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Considerations**: While the benefits of social media in enhancing authentic leadership are highlighted, the attachment also discusses the risks, such as the spread of misinformation and the ethical challenges in maintaining authenticity online. This balanced view is crucial for understanding the dual impact of social media on leadership [(Khaund et al., 2022)](<https://doi.org/10.1109/tcss.2021.3103515>).\n\n### Conclusion\n\nThe claims in your statement are well-supported by existing research, which indicates that social media is indeed a powerful tool for authentic leaders to communicate and expand their influence. The attachment further substantiates these points by providing empirical evidence and theoretical discussions on the intersection of social media and leadership.\n\n**References:**\n- Northouse, P. G. (2019). *Leadership: Theory and practice* (Eighth Edition). SAGE Publications.\n- Odi, A. (2020). *Social media culture: Change and resistance a tool for change management*. *Journal of Theater and Media Studies*, 13(2), 318-327.\n- Heilweil, R., & Ghaffary, S. (2021, January 8). How Trump's internet built and broadcast the Capitol insurrection. *Vox*.\n- Khaund, T., Kirdemir, B., Agarwal, D. N., Liu, H., & Morstatter, F. (2022). Social Bots and Their Coordination During Online Campaigns: A Survey. *IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems*, 9, 530-545.\n\nLike our GPT? Try our full AI-powered search engine and academic features for free at [consensus.app] (https://consensus.app/?utm_source=chatgpt)."], "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": true, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"citations": [], "content_references": [], "gizmo_id": "g-bo0FiWLY7", "finish_details": {"type": "stop", "stop_tokens": [200002]}, "is_complete": true, "message_type": null, "model_slug": "gpt-4o", "default_model_slug": "gpt-4o", "pad": "AAAAAA", "parent_id": "a26a7a5a-6dcf-4dee-8027-dc1aedd7bb55", "request_id": "8b03bad03cc283b4-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute", "recipient": "all", "channel": null, "parent": "a26a7a5a-6dcf-4dee-8027-dc1aedd7bb55", "children": [{"id": "aaa2efd1-4cad-41ea-867e-383e7b3bfaf9"}], "aaa2efd1-4cad-41ea-867e-383e7b3bfaf9": {"id": "aaa2efd1-4cad-41ea-867e-383e7b3bfaf9", "message": {"id": "aaa2efd1-4cad-41ea-867e-383e7b3bfaf9", "author": {"role": "user", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1723166525.154584, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["From Tweets to Change: Social Media's Role in Contemporary Leadership\nAlexis Lindsay\nClaremont Lincoln University\nA Capstone Action Project\nSubmitted to Claremont Lincoln University\nin Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the\nM.A., Organizational Leadership \u002d 2013 Professional Studies\nClaremont, CA\n13\nCHAPTER 3: Literature Review\nThe author's fianc\u00e9 often laments that nowadays, society's memory spans only about five years. He remarks that people often and easily forget what has come before, dooming all mistakes to be repeated. In contrast, fortunately, within academia, the effects and reach of social media, leadership, and authenticity have been studied and discussed at length. In this chapter, we will explore the various facets of authentic leadership, its application, and its intersection with social media as a tool for leadership and change.\nUnderstanding Authentic Leadership\nIn a world rife with uncertainty, where workers are demanding greater accountability and morality from their leadership, the need for authentic leadership is undeniable. As Northouse (2019) articulates, people long for bona fide leadership that they can trust leaders who are honest and good. Although authentic leadership is still nascent in its philosophy, many of the greatest minds in academia, commerce, and science have studied, hypothesized, and postulated on its methodology, application, and efficacy.\nGardner et al. (2005) provided a foundational understanding of authentic leadership

