follower development. Gardner et al. (2005) propose what they describe as a self-based model of the developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership (p. 348). This model sets forth the idea that a leader's personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development (Gardner et al., 2005). In addition, the authors identify self-awareness and self-regulation as two fundamental components of authentic leadership development, and they discuss both these concepts in depth. Also at the heart of this article is the idea that authentic leaders are positive role models for followers and consistently model authentic behavior, balanced processing, self-awareness, and transparency.

This article is a valuable resource in examining authentic leadership theory because it examines authentic leadership development using a reflective perspective that looks at the roles of both the leader and follower. The authors also clearly and succinctly define the various components of their authentic leadership model. However, one area for critique is that the authors do not provide concrete examples of the outcomes they predict, making the article's subject matter entirely theoretical.

Another scholarly literary work concerning the exploration of authentic leadership theory and its methodology is an article by Berkovich titled "Between Person and Person: Dialogical Pedagogy in Authentic Leadership Development," first published in the *Academy of Management Learning & Education* journal in 2014. Within this article, Berkovich (2014) suggests that dialogical pedagogy can be used to develop authentic leadership. In addition, he examines, critiques, and summarizes common approaches and ideas held in the academic community regarding authentic leadership theory and development.

Berkovich (2014) identifies and discusses the two central focuses, narrative identity processing and dramaturgical enactment, of the main didactic methods for authentic leadership development. He then suggests a new perspective based on dialogical philosophy and outlines a proposed framework for dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership. Berkovich (2010) identifies eight areas of dialogical pedagogy which he asserts are useful in authentic leadership development: care, contact, critical thinking, empathy, mutuality, open-mindedness, respect, and self-exposure. Finally, the article evaluates and critiques the use and outcomes of using dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development initiatives.

Berkovich's (2014) discourses were helpful in that the author first defined his view of the current perspectives in authentic leadership before exploring a new perspective. The article discusses the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy in-depth, which helps the reader understand the author's

overall argument and ideas. In contrast to the scholarly works by Gardner et al. (2005) and Berkovich (2014), the article titled "The Influencing Mechanisms of Authentic Leadership on Feedback-Seeking Behaviour: A Cognitive/Emotive Model," published in 2015 by Qian et al. functions almost as both a long-form hypothesis and authentic leadership methodology model. The article suggests that a critical influencing mechanism on feedback-seeking behavior in the leader-follower dyadic relationship is through followers' cognitive and emotive processes. This composition describes how authentic leadership and employees' cognitive and emotive perspectives influence feedback-seeking behaviors. Qian et al. (2016) argue that authentic leadership influences feedback-seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions about value and cost (p. 482). They also put forth a model where authentic leadership correlates with positive employee emotions, thereby indirectly fostering feedback-seeking behavior (Qian et al., 2016). The article provides a focused view of authentic leadership and how it correlates with feedback-seeking behaviors. The authors cite an extensive amount of credible sources and literature to support their claims, but this may cause a reader to get the sense that they are not putting forth any new ideas. One criticism of the composition is that some portions of the article seem almost redundant due to its focused view.

Studies on the Application, Development, and Effects of Authentic Leadership

In contrast to the other articles mentioned about authentic leadership studies, this peer-reviewed journal article by Rego et al. (2013) focuses on group outcomes. The study examines how authentic leadership predicts team potency both directly and indirectly. Rego et al. (2013) suggest that authentic leadership alone is not sufficient to achieve positive team outcomes (p. 62). The authors assert that team affective commitment and team virtuousness may also link authentic leadership and team potency. Therefore, the study also explores the mediatory role of team affective commitment and virtuousness. The authors described the concepts of authentic leadership, which led to their hypotheses in detail and provided ample supplementary information on their study topic. The study was conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams ranging from 4-21 members. The results were quantified using questionnaires and statistical data. As a result, Rego et al. (2013) were able to conclude that the findings suggest that AL [authentic leadership] predicts team potency via the mediating role of team virtuousness and team affective commitment (p. 75). As with many other studies referenced, the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. As previously stated, many of the studies which concern themselves with the effects of authentic leadership focus on individual follower outcomes. This study is rare in that it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes. This rarity makes it an exceptional resource for authentic leadership theory research.

Another noteworthy peer-reviewed article examining authentic leadership concerns a study conducted to identify whether principal trainees can develop authentic leadership through processing decisions that they or their peers made in TBSs [team based simulations] of ethical cases that they or their peers had experienced (Shapira-Lishchinsky, 2014, p. 987) in the educational field. The study found two main advantages of TBSs: TBSs create a supportive environment to learn from participant mistakes, and TBSs heightened educational leader awareness of their caring responsibilities. However, while Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) concluded that TBSs provide a framework for ethical discussion, the author did not establish a strong correlation between authentic leadership development in educational leaders and TBSs. Although this study is peer-reviewed, its results were not

presented in the form of quantifiable data. Thus, while the article did include a detailed analysis of authentic leadership theory and its methodology, it is ultimately not the best resource for authentic leadership research. However, many of the examples presented pertained to ethical, moral dilemmas that could easily correlate with authentic leadership theory through conjecture and deduction.

Hsieh and Wang (2015) conducted another compelling study into the effects of authentic leadership in organizations. The study focused on the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective (Hsieh & Wang, 2015). The study tested four distinct hypotheses concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and its mediatory relationship with employee trust and engagement (Hsieh & Wang, 2015).

The study sample took the responses of 77 supervisors and 345 employees from 36 of Taiwan's best-performing companies (Hsieh & Wang, 2015). Results of the study, along with the methodology and initial hypotheses, were published in a peer-reviewed journal article. Results were quantified using study participants' questionnaire responses and then converted to statistical data and applied to a hierarchical linear model. Using this data, the authors were able to conclude that supervisor-perceived authentic leadership has a fully mediating influence on employee work engagement through employee trust (Hsieh & Wang, 2015, p. 2341).

This study is a valuable resource for authentic leadership theory because of its prominent use of statistical data. In addition, Hsieh and Wang's (2015) presentation of quantifiable results gives greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. Overall, the authors' research, hypotheses, test, and findings present a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes.

In contrast to the other authentic leadership studies done by Rego et al. (2013), Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014), and Hsieh and Wang (2015), which primarily focused on outcomes, Mehmood et al. (2016) research focus was on correlative relationships. Specifically, the study examined the role of authentic leadership in employees' developmental goals. In addition, the authors also sought to test the correlation between supervisors' authentic leadership and employee performance (Mehmood et al., 2016).

The authors put forth three distinct hypotheses which predicted that authentic leadership positively predicts followers' learning goal orientation and indirectly positively predicts followers' performance and engagement. The study sample of participants included 115 supervisors and 345 employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector (Mehmood et al., 2016). Similar to the study conducted by Rogo et al. (2013) and Hsieh and Wang (2015), results were quantified using a questionnaire and statistical data. Mehmood et al. (2016) concluded that there is evidence that authentic leadership predicts followers' in-role performance and civic virtue extra-role performance through followers' LGO (p. 882).

As with most of the other studies referenced, the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors' conclusions. However, one criticism of this source is that it does not discuss much of the research that the authors conducted in authentic leadership theory before they arrived at their hypothesis. Indeed, while the authors cite an extensive list of credible sources from which they formulated their ideas, it may have been helpful for them to discuss and perform a deeper analysis of those sources more before stating their hypotheses in the article.

How to Achieve Authenticity

Blekkingsh's (2015) book, titled *Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission*, explores the ideas present in authentic leadership theory with the intent to use them as a tool for discovering one's purpose. Blekkingsh

(2015) approaches his topic through a seven-layer model, which he postulates is the framework of all human beings. In chapter discussion order, these seven layers are environment, behavior, skills, norms, ego, values, and authenticity. Each of the initial seven chapters focused on one of these layers and the problems associated with each layer. Blekkingh (2015) suggests that through this layered self-reflection, one can find their authentic self and purpose. He presents the idea that once an individual is aware of their authentic self and purpose, they will be able to put Authentic Leadership into effect (Blekkingh, 2015, p. x). Finally, he concludes the book with resources for further exploration and includes a lengthy appendix that functions as a kind of encyclopedia with supplemental materials. The author is a credible source in authentic leadership theory due to his work as both an authentic leadership lecturer at a Dutch university and as one of the founders of a consultancy firm centered around the tenets of authentic leadership. However, one failing of the book as an authentic leadership resource is that many of the examples in the book are mainly anecdotal and lack academic or scientific robustness. In contrast, the author's simple language and engaging exercises make his ideas and pedagogy easily understood and applicable to anyone. In contrast to Blekkingh's (2015) writing, Wulffers's (2017) book begins by commenting on the state of leadership today and also examining the consequences of poor leadership. The book, titled *Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach*, is similar to Blekkingh's book in that it also focuses on achieving authenticity. The author cites authentic leadership theory as a key method for achieving a better quality of leadership. Wulffers (2017) examines what authentic leadership is from a scholarly perspective and cites multiple literary works concerning the mechanisms of authentic leadership. She then examines the components and methodologies of authentic leadership development. First, the author states that authentic leaders are leaders who know who they are and who are true to themselves (Wulffers, 2017, p. 7). Next, she describes leader authenticity as a spectrum with leadership development levels of maturity that shape the moral and cognitive capacities (p. 57) of leaders. The author then goes on to discuss how leaders may navigate up developmental levels. Finally, Wulffers (2017) examines well-known leaders through the lens of authentic leadership (p. 208). Wulffers (2017) heavily references previous literature on authentic leadership theory to support her assertions. While the author presents some new ideas, this book functions mainly as an extended case study and detailed manual on achieving authenticity. She also relies heavily on her own experiences to present concrete examples illustrating the book's concepts and ideas. Wulffers is also lent greater credibility through endorsements and testimonials by industry leaders. Finally, the book includes several appendices and end-notes which enhance its usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. Putting Authenticity to Work

Authentic leadership isn't just a philosophy or theory. It isn't just useful for experts and scholars. Even without being an appointed leader or reading or writing books on the subject ordinary people can use the tenets of authentic leadership to improve many aspects of their professional life. For example, Kerfoot (2006) wrote a compelling article detailing the practical applications of authentic leadership theory in the nursing profession. Kerfoot's (2006) peer-reviewed journal article discusses authentic leadership development in the context of the nursing profession. Kerfoot (2006) presents the idea that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined; it lies only in followers' perceptions. The author also suggests that authenticity

may be a character trait but then postulates that through mentoring and confidence, one can create the perception of authenticity as a leader (Kerfoot, 2006). The composition clearly defines the author's idea of authentic leadership and its importance. Moreover, while the article states several arguable conjectures, they are supported by the cited references from other credible sources. Thus, this article is relevant and helpful to any authentic leadership research in that it gives context to and an application of authentic leadership theory in a specific profession. Although authentic leadership theory is still considered a developing philosophy, various treatises, studies, and books have been written examining its application, development, and efficacy. However, much is still unknown about the mechanisms by which authentic leadership functions, and even less is certain about how to achieve authenticity. Even so, one central theme is observed through the breath of all authentic leadership literature: authentic leaders are ethically moral bound and purpose-driven.

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history of the phenomenon, statistics, etc.

The problem/issue/phenomenon should be focused and specific.

The phenomenon: SOCIAL MEDIA SHAPING PUBLIC OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES WHILE ALSO BEING A REFLECTION OF PUBLIC OPINIONS ATTITUDES AS ALIGNING WITH AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP THEORY

I HAVE ATTACHED THE CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION ALONG WITH AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY AND LITERATURE REVIEW OF SOURCES. FROM THE BATCH OF SOURCES PROVIDED BY THE ATTACHMENTS ALONG WITH A MAXIMUM OF 3-4 ADDITIONAL SOURCES COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE USING THE PHENOMENON MENTIONED. BE SURE TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO APA STANDARDS FOR WRITING AND IN-TEXT CITATIONS WHILE KEEPING THE TONE AND STYLE OF THE AUTHOR OF THE ATTACHMENTS.

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influencers aligns closely with authentic leadership theory emphasizing transparency ethics and a focus on the communal good. Through their pervasive reach and often personal engagement with followers these influencers craft a modern leadership narrative that significantly shapes public opinions and societal values. The influence of social media is profound and ubiquitous reaching across all sectors of society. According to the Pew Research Center approximately 72% of the U.S. public uses some type of social media with varying impacts on social political and community engagement (Pew Research Center 2021). The breadth of this influence spans across diverse demographic groups making nearly everyone a potential recipient of communicated messages whether accurate or misleading. The potential benefits of this influence include increased awareness and mobilization for social causes as seen with movements like #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter which have propelled significant societal shifts and brought critical issues to the forefront of global awareness. Social media influencers have played crucial roles in these movements utilizing their platforms to amplify voices and call for action. For instance prominent figures like Alyssa Milano and Tarana Burke have used their influence to promote the #MeToo movement leading to widespread discussions about sexual harassment and assault (Mendes et al. 2018). However the risks involve the spread of misinformation and manipulating public opinion which can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The cost of such influence can be seen in the widespread controversies surrounding elections and public policy debates where influencers have swayed public sentiment through both genuine and questionable means. For example during the 2016 U.S. presidential election false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots was found to have significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors (Allcott & Gentzkow 2017). The individuals most impacted by this phenomenon include young adults who are the most active on platforms like Instagram and TikTok and are particularly susceptible to influencer marketing and political campaigns (Auxier & Anderson 2021). This demographic's high engagement levels highlight the critical need to understand the mechanisms of influence and leadership within these digital platforms. Research indicates that young people trust influencers more than traditional celebrities or politicians making them a key target for marketing and political messaging (Djafarova & Rushworth 2017). In addition to social movements and political implications the economic impact of social media influence is significant. Influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry with brands leveraging the reach and authenticity of influencers to connect with consumers. According to a report by Business Insider Intelligence the influencer marketing industry is set to grow to approximately \$15 billion by 2022 (Business Insider Intelligence 2021). This economic dimension underscores the dual nature of influencer power: while it offers opportunities for authentic brand engagement it also raises questions about ethics and transparency in advertising. The social significance of social media influence is further highlighted by its role in mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image particularly among young women. For example Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies. These findings suggest that while influencers can promote positive messages they also have the potential to contribute to harmful social norms. This research project is situated at the intersection of leadership theory and digital media studies. It aims to critically analyze the role of social media influencers as contemporary leaders who not only entertain but also significantly