by proposing a self-based model of the developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership. They emphasize the importance of self-awareness and self-regulation, suggesting that these are fundamental components of authentic leadership development. According to their model, a leader's personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development. This reflective perspective examines leader and follower roles, highlighting how authentic leaders are positive role models who consistently exhibit balanced processing, self-awareness, and transparency. Despite the lack of concrete examples, their comprehensive framework remains invaluable in examining authentic leadership theory. Berkovich (2014) extends this understanding by incorporating dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development. He critiques common approaches and suggests a new perspective based on dialogical philosophy, outlining a framework for dialogical pedagogy. By identifying and discussing narrative identity processing and dramaturgical enactment, Berkovich thoroughly examines the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy. His discourse on empathy, mutuality, and open-mindedness underscores the intricate nature of authentic leadership development, making his contribution a significant expansion of Gardner et al. (2005) initial framework. Application and Efficacy of Authentic Leadership Several studies have focused on authentic leadership's practical applications and efficacy. Qian et al. (2016) delve into the cognitive and emotive mechanisms influencing feedback-seeking behavior within leader-follower relationships. They argue that authentic leadership influences feedback-seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions of value and cost and their positive emotions. This focused view on feedback-seeking behaviors provides a deeper understanding of how authentic leadership operates on a cognitive and emotional level. Although heavily theoretical, their study is supported by credible sources, reinforcing its claims. Shifting the focus to group outcomes, Rego et al. (2013) examine how authentic leadership, directly and indirectly, predicts team potency through the mediating role of team virtuousness and affective commitment. Their study, conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams, provides quantifiable results that suggest authentic leadership is associated with more virtuous, committed, and potent teams. This research is particularly valuable as it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes, a rarity among studies that often focus on individual follower outcomes. The study's findings are crucial for understanding the broader impacts of authentic leadership within teams and organizations. Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) explores the development of authentic leadership through team-based simulations (TBSs) of ethical cases in the educational field. While TBSs created a supportive environment for learning from mistakes and heightening leader awareness of their caring responsibilities, the study did not establish a strong correlation between simulations and authentic leadership development. Despite this limitation, the detailed analysis of authentic leadership theory and methodology presented in the study offers valuable insights. These insights, while specific to educational leaders, have broader implications for the development of authentic leadership in various contexts. Hsieh and Wang (2015) provide compelling evidence of the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective. Their study tested four hypotheses concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and found that supervisor-perceived authentic leadership fully mediates employee work engagement through employee trust. The use of statistical data to present quantifiable results lends greater credibility to their conclusions,

offering a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes. This reinforces the importance of trust in the authentic leadership dynamic. In contrast to other studies that primarily focused on outcomes, Mehmood et al. (2016) examine the role of authentic leadership in employees' developmental goals and performance. Their study, conducted with supervisors and employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector, concludes that authentic leadership predicts followers' in-role and extra-role performance through learning goal orientation. As with other studies, the presentation of quantifiable results lends credibility to the authors' conclusions, although a deeper analysis of the research leading to their hypotheses would have been beneficial. This study emphasizes the developmental aspect of authentic leadership and its impact on employee performance.

Authentic Leadership in Practice

The exploration of authentic leadership is not confined to academia. Blekkingh (2015) and Wulffers (2017) offer practical guides to achieving authenticity. Blekkingh's book, "Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission," explores a seven-layer model for discovering one's purpose and achieving authenticity. He suggests that through layered self-reflection, individuals can find their authentic self and purpose and subsequently put authentic leadership into effect. Although the book is mainly anecdotal and lacks academic robustness, its straightforward language and engaging exercises make it accessible and applicable to a broad audience. This practical approach to authentic leadership complements the theoretical frameworks discussed earlier.

Wulffers (2017), in "Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach," examines the state of leadership today and the consequences of poor leadership. She presents authentic leadership theory as a critical method for achieving better quality leadership. Wulffers' book is an extended case study and detailed manual on achieving authenticity, heavily referencing previous literature on authentic leadership theory. Her practical approach and endorsements by industry leaders enhance the book's usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. This combination of practical advice and theoretical grounding makes it a valuable resource.

Kerfoot (2006) provides a practical application of authentic leadership theory in the nursing profession. She argues that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined but lies in followers' perceptions. Through mentoring and confidence, one can create the perception of authenticity as a leader. This practical perspective is relevant and helpful to authentic leadership research, offering context and application in a specific profession. Kerfoot's insights bridge the gap between theory and practice, demonstrating the applicability of authentic leadership in professional settings.

The Role of Social Media in Enhancing Authentic Leadership

Social media plays a significant role in enhancing authentic leadership and fostering societal change. Odii (2020) discusses social media's potential to both facilitate and impede change, highlighting its use in change management initiatives. Authentic leaders can leverage social media to strengthen these efforts while navigating the ethical challenges it presents, underscoring its importance in contemporary leadership.

Building on this, Harkins et al. (2023) explore the impact of emotionally charged content on social media in engaging followers and promoting social causes. Their findings suggest that positive, emotionally charged images are more effective in garnering social media activity, emphasizing the power of social media in leadership and change. This aligns with the principles of authentic leadership, where emotional intelligence and engagement are crucial, demonstrating how authenticity can

translate to success and popularity online. Khaund et al. (2022) highlight the influence of social bots and their coordination during online campaigns, emphasizing the need for ethical leadership in navigating digital landscapes. Bots can significantly impact social media conversations and public opinion, presenting both opportunities and challenges for authentic leaders. The ethical considerations in using social media are critical for maintaining authenticity, which in turn affects a leader's reach and audience. Naeem (2020) examines the role of social networking applications in facilitating organizational change by enhancing knowledge sharing and participation. Social media enhances the richness and reach of communication among stakeholders, providing a powerful tool for leaders to drive change. This practical application of social media complements the theoretical frameworks of authentic leadership, showing how authenticity can enhance a leader's influence and effectiveness. Finally, Omolloh (2020) presents a case study on using social media as a management tool in small businesses, highlighting its benefits in customer engagement and business awareness. This practical example underscores the versatility of social media in enhancing leadership practices across different contexts. The integration of social media in leadership strategies can amplify the impact of authentic leadership, further illustrating how authenticity translates to success and popularity online.

Conclusion

Research suggests that authentic leadership and the strategic use of social media are crucial for fostering effective leadership and societal change. Authentic leaders must leverage social media's potential while mitigating its risks to achieve positive organizational outcomes.

Future research should explore the long-term effects of these dynamics on societal values and norms.

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The authentic leader is only as good as their communication; authenticity is great, but it needs to be communicated. Social media is a great tool for authentic leaders because it allows them to inspire, influence, and lead others by communicating their authenticity to a wider audience. For example, Donald Trump, despite his abhorrent beliefs to some, is completely transparent about his behavior, which some people find authentic. They appreciate his lack of pretense, even if they don't agree with him. And when Donald Trump discovered Twitter, his audience grew. Social media can amplify perceived authenticity.\n-----\n

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passage 1 that emphasizes the importance of communication in authentic leadership with
the supporting studies from passages 2 and 3. \n- Ensure that the integration feels
natural and that each study mentioned in passages 2 and 3 directly supports and
expands upon the statements made in passage 1. \n- Highlight how social media,
specifically, serves as a tool that can enhance or challenge the perception of
authenticity in leadership, using real-world examples such as Donald Trump to
illustrate the points.\n- Maintain the original tone and message while providing
deeper insights supported by the research.\n\n### Integrated and Enhanced
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when effectively communicated. Social media has emerged as an indispensable tool for
authentic leaders, enabling them to inspire, influence, and lead others by projecting
their authenticity to a wider audience. This dynamic is well-documented in leadership
studies, where effective communication is seen as the cornerstone of authentic
leadership. As Northouse (2019) notes, leaders who are transparent and honest in their
communication are perceived as more authentic, which in turn enhances their influence
and leadership effectiveness.\n\nFor instance, Donald Trump, despite his controversial
beliefs and behaviors, is often regarded as authentic by his followers due to his
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how social media allows leaders to reach a broader audience, influence public opinion,
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communication. However, the use of social media in leadership is not without its challenges. As Khaund et al. (2022) highlight, the ethical considerations of maintaining authenticity online are significant, especially in an environment rife with misinformation. Leaders must navigate these challenges carefully to preserve their authenticity while leveraging the power of social media to expand their influence. In conclusion, the strategic use of social media is crucial for fostering authentic leadership. It provides leaders with the tools to communicate their authenticity effectively, thereby enhancing their influence and impact. As supported by the studies, social media serves as both an amplifier of perceived authenticity and a platform that requires careful ethical navigation. The case of Donald Trump's use of Twitter underscores the dual nature of social media in leadership, offering both opportunities for greater connection and challenges in maintaining authenticity.