influence societal values and norms. By aligning the characteristics of social media leadership with authentic leadership theories this study will evaluate the authenticity and ethical considerations of influencers's practices. The findings are expected to provide insights into how digital platforms can be harnessed for responsible and effective leadership promoting positive change while mitigating risks associated with digital influence. This foundational exploration sets the stage for a detailed literature review in Chapter 2 where theories of leadership and empirical studies on digital influence will be synthesized to build a comprehensive framework for understanding leadership in the digital age.

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prominence. However throughout this time TikTok and other social media platforms became more than just a means for people to connect and express themselves. It also became the focal point and catalyst to demonstrations across the nation. During this period incendiary and inspirational hashtags such as #stopthesteal and #sayhername took center stage and entered the public vernacular. Social media activism long looked down upon as lazy and ineffectual suddenly became the vehicle activists used to recruit and organize. For example it's noted that many of the participants of the January 6th 2021 capital insurrection first tweeted or posted videos on Youtube promoting the January 6 demonstration that devolved into a riot (Atlantic Council DFRLab 2021). At the time many political pundits argued that the January 6th insurrection occurred because of incendiary statements made both online and in-person by then President Donald Trump (Heilweil & Ghaffary 2021; Trump Impeached 2021). Later former President Trump would even be prosecuted, impeached and banned from social media platforms for inciting the January 6th riot. It's clear that social media influences and other online public figures hold tremendous sway over public opinion and attitudes in current times. Today one need never leave home to influence the attitude and practices of the public at large. Thus it begs the question: Has social media activism or slacktivism gotten a bad rap? Is it possible to start a movement and effect positive change with a couple of keystrokes and a vision? I believe the answer to those questions is yes. If I could gather foremost experts on topics relevant to the subject together to discuss it at a cocktail party I feel confident they also would reach the same conclusion. Indeed suppose one were to examine the scope of their research. In that case one might find support for my assertion and further evidence of how social media influence or thought leadership influences and motivates the actions of the public at large. For example my first guest would certainly be Peter Guy Northouse. Northouse's textbooks on leadership explore various leadership theories and provide several case studies for each application. In his research and writing Northouse (2019) displays a thorough understanding of the mechanics of how different kinds of leaders influence followers thinking and behavior (Northouse 2019 2021). If one wanted to elucidate and compare how the qualities exhibited by social media activists resembled and matched those of other prominent leaders and activists in history Northouse's research would be the best starting point. One need only delve into the research of Northouse to discover the primary qualities, traits and approaches utilized by leaders. For instance Northouse's 2019 book titled Leadership: theory and practice begins by discussing the dissonance between scholars about the meaning of leadership. Northouse (2019) also explores the history of leadership theory in the modern age. Northouse (2019) then defines leadership as a process whereby an individual influences a group of individuals to achieve a common goal (p. 43). Of the varied leadership descriptions available Northouse's definition of leadership aligns most with my thinking philosophy and research. Through all his case studies and descriptions of modern leadership theories and approaches he reveals how one needs only to have influence and lead followers toward a common goal to be a leader. As one may be influenced through many avenues over-simplifying leadership into an influence process allows many people who occupy non-traditional or new societal roles of influence to be considered leaders. However Northouse (2019) also asserts that it is the leader who often initiates the relationship, creates the communication linkages and carries the burden for maintaining the relationship (p. 44). This assertion

leads me to the second guest of my cocktail party. In order to discuss the mechanisms by which one could gain followers and initiate a meaningful and influential relationship with persons merely through how they present themselves and their ideas it seems that I would need a scholar knowledgeable about authentic leadership theory and practices. Thus my next guest would be author and university lecturer Bas W. Blekkingh.

In a book titled *Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission* Blekkingh (2015) presents a seven-layer model for achieving authenticity. More importantly Blekkingh's (2015) seven-layer model illustrates how authentic leaders can solve problems and influence others by identifying their own purpose. Moreover Blekkingh (2015) asserts that "Authentic Leadership amounts to exerting influence with your mission in mind in a genuine and reliable way" (p. 149). Blekkingh's assertions and the subject of his book overall provide an answer to how social media influences may serve as authentic leaders in society and guide others toward a particular philosophy or way of thinking.

However next I would want guests at my cocktail party whose research presented further data to support my claim. This guest's research would contain prior studies or statistical data collected that reflected the literary body of work of which my research would be an addition. Consequently the next guest invited to my hypothetical cocktail party would be an Instructor at Grant MacEwan College and the University of Alberta Shelly Boulianne.

Boulianne's (2009) research titled "Does Internet Use Affect Engagement? A MetaAnalysis of Research" initially published in the *Political Communication* journal meets these criteria perfectly. Boulianne's (2009) meta-analysis of 38 studies examining the correlation between internet use and political engagement provides concrete evidence of the role of the internet in political engagement. Boulianne (2009) asserted there was "relatively little research on the relationship between Internet use and political engagement" at publication (p. 295). However Boulianne's (2009) meta-analysis bridged a gap in the literature and was able to show on an aggregate level the positive effect of internet use on civic engagement. Boulianne (2009) concluded that:

In this analysis of 38 studies and 166 effects testing the relationship between Internet use and political engagement the meta-data establish that there is little evidence to support the argument that Internet use is contributing to civic decline. The findings suggest that the effect of Internet use on engagement is positive. (p. 205)

Boulianne's (2009) data and research serve as an essential link proving the potential for social media activism to affect public opinion and behavior.

Finally the last guest I would invite to round out the discussion of whether social media activism or "slacktivism" can result in positive social change is Henrik S. Christensen. As a scholar published author and doctoral candidate at the Department of Political Science at Åbo Akademi University in Turku Finland Christensen's (2011) article offers a valued perspective on slacktivism. In addition the author's research is relevant to my topic and represents part of the body of literature I would hope one day includes my research.

In a 2011 article titled "Political activities on the Internet: Slacktivism or political participation by other means?" initially published in the online academic journal *First Monday* Christensen (2011) discusses the societal implications of online activism and political engagement. Christensen (2011) cites and summarizes prior research devoted to the topic to reach a conclusion and answer the problem statement expressed in his introduction. In the article Christensen (2011) concludes that "even if it is not possible to dismiss the skepticism about the

effectiveness of online participation it is premature to dismiss the impact of the Internet on political activism altogether (para. 60).

Christensen's article explored prior research studies and presented data that either supported or challenged his idea. Christensen's article also reflected on and analyzed the arguments presented by other scholars to explain current societal behaviors. Thus in addition to Christensen's (2011) article being significantly relevant to my research topic it also represents an example of the kind of research product I wish my capstone project to be.

Moreover each of my chosen cocktail party guest's work reflects on or further develops a particular aspect of the mechanics and significance of social media activism. Therefore I will likely refer to and cite their work in my capstone project. At the completion of my capstone project I hope that through exploring the research of others and extracting data about public opinion I will have proved the significance of online activism. In addition there is a gap in the literature that describes the role of authentic leadership in social media influence. Therefore my capstone project would prove and explain how one can affect positive change by living authentically and sharing your ideas or concerns online.

In modern society a tweet isn't just a tweet. In today's world interspersed between fun dancing and lip-syncing videos real issues affecting the community at large are being addressed. On TikTok people raise concerns comment on social issues and invite humanity to change for the better. The pandemic and other recent events have spotlighted how online activism can affect and direct offline public action. Going forward it is virtually indisputable that social media personalities and influencers have a tremendous platform that they can use to shape public perception of events and start a movement. By raising awareness of the significance of online influence I hope that people will take online platforms seriously and be cautious not to promote ideas and actions detrimental to society.

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 Proposal\nOn October 15 2017 Alyssa Milano tweeted \u201cIf you've been sexually
 harassed or assaulted write me too; as a reply to this tweet\u201d (Milano
 2017) and kicked off a social media movement that changed the way America approached
 issues of harassment and sexual assault. While Milano was not the originator of the
 phrase coined by activist Tarana Burke in 2006 Milano's tweet to her then three
 million-plus subscribers garnered thousands of responses overnight (Thomson 2018).
 Suddenly women who had suffered in silence\u2014sometimes even for years\u2014suddenly
 began to speak out about their experiences. Other victims bolstered and emboldened by
 what was becoming a culture of accountability for sexual harassment and assault
 perpetrators began to seize personal agency and confront their tormentors through
 official channels. \nThus what began as a mere tweet became a model for social media
 activism in the current age. Although the pandemic has affected society's primary
 modes of communication in past times social media activism or \u201cslacktivism\u201d
 was looked down upon as lazy and ineffectual (Thomson 2018). However recent events
 such as the #MeToo movement might prompt one to reexamine long-held opinions on the
 topic. As more and more significant events driven by online activities occur one might
 question: Has slacktivism gotten a bad rap? Do we underestimate the leadership power
 of online influencers? Is social media influence an example of authentic
 leadership?\nAside from the #MeToo movement social media has been the purview and
 catalytic agent in many other social and political activities. For example many see
 organizer Alicia Garza's 2013 Facebook post containing the phrase \u201cblack
 lives matter\u201d as well as her friend and fellow organizer Patrisse Cullors's
 subsequently sharing that post with the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter as a pivotal moment
 in the modern civil rights movement era (Guynn 2015). Moreover even before the #MeToo
 and #BlackLivesMatter movements Facebook was largely credited as a critical element in
 the 2011 Egyptian revolution (Vargas 2012).\nAdditionally corporations and other
 organizations have long acknowledged the impact of social media influencers and other
 online personalities on the general populace. Consequently many businesses and non-
 profit organizations partner with social-media influences to market their products or
 causes utilizing the power notoriety or fame of these social media figures (Anderson
 2020). However although it is acknowledged that social media personalities have a
 tremendous platform that lends them a large audience to influence and share ideas with
 there is little research about the leadership function they fill in society.
 \nAccording to a 2021 Pew Research Center survey approximately seven in ten Americans
 use social media (Auxier & Anderson 2021). In addition 81% of survey participants
 report using the social media platform Youtube and 69% say they use Facebook (Pew
 Research Center 2021). While the data indicates that Americans utilize and engage with
 Social Media platforms it is still unclear to what degree social media influencers
 lead and affect the attitudes of the general populace. With the growing popularity and
 impact of social media use it's vital to gain a deeper perspective on the depth

of influence social media platforms have to harness that power for good. \nA phenomenological study into the leadership role of social media influencers in modern society could illuminate the extent to which they guide societal attitudes and opinions. According to Tracy (2019) \u201cPhenomenology is the reflective study of pre\u2010reflective experience concerned with how people consciously experience specific phenomena things or stuff. Similar to grounded theory phenomenology does not specify or closely delineate what it expects to find in the study (p. 65). Accordingly this research will explore the relationship between online influence and authentic leadership utilizing an emic methodology where \u201cbehavior is described from the actor\u2019s point of view and is context\u2010specific\u201d (p. 26). However the primary purpose or goal of the phenomenological study will be to examine the significance and impact of social media personalities as authentic and thought leaders across various social media user age groups. \nAccording to Cresswell and Cresswell (2018) an emergent research design infers that the initial plan is fluid and that \u201csome or all phases of the process may change or shift after the researcher enters the field and begins to collect data\u2026the questions may change the forms of data collection may shift and the individuals studied may be modified (p. 259). Likewise the methodologies used during the research project may change. Moreover Cresswell and Cresswell (2018) advise that \u2018the idea behind qualitative research is to purposefully select participants or sites (or documents or visual material) that will best help the researcher understand the problem and the research question\u201d (p. 262). Hence I plan to gather data through three sources or data gathering methodologies. \nFirst I plan to curate a group of approximately four interview subjects. The subjects will represent four age ranges the Pew research survey data focuses on to correlate my findings better. I will also interview at least one social media personality with a significant following of 100000 users or more. In addition I will prepare a release form and gain the consent of all participants to use their personal details or for their varying levels of participation i.e. video audio recordings political affiliations etc. \nNext I will use the data from several annual Pew Research Center surveys on the social media platform use of adults in America. While I had considered preparing my own survey the data I wish to examine already exists and such an action would not be an efficient use of my time and efforts. In addition there are also several Gallup polls whose raw data I plan to use in research pursuits. \nAccording to Cresswell and Cresswell (2018) one category of qualitative data consists of \u201cqualitative audiovisual and digital materials (including social media materials). This data may take the form of photographs art objects videotapes website main pages e-mails text messages social media text or any forms of sound\u201d (p. 267). Thus I will also explore social-media platforms such as TikTok Youtube Reddit etc. to observe and examine whether social-media influencers actively engage in the behaviors that model or align with authentic leadership theory principles. My observations will likely inform the interview questions I prepare for study participants. \nMoreover Tracy (2019) asserts that fieldwork or participant witnessing \u201callows researchers to examine participants\u2019 actions as a means to understanding their values\u201d (p. 78). Exploring audio-visual and written materials on social media platforms like Twitter TikTok and Facebook are most akin to \u2018fieldwork\u2019 in the context of this project. Thus the observations or \u2018participant witnessing\u2019 that I engage in will help me discern the values and in turn the participants\u2019 authenticity and leadership or followership qualities. \nTo paint a clear picture of the relationship between social media