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(2014) extends this understanding by incorporating dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development. He critiques common approaches and suggests a new perspective based on dialogical philosophy, outlining a framework for dialogical pedagogy. By identifying and discussing narrative identity processing and dramaturgical enactment, Berkovich thoroughly examines the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy. His discourse on empathy, mutuality, and open-mindedness underscores the intricate nature of authentic leadership development, making his contribution a significant expansion of Gardner et al. (2005) initial framework. Application and Efficacy of Authentic Leadership Several studies have focused on authentic leadership's practical applications and efficacy. Qian et al. (2016) delve into the cognitive and emotive mechanisms influencing feedback-seeking behavior within leader-follower relationships. They argue that authentic leadership influences feedback-seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions of value and cost and their positive emotions. This focused view on feedback-seeking behaviors provides a deeper understanding of how authentic leadership operates on a cognitive and emotional level. Although heavily theoretical, their study is supported by credible sources, reinforcing its claims. Shifting the focus to group outcomes, Rego et al. (2013) examine how authentic leadership, directly and indirectly, predicts team potency through the mediating role of team virtuousness and affective commitment. Their study, conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams, provides quantifiable results that suggest authentic leadership is associated with more virtuous, committed, and potent teams. This research is particularly valuable as it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes, a rarity among studies that often focus on individual follower outcomes. The study's findings are crucial for understanding the broader impacts of authentic leadership within teams and organizations. Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) explores the development of authentic leadership through team-based simulations (TBSs) of ethical cases in the educational field. While TBSs created a supportive environment for learning from mistakes and heightening leader awareness of their caring responsibilities, the study did not establish a strong correlation between simulations and authentic leadership development. Despite this limitation, the detailed analysis of authentic leadership theory and methodology presented in the study offers valuable insights. These insights, while specific to educational leaders, have broader implications for the development of authentic leadership in various contexts. Hsieh and Wang (2015) provide compelling evidence of the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective. Their study tested four hypotheses concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and found that supervisor-perceived authentic leadership fully mediates employee work engagement through employee trust. The use of statistical data to present quantifiable results lends greater credibility to their conclusions, offering a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes. This reinforces the importance of trust in the authentic leadership dynamic. In contrast to other studies that primarily focused on outcomes, Mehmood et al. (2016) examine the role of authentic leadership in employees' developmental goals and performance. Their study, conducted with supervisors and employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector, concludes that authentic leadership predicts followers' in-role and extra-role performance through learning goal orientation. As with other studies, the presentation of quantifiable results lends credibility to the authors' conclusions, although a deeper analysis of the research leading

their hypotheses would have been beneficial. This study emphasizes the developmental aspect of authentic leadership and its impact on employee performance.

Authentic Leadership in Practice

The exploration of authentic leadership is not confined to academia. Blekkinh (2015) and Wulffers (2017) offer practical guides to achieving authenticity. Blekkinh's book, "Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission," explores a seven-layer model for discovering one's purpose and achieving authenticity. He suggests that through layered self-reflection, individuals can find their authentic self and purpose and subsequently put authentic leadership into effect. Although the book is mainly anecdotal and lacks academic robustness, its straightforward language and engaging exercises make it accessible and applicable to a broad audience. This practical approach to authentic leadership complements the theoretical frameworks discussed earlier.

Wulffers (2017), in "Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach," examines the state of leadership today and the consequences of poor leadership. She presents authentic leadership theory as a critical method for achieving better quality leadership. Wulffers' book is an extended case study and detailed manual on achieving authenticity, heavily referencing previous literature on authentic leadership theory. Her practical approach and endorsements by industry leaders enhance the book's usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. This combination of practical advice and theoretical grounding makes it a valuable resource.

Kerfoot (2006) provides a practical application of authentic leadership theory in the nursing profession. She argues that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined but lies in followers' perceptions. Through mentoring and confidence, one can create the perception of authenticity as a leader. This practical perspective is relevant and helpful to authentic leadership research, offering context and application in a specific profession. Kerfoot's insights bridge the gap between theory and practice, demonstrating the applicability of authentic leadership in professional settings.

The Role of Social Media in Enhancing Authentic Leadership

Social media plays a significant role in enhancing authentic leadership and fostering societal change. Odii (2020) discusses social media's potential to both facilitate and impede change, highlighting its use in change management initiatives. Authentic leaders can leverage social media to strengthen these efforts while navigating the ethical challenges it presents, underscoring its importance in contemporary leadership.

Building on this, Harkins et al. (2023) explore the impact of emotionally charged content on social media in engaging followers and promoting social causes. Their findings suggest that positive, emotionally charged images are more effective in garnering social media activity, emphasizing the power of social media in leadership and change. This aligns with the principles of authentic leadership, where emotional intelligence and engagement are crucial, demonstrating how authenticity can translate to success and popularity online.

Khaund et al. (2022) highlight the influence of social bots and their coordination during online campaigns, emphasizing the need for ethical leadership in navigating digital landscapes. Bots can significantly impact social media conversations and public opinion, presenting both opportunities and challenges for authentic leaders. The ethical considerations in using social media are critical for maintaining authenticity, which in turn affects a leader's reach and audience.

Naeem (2020) examines the role of social networking applications in facilitating organizational change by enhancing knowledge sharing and participation. Social media enhances the richness and reach of

communication among stakeholders, providing a powerful tool for leaders to drive change. This practical application of social media complements the theoretical frameworks of authentic leadership, showing how authenticity can enhance a leader's influence and effectiveness. Finally, Omolloh (2020) presents a case study on using social media as a management tool in small businesses, highlighting its benefits in customer engagement and business awareness. This practical example underscores the versatility of social media in enhancing leadership practices across different contexts. The integration of social media in leadership strategies can amplify the impact of authentic leadership, further illustrating how authenticity translates to success and popularity online. The authentic leader is only as effective as their communication. Authenticity is indeed a valuable trait, but its impact is significantly heightened when effectively communicated. Social media has emerged as an indispensable tool for authentic leaders, enabling them to inspire, influence, and lead others by projecting their authenticity to a wider audience. This dynamic is well-documented in leadership studies, where effective communication is seen as the cornerstone of authentic leadership. As Northouse (2019) notes, leaders who are transparent and honest in their communication are perceived as more authentic, which in turn enhances their influence and leadership effectiveness. For instance, Donald Trump, despite his controversial beliefs and behaviors, is often regarded as authentic by his followers due to his direct and unfiltered communication style. His use of Twitter exemplifies how social media can amplify a leader's perceived authenticity, regardless of the content of their messages. This phenomenon aligns with research by Odii (2020), which discusses how social media allows leaders to reach a broader audience, influence public opinion, and mobilize followers. Social media's role in leadership extends beyond mere communication; it fosters a continuous connection between leaders and their audience, thereby reinforcing the leader's authenticity through transparency and direct engagement. Moreover, the impact of social media on leadership reach is profound. Heilweil and Ghaffary (2021) illustrate how Trump's audience and influence grew substantially through his Twitter presence, a clear demonstration of how social media can amplify a leader's reach. This expansion of influence is not just about the number of followers but also about the depth of engagement, where followers feel a personal connection with the leader due to the perceived authenticity of their communication. However, the use of social media in leadership is not without its challenges. As Khaund et al. (2022) highlight, the ethical considerations of maintaining authenticity online are significant, especially in an environment rife with misinformation. Leaders must navigate these challenges carefully to preserve their authenticity while leveraging the power of social media to expand their influence.

Conclusion

Research suggests that authentic leadership and strategic use of social media are crucial for fostering effective leadership and societal change. Authentic leaders must harness the potential of social media while managing its risks to achieve positive organizational outcomes. The strategic use of social media is essential for fostering authentic leadership as it provides leaders with tools to effectively communicate their authenticity, enhancing their influence and impact. As supported by studies, social media serves as both an amplifier of perceived authenticity and a platform that requires careful ethical navigation. The case of Donald Trump's use of Twitter illustrates the dual nature of social media in leadership offering both opportunities for greater connection and challenges in maintaining authenticity. Future research should explore the long-term effects of

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practice by illustrating how authentic leadership can be applied in the nursing profession, where the perception of authenticity is crucial.

The Role of Social Media in Enhancing Authentic Leadership

Social media has emerged as a powerful tool in enhancing authentic leadership, enabling leaders to communicate their authenticity to a broader audience. Odii (2020) discusses the dual role of social media in both facilitating and impeding change, emphasizing its potential in change management initiatives. This aligns with the principles of authentic leadership, where transparency and direct engagement are paramount.

Harkins et al. (2023) further highlight how emotionally charged content on social media can engage followers and promote social causes, demonstrating how authenticity can translate to success and popularity online. However, the ethical challenges of maintaining authenticity in a digital landscape, as discussed by Khaund et al. (2022), cannot be overlooked. Leaders must navigate these challenges carefully to preserve their authenticity while leveraging social media's reach.

Conclusion

The authentic leader is only as effective as their communication. Authenticity is indeed a valuable trait, but its impact is significantly heightened when effectively communicated. Social media has proven indispensable for authentic leaders, enabling them to inspire, influence, and lead others by projecting their authenticity to a wider audience. The case of Donald Trump, for example, illustrates how social media can amplify a leader's perceived authenticity, regardless of the content of their messages.

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--- Key Adjustments Made:

- Transitions and Continuity**: Added connecting phrases and sentences to ensure smooth transitions between different studies and concepts. This helps to create a more unified narrative.
- Reduction of Redundancy**: Some repeated phrases were streamlined or omitted to avoid redundancy and keep the focus sharp.
- Conclusion Enhancement**: The conclusion was slightly expanded to tie all the key points together, reiterating the importance of social media in enhancing authentic leadership while acknowledging the challenges it presents.