influence and authentic leadership I would first review the written works of several writers and scholars in the field of authentic leadership. For example Peter G. Northouse is a Western Michigan University professor and writer of several books on leadership (Northouse 2019). Northouse's (2019) book titled Leadership: theory and practice begins by defining leadership. Northouse (2019) asserts that "Leadership is a process whereby an individual influences a group of individuals to achieve a common goal" (p. 43). Northouse (2019) then explores the history of leadership theory from the early 20th century onward. Each chapter onward then discusses a particular leadership theory or approach. In chapter 9 Northouse (2019) gives an in-depth description of authentic leadership. He begins by claiming that: "Authentic leadership represents one of the newer areas of leadership research. It focuses on whether leadership is genuine and 'real'." As the title of this approach implies authentic leadership is about the authenticity of leaders and their leadership "authentic leadership is still in the formative phase of development. As a result authentic leadership needs to be considered more tentatively: It is likely to change as new research about the theory is published" (p. 308). Northouse (2019) also describes the origins of authentic leadership and offers a rationale for its emerging popularity. However as asserted by Northouse authentic leadership theory is in its nascent stages so its application is not as readily recognizable. Even so Northouse (2019) clarifies and defines authentic leadership and its approaches within the chapter. Additionally Northouse also acknowledges the need for further research into authentic leadership theory. Therefore Northouse's general framework will be a helpful resource while studying the relationship between social media influence and authentic leadership.

Blekkingsh's (2015) and Wulffers' (2017) writing also provide insight into authentic leadership practices. For instance Blekkingsh's (2015) book Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission explores authentic leadership practices while providing a guiding framework towards discovering one's purpose and achieving authenticity. In comparison while also equally relevant Wulffers' (2017) book titled Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach provided critical insight into the mechanisms of authentic leadership while contending that authenticity is a spectrum. Wulffers' (2017) book is particularly pertinent as the writer examines the methodologies and components of authentic leadership development while also showing ample examples of authentic leaders in the public sphere.

After using prior literature to shape the narrative and define my concept of authentic leadership I would also like to review the work of other scholars examining the effects of the internet and social media use in the modern age. For example Boulianne's (2009) meta-analysis of prior studies done examining the relationship between internet use and political engagement is an ideal starting point to chart the trajectory of the effects of society's burgeoning social media use. In addition Boulianne (2009) concluded that "the meta-data establish that there is little evidence to support the argument that Internet use is contributing to civic decline. The findings suggest that the effect of Internet use on engagement is positive" (p. 205). Boulianne's (2009) analysis shows a clear relationship between online and offline engagement. Hence one could use Bouliane's research as a provocation to learn more about the specific relationship between social media use and influence.

However internet and social media use and online activism are not synonymous. Thus Christensen's (2011) article titled "Political activities on the Internet: Slacktivism or political participation by other means?"

discussing the implications of and incentives to engaging in online activism give a critical alternate perspective on the question of whether social media personalities practice authentic leadership. Throughout the article Christensen (2011) synthesized and examined prior research for and against his central hypothesis. Christensen's (2011) conclusion that online activities promote offline participation suggests that online influence has a more significant effect on offline behavior than many studies have shown. Ultimately Christensen's article contextualizes the data from previous research referenced in ways that facilitate further analysis based on the article's premises and its references.

Finally Anderson and Auxier's (2021) online article for the Pew Research Center website about social media use provides a starting point for the survey's data analysis. The article titled "Social Media Use in 2021" summarizes the results of Pew Research Center's annual survey on American social media use. In the article Anderson and Auxier (2021) present the survey results to support their conclusions drawn from the survey data. However as Anderson and Auxier do not use the data to support claims of either causation or correlation their findings function more as commentary to the data presented. The article's central idea is "a majority of Americans say they use YouTube and Facebook while use of Instagram Snapchat and TikTok is especially common among adults under 30" (Anderson & Auxier 2021 para. 1). In the scope of my research the article primarily functions as a prompt to further examine the data and determine correlation or causation through my own findings.

Ultimately my reflexivity influences and informs this research project. I am an avid user of social media across multiple platforms. I am aware that I am open to the influence of social media personalities and thus am likely to modify some aspects of my life based on their recommendation. More importantly I have on multiple occasions changed my attitude toward a particular concept idea or even a political candidate and ideology because of views and opinions expressed by social media personalities.

Moreover I do not think that I am in the minority. Most social media users are also influenced by what they read hear and see. Nonetheless regardless of what I may anticipate finding I am eager to research this topic to discover the thoughts and opinions of others and learn how they experience social media activism and engagement.

However it seems to me that scholars have largely ignored the impact power influence and leadership abilities of social media creators to mobilize large groups of people towards a common goal. I feel passionate that it is essential to learn understand and raise awareness of the significance of social media content creators in shaping public attitudes and behaviors. I hope that my research could inspire scholars and educators to take social media platforms more seriously and reflect on what ideas they choose to convey and prompt further research into this area.

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<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=96695857&site=ehost-live>\nBerkovich (2010) suggests that dialogical pedagogy can be used to develop authentic leadership. He examines and critiques common approaches and ideas held in the academic community regarding authentic leadership theory. The author goes on to summarize and discuss current approaches to authentic leadership development. Berkovich (2010) identifies and discusses the central focus narrative identity processing and dramaturgical enactment of two of the foremost didactic methods for authentic leadership development. He then suggests a new perspective based in

dialogical philosophy and sets about describing a proposed framework for dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership. Berkovich (2010) identifies eight areas of dialogical pedagogy which are useful in authentic leadership development: care contact critical thinking empathy mutuality open-mindedness respect and self-exposure. Finally the article evaluates and critiques the use and outcomes of using dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development initiatives.

The source was useful in that the author first defined his view of the current perspectives in authentic leadership before exploring a new perspective. The author discusses the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy in an in-depth manner which is helpful in understanding the overall purpose and ideas set forth in the article. The article is from a peer reviewed scholarly journal and is found easily through a simple search in EbscoHost through the university's library.

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This e-book explores the ideas present in authentic leadership theory with the intent to use them as a tool for discovering one's purpose. Blekkingsh (2015) approaches his topic through a seven layer model which he postulates is the framework of all human beings. These seven layers in chapter discussion order are: environment behavior skills norms ego values and authenticity. The initial seven chapters are each focused on one of these layers and the problems associated with each layer. Blekkingsh (2015) suggests that through this layered self reflection one is enabled to find their authentic self and their purpose. He presents the idea that this once an individual is aware of their authentic self and purpose they will be able to put Authentic Leadership into effect (Blekkingsh 2015 p. x). Finally he concludes the book with resources for further exploration and includes a lengthy appendix that functions as kind of encyclopedia with supplemental materials.

The author is a credible source in the field of authentic leadership theory due to his work as both an authentic leadership lecturer at a Dutch university and as one of the founders of a consultancy firm centered around the tenets of authentic leadership. One failing of the book as Authentic Leadership resource is that many of the examples in the book are mainly anecdotal and lack an academic or scientific robustness. In contrast the authors simple language and engaging exercises make his ideas and pedagogy easily understood and applicable to anyone.

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Gardner et al. (2005) contend that the purpose of this article is to further develop and extend an emerging theory of authentic leadership development (p. 344). The authors begin by defining their interpretation of the constructs of authenticity authentic leadership and authentic followership. Gardner et al (2005) then discuss a conceptual authentic leadership framework for leader and follower development. Gardner et al (2005) propose what they describe as a self-based model of the developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership (p. 348). This model sets forth the idea that a leader's personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development (Gardner et al. 2005). The authors identify self-awareness and self-regulation as two fundamental components of authentic leadership development and they discuss both these concepts in depth. Also at the heart of this

article is the idea that authentic leaders are positive role models for followers and consistently model authentic behavior balanced processing self-awareness and transparency. \n\tThis article is a valuable resource in examining authentic leadership theory because it examines authentic leadership development using a reflective perspective which looks at the roles of both the leader and follower. The authors also clearly and succinctly define the various components of their authentic leadership model. One area for critique is that the authors don\u2019t provide any concrete examples of the outcomes they predict making the subject matter of the article entirely theoretical. \nHsieh C.-C. & Wang D.-S. (2015). Does supervisor-perceived authentic leadership influence \temployee work engagement through employee-perceived authentic leadership and employee \ttrust? International Journal of Human Resource Management 26(18) 2329\u20132348. Business \tSource Elite. <LINK>
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=108302656&site=ehost-live>\nThis journal article reports the findings methodology and initial hypothesis of a study concerning authentic leadership. The study focuses on the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective. Hsieh & Wang (2015) made four distinct hypothesis concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and its mediatory relationship with employee trust and engagement. The study sample was taken from the responses of 77 supervisors and 345 employees from 36 of Taiwan\u2019s best performing companies (Hsieh & Wang 2015). The results of the study were quantified using study participants questionnaire responses which were then converted to statistical data and applied to a hierarchical linear model. Using this data the authors were able to conclude that \u201csupervisor-perceived authentic leadership has a fully mediating influence on employee work engagement through employee trust\u201d (Hsieh & Wang 2015 p. 2341).\n\tThis study is a valuable resource for authentic leadership theory because of its use of statistical data. The presentation of quantifiable results gives greater credibility to the authors\u2019 conclusions. Hsieh & Wang\u2019s (2015) presentation of their authentic leadership research hypothesis test and findings present a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes.\nKerfoot K. (2006). Authentic Leadership. Dermatology Nursing 18(6) 595\u2013596. Academic Search \tElite. <LINK>
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=afh&AN=23659813&site=ehost-live>\nThis peer-reviewed journal article discusses authentic leadership development in the context of the nursing profession. Kerfoot (2006) presents the idea that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined it lies only in the perception of followers. The author also suggests that authenticity may be a character trait but then postulates that through mentoring and confidence one can create the perception of authenticity as a leader (Kerfoot 2006).\n\tThis composition clearly defines the author\u2019s idea of authentic leadership and its importance. While the article does state several arguable conjectures they are all supported by the cited references from other credible sources. This article is relevant and helpful to any authentic leadership research in that it gives context to\u2014and an application of\u2014authentic leadership theory in a specific profession.\nMehmood Q. Hamstra M. R. W. Nawab S. & Vriend T. (2016). Authentic leadership and followers\u2019 \tin-role and extra-role performance: The mediating role of followers\u2019 learning goal orientation. \tJournal of Occupational & Organizational Psychology 89(4) 877\u2013883. Business Source Elite. \t <LINK>

http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=119180634&site=ehost-live\nThis article presents the findings of a research study concerning authentic leadership. Specifically the study examined the role of authentic leadership on employees developmental goals and the correlation between supervisor authentic leadership and employee performance (Mehmood et al. 2016). The authors put forth three distinct hypothesis which predict that authentic leadership positively predicts followers learning goal orientation and indirectly positively predicts followers performance and engagement. The study sample of participants included 115 supervisors and 345 employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector (Mehmood et al. 2016). Similar to the study conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) a questionnaire and statistical data was used to quantify the results. Mehmood et al. (2016) were able to conclude there is evidence that authentic leadership predicts followers' role performance and civic virtue extra-role performance through followers' LGO (p. 882). \n\tThis article is a credible source due to being published as part of peer-reviewed scholarly journal. Additionally the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors conclusions. One criticism of this source is that it does not discuss much of the research that the authors conducted in authentic leadership theory before they arrived at their hypothesis. The authors site an extensive list of credible sources from which they formulated their ideas but it may have been helpful for them to be more in-depth. \nQian J. Yang F. & Han Z. R. (2016). The Influencing Mechanisms of Authentic Leadership on Feedback-Seeking Behaviour: A Cognitive/Emotive Model. *Current Psychology: A Journal for Diverse Perspectives on Diverse Psychological Issues* 35(3) 478-485. WorldCat.org. \t <LINK> https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-015-9316-z\nThe article suggests that a key influencing mechanism on feedback-seeking behavior in the leader-follower dyadic relationship is through followers cognitive and emotive processes. This composition describes how authentic leadership and employees' cognitive and emotive perspectives influence feedback-seeking behaviors. Qian et al. (2016) argue that authentic leadership influences feedback seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions about value and cost (p.482). They also put forth a model where authentic leadership correlates with employee positive emotions thereby indirectly fostering feedback-seeking behavior (Qian et al. 2016). \n\tThe article provides a focused view of authentic leadership and how it correlates with feedback-seeking behaviors. The authors cite an extensive amount of credible sources and literature to support their claims but at times this may cause a reader to get the sense that they're not putting forth any new ideas. One criticism of the composition is that due to its focused view some portions of the article seem almost redundant. \nRego A. Vit\u00f3ria A. Magalh\u00e3es A. Ribeiro N. & e Cunha M. P. (2013). Are authentic leaders associated with more virtuous committed and potent teams? *The Leadership Quarterly* 24(1) 137-149. <LINK> https://doi.org/10.1016/j.leaqua.2012.08.002\nThis peer-reviewed article concerns a study which examines how authentic leadership predicts team potency both directly and indirectly. Rego et al. (2013) suggests that authentic leadership alone is not sufficient to achieve positive team outcomes (p. 62). The authors assert that team affective commitment and team virtuousness may also be a link between authentic leadership and team potency. Therefore the study also explores the mediatory role of team affective commitment and virtuousness. The study was conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams of sizes ranging from 4-21 members. Similar to the study conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) as well as Mehmood et al. (2016) a questionnaire

and statistical data was used to quantify the results. Rogo et al. (2013) were able to conclude that the findings suggest that AL [authentic leadership] predicts team potency via the mediating role of team virtuousness and team affective commitment (p. 75).

Many of the studies which concern themselves with the effects of authentic leadership focus on individual follower outcomes. This study is rare in that it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes. This rarity makes it an exceptional resource for authentic leadership theory research. The authors described the concepts of authentic leadership which lead to their hypothesis in detail which provided ample supplementary information on their study topic. As with the studies conducted by Hsieh & Wang (2015) as well as Mehmood et al. (2016) the presentation of quantifiable results lends greater credibility to the authors' conclusions.

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This peer-reviewed article concerns a study conducted to identify whether principal trainees can develop authentic leadership through processing decisions that they or their peers made in TBSs [team based simulations] of ethical cases that they or their peers had experienced (Shapira-Lishchinsky 2014 p. 987) in the educational field. The study found that there were 2 main advantages of TBSs: TBSs create a supportive environment to learn from participant mistakes and TBSs heightened educational leader awareness of their caring responsibilities. Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) was able to conclude that TBSs provide a framework for ethical discussion but did not ever establish a firm correlation between authentic leadership development in educational leaders and TBSs.

Although this study is peer reviewed its results were not presented in the form of quantifiable data. While the study did include detailed research relating to authentic leadership and also clearly stated its methodology ultimately it is not the best resource for the study of authentic leadership theory. It does however provide ample information and examples which could be correlated with authentic leadership theory through conjecture and deduction.

Wulffers T. (2017). *Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach*. KR Publishing; eBook Collection (EBSCOhost). <LINK> <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1595178&sit e=ehost-live>

Wulffers (2017) begins by commenting on the state of leadership today and also examining the consequences of poor leadership. The author cites authentic leadership theory as a key method for achieving a better quality of leadership. Wulffers (2017) states that authentic leaders are leaders who know who they are and who are true to themselves (p. 7). The book examines what authentic leadership is from a scholarly perspective and cites multiple literary works concerning the mechanisms of authentic leadership. The author then examines the components and methodologies of authentic leadership development. Wulffers (2017) describes leader authenticity as a spectrum with leadership development levels of maturity that shape the moral and cognitive capacities (p. 57) of leaders. The author then goes on to discuss how leaders may navigate up developmental levels. Finally Wulffers (2017) examines well known leaders through the lens of authentic leadership (p. 208).

While the author does make some assertions this book functions mainly as an extended case study and detailed manual on how to achieve leader authenticity. The author heavily references previous literature on authentic

leadership theory as well as her own experiences to formulate her ideas. The book includes several appendices and end-notes which enhance its usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. Wullffers is also lent a greater credibility through endorsements and reviews by industry leaders.

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Conclusion

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narrative that significantly shapes public opinions and societal values. The influence of social media is profound and ubiquitous reaching across all sectors of society. According to the Pew Research Center approximately 72% of the U.S. public uses some type of social media with varying impacts on social political and community engagement (Pew Research Center 2021). The breadth of this influence spans across diverse demographic groups making nearly everyone a potential recipient of communicated messages whether accurate or misleading. The potential benefits of this influence include increased awareness and mobilization for social causes as seen with movements like #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter which have propelled significant societal shifts and brought critical issues to the forefront of global awareness. Social media influencers have played crucial roles in these movements utilizing their platforms to amplify voices and call for action. For instance prominent figures like Alyssa Milano and Tarana Burke have used their influence to promote the #MeToo movement leading to widespread discussions about sexual harassment and assault (Mendes et al. 2018). However the risks involve the spread of misinformation and manipulating public opinion which can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The cost of such influence can be seen in the widespread controversies surrounding elections and public policy debates where influencers have swayed public sentiment through both genuine and questionable means. For example during the 2016 U.S. presidential election false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots was found to have significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors (Allcott & Gentzkow 2017). The individuals most impacted by this phenomenon include young adults who are the most active on platforms like Instagram and TikTok and are particularly susceptible to influencer marketing and political campaigns (Auxier & Anderson 2021). This demographic's high engagement levels highlight the critical need to understand the mechanisms of influence and leadership within these digital platforms. Research indicates that young people trust influencers more than traditional celebrities or politicians making them a key target for marketing and political messaging (Djafarova & Rushworth 2017). In addition to social movements and political implications the economic impact of social media influence is significant. Influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry with brands leveraging the reach and authenticity of influencers to connect with consumers. According to a report by Business Insider Intelligence the influencer marketing industry is set to grow to approximately \$15 billion by 2022 (Business Insider Intelligence 2021). This economic dimension underscores the dual nature of influencer power: while it offers opportunities for authentic brand engagement it also raises questions about ethics and transparency in advertising. The social significance of social media influence is further highlighted by its role in mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image particularly among young women. For example Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies. These findings suggest that while influencers can promote positive messages they also have the potential to contribute to harmful social norms. This research project is situated at the intersection of leadership theory and digital media studies. It aims to critically analyze the role of social media influencers as contemporary leaders who not only entertain but also significantly influence societal values and norms. By aligning the characteristics of social media leadership with authentic leadership theories this study will evaluate the authenticity and ethical considerations of influencers' practices. The findings

are expected to provide insights into how digital platforms can be harnessed for responsible and effective leadership promoting positive change while mitigating risks associated with digital influence. This foundational exploration sets the stage for a detailed literature review in Chapter 2 where theories of leadership and empirical studies on digital influence will be synthesized to build a comprehensive framework for understanding leadership in the digital age.

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that nearly everyone is exposed to the opinions and ideas circulated on these platforms, whether accurate or misleading. Social media's impact is evident in various sectors, from political engagement to social movements, economic trends, and mental health.

Data Collection and Methodology

To investigate this phenomenon, data was gathered through a comprehensive literature review and qualitative analysis of social media interactions. Sources included peer-reviewed articles, books on leadership theories, and empirical studies on social media's influence. Reputable institutions such as the Pew Research Center provided statistical data on social media usage and its societal impacts.

Historical Context

The influence of social media on public opinion became noticeable in the early 21st century with the advent of platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Events such as the Arab Spring (2011) and Occupy Wall Street (2011) highlighted the power of social media to mobilize people and spread ideas rapidly. The #MeToo movement, which gained momentum through a tweet by Alyssa Milano in 2017, exemplified how social media could catalyze significant social change by encouraging victims of sexual harassment to speak out (Thomson, 2018).

Authentic Leadership in Social Media

Authentic leadership, as defined by Northouse (2019), is a process where an individual influences others to achieve a common goal through genuine and ethical behavior. This concept is mirrored in the actions of social media influencers who build trust and engagement with their followers through transparency and authenticity. Influencers like Tarana Burke and Alyssa Milano have utilized their platforms to lead movements such as #MeToo, advocating for societal values of justice and accountability (Mendes et al., 2018).

Social media influencers often exemplify the core components of authentic leadership. They maintain a transparent and genuine presence online, which fosters trust and loyalty among their followers. This trust is critical, as it enables influencers to mobilize their audience for various causes, from social justice movements to political campaigns.

Social Media as a Mirror and Mold

Social media's dual role as both a mirror and mold for public opinion is crucial to understanding its impact. It reflects current sentiments and attitudes while simultaneously shaping those sentiments through the dissemination of information and the mobilization of collective action. For instance, during the 2016 U.S. presidential election, social media significantly influenced voter perceptions through both authentic content and misinformation (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017).

The economic implications of social media influence are also significant. Influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry, with brands leveraging the reach and perceived authenticity of influencers to connect with consumers. According to a report by Business Insider Intelligence, the influencer marketing industry is projected to grow to approximately \$15 billion by 2022 (Business Insider Intelligence, 2021).

Risks and Challenges

While social media holds the potential for positive influence, it also poses risks. The spread of misinformation can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The controversies surrounding the 2016 U.S. presidential election, where false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors, exemplify this risk (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017).

Moreover, the influence of social media extends to mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image, particularly among young women. For instance, Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction, mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies.

Conclusion

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Risks and Challenges

Despite its potential for positive influence, social media also presents risks. The spread of misinformation can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The controversies surrounding the 2016 U.S. presidential election, where false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors, illustrate this risk (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017).

Social media also affects mental health, particularly among young women. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image. Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction, mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies.

Conclusion

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Social media influencers often exemplify the core components of authentic leadership. They maintain a transparent and genuine presence online, which fosters trust and loyalty among their followers. This trust is critical, as it enables influencers to mobilize their audience for various causes, from social justice movements to political campaigns.

Social Media as a Mirror and Mold

Social media's dual role as both a mirror and mold for public opinion is crucial to understanding its impact. It reflects current sentiments and attitudes while simultaneously shaping those sentiments through the dissemination of information and the mobilization of collective action. For instance, during the 2016 U.S. presidential election, social media significantly influenced voter perceptions through both authentic content and misinformation (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017).

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Risks and Challenges

While social media holds the potential for positive influence, it also poses risks. The spread of misinformation can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The controversies surrounding the 2016 U.S. presidential election, where false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors, exemplify this risk (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017).

Moreover, the influence of social media extends to mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image, particularly among young women. For instance, Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction, mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies.

Conclusion

The role of social media in shaping and reflecting public opinions and attitudes is intricately linked with the principles of authentic leadership.

Influencers who engage authentically with their followers can drive significant social change by promoting ethical behavior and communal values. As digital platforms continue to evolve, understanding the mechanisms of this influence becomes crucial for harnessing social media's power for positive societal impact.

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Moreover, social media plays a dual role as both a mirror and a mold for public opinion. It reflects current sentiments and attitudes while simultaneously shaping those sentiments through the dissemination of information and the mobilization of collective action. For instance, during the 2016 U.S. presidential election, social media significantly influenced voter perceptions through both authentic content and misinformation (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017). The economic implications of social media influence are also significant; influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry, with brands leveraging the reach and perceived authenticity of influencers to connect with consumers. According to a report by Business Insider Intelligence, the influencer marketing industry is projected to grow to approximately \$15 billion by 2022 (Business Insider Intelligence, 2021).

While social media holds the potential for positive influence, it also poses risks. The spread of misinformation can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The controversies surrounding the 2016 U.S. presidential election, where false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors, exemplify this risk (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017). Furthermore, the influence of social media extends to mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image, particularly among young women. For instance, Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction, mediated by the internalization of the thin ideal and appearance comparison tendencies.

conclusion, the role of social media in shaping and reflecting public opinions and attitudes is intricately linked with the principles of authentic leadership. Influencers who engage authentically with their followers can drive significant social change by promoting ethical behavior and communal values. As digital platforms continue to evolve, understanding the mechanisms of this influence becomes crucial for harnessing social media's power for positive societal impact. This analysis of social media's influence serves as a foundation for further exploration in the subsequent literature review, where theories of leadership and empirical studies on digital influence will be synthesized to build a comprehensive framework for understanding leadership in the digital age.

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focus, aligns closely with the activities of social media influencers who wield substantial sway over their followers. The role of social media in influencing public opinion is both profound and pervasive. Approximately 72% of the U.S. public uses some form of social media, with platforms such as Facebook and YouTube leading the way (Auxier & Anderson, 2021). This extensive reach ensures that nearly everyone is exposed to the opinions and ideas circulated on these platforms, whether accurate or misleading. The impact of social media is evident in various sectors, from political engagement to social movements, economic trends, and mental health. To investigate this phenomenon, data was gathered through a comprehensive literature review and qualitative analysis of social media interactions. Sources included peer-reviewed articles, books on leadership theories, and empirical studies on social media's influence. Reputable institutions such as the Pew Research Center provided statistical data on social media usage and its societal impacts. The influence of social media on public opinion became noticeable in the early 21st century with the advent of platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Events such as the Arab Spring (2011) and Occupy Wall Street (2011) highlighted the power of social media to mobilize people and spread ideas rapidly. The #MeToo movement, which gained momentum through a tweet by Alyssa Milano in 2017, exemplified how social media could catalyze significant social change by encouraging victims of sexual harassment to speak out (Thomson, 2018). Authentic leadership, as defined by Northouse (2019), is a process where an individual influences others to achieve a common goal through genuine and ethical behavior. This concept is mirrored in the actions of social media influencers who build trust and engagement with their followers through transparency and authenticity. Influencers like Tarana Burke and Alyssa Milano have utilized their platforms to lead movements such as #MeToo, advocating for societal values of justice and accountability (Mendes et al., 2018). These influencers often exemplify the core components of authentic leadership by maintaining a transparent and genuine presence online, fostering trust and loyalty among their followers. This trust is critical, as it enables influencers to mobilize their audience for various causes, from social justice movements to political campaigns. Social media acts as both a mirror and a mold for public opinion, reflecting current sentiments and attitudes while simultaneously shaping those sentiments through the dissemination of information and the mobilization of collective action. For instance, during the 2016 U.S. presidential election, social media significantly influenced voter perceptions through both authentic content and misinformation (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017). The economic implications of social media influence are also significant. Influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry, with brands leveraging the reach and perceived authenticity of influencers to connect with consumers. According to a report by Business Insider Intelligence, the influencer marketing industry is projected to grow to approximately \$15 billion by 2022 (Business Insider Intelligence, 2021). While social media holds the potential for positive influence, it also poses risks. The spread of misinformation can polarize communities and disrupt democratic processes. The controversies surrounding the 2016 U.S. presidential election, where false information disseminated by social media influencers and bots significantly impacted voter perceptions and behaviors, exemplify this risk (Allcott & Gentzkow, 2017). Moreover, the influence of social media extends to mental health. Studies have shown that exposure to influencer content can impact self-esteem and body image, particularly among young women. For instance, Fardouly et al. (2015) found that Instagram use was associated with greater body dissatisfaction, mediated by the