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modest salary to almost unlivable proportions. Our plan is to get me a right to work
in Italy and then I with all my education (2 master degrees, 1 bachelor) plus over 10
years professional experience will then find a lucrative job and turn our situationn
around. At the moment we are in the process and for fun I was looking at pool homes.
He seemed offended and said i didn't care about his situationn and that "he
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["It sounds like you're navigating a very challenging and stressful period in
your life. The financial strain you and your husband are experiencing can intensify
emotions and put significant pressure on communication and shared understanding within
a relationship.\n\nYour husband's reaction to you looking at dream homes, from a
psychoanalytic perspective, could be understood as a manifestation of his current
anxieties and insecurities. Financial strain, such as the tax lien reducing his salary,
might make him feel like he's failing in his role as a provider, which can be a
profound source of stress and diminished self-esteem. His comment about wishing you
could have "one of the thoughts in his head" suggests a desire for empathy
and solidarity in facing the financial challenges together.\n\nWhen you explore ideas
or plans that seem out of reach under current circumstances, like looking at pool
homes, he might interpret this action as a disconnect from the immediate realities you
both are facing. Even though dreaming about a better future is not only natural but
healthy, he may view it as inattentive or dismissive of the pressing concerns that are
currently overwhelming him.\n\nIt's important to recognize that dreaming and
planning for a better future is a valid and important coping mechanism. It helps
maintain hope and can be a motivational force. However, timing and context matter
greatly in how such actions are perceived. In moments of acute stress, individuals may
need more immediate emotional support and signs of shared concern before they can
appreciate or engage in future-oriented thinking.\n\nTo address the situation:\n\n
**Empathic Communication**: Try to discuss openly how you both feel about the
situation. Express your understanding of his stress and reassure him of your
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commitment to tackling the current challenges together.\n2. Balancing Dreams and Realities: Share your dreams and visions for the future, but also engage actively with the present difficulties. This can help both of you feel more aligned and supported.\n3. Counseling or Therapy: Consider seeking support from a therapist or counselor. They can offer guidance in improving communication, managing stress, and aligning on mutual goals and expectations.\n\nRemember, it's completely valid for you to dream and aspire, especially as a way to cope and look forward to better times. However, in partnership, it's also crucial to stay attuned to each other's emotional states and needs, especially during tough times."], "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": true, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"citations": [], "content_references": [], "gizmo_id": null, "finish_details": {"type": "stop", "stop_tokens": [100260]}, "is_complete": true, "message_type": null, "model_slug": "gpt-4", "default_model_slug": "gpt-4", "pad": "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA", "parent_id": "aaa2e184-8032-4785-83f7-e27d453348ed", "request_id": "8b024932cea7522e-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute", "recipient": "all", "channel": null, "parent": "aaa2e184-8032-4785-83f7-e27d453348ed", "children": []}, "moderation_results": [], "current_node": "6a735ff7-a920-4dfa-b9d2-9430459c7cb1", "plugin_ids": null, "conversation_id": "b22fe4ec-d80b-4967-9c2a-0028fd6a9627", "conversation_template_id": null, "gizmo_id": null, "is_archived": false, "safe_urls": [], "default_model_slug": "gpt-4", "conversation_origin": null, "voice": null, "async_status": null, "id": "b22fe4ec-d80b-4967-9c2a-0028fd6a9627"}, {"title": "Self-Certified Letter HTML", "create_time": 1723114488.15465, "update_time": 1723114579.425301, "mapping": {"e8ff0d3b-4876-4de8-9013-15b395ce768f": {"id": "e8ff0d3b-4876-4de8-9013-15b395ce768f", "message": {"id": "e8ff0d3b-4876-4de8-9013-15b395ce768f", "author": {"role": "system", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": null, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": [""]}, "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": true, "weight": 0.0, "metadata": {"is_visually_hidden_from_conversation": true}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null, "parent": "aaala0a8-181e-4ab9-a39f-37a91b60c088", "children": ["aaa268fa-3458-4d91-a3d8-f0b9b8fdbd98", "aaa21aaf-7340-4653-bc60-7baef1740570"]}, {"aaala0a8-181e-4ab9-a39f-37a91b60c088": {"id": "aaala0a8-181e-4ab9-a39f-37a91b60c088", "message": null, "parent": null, "children": ["e8ff0d3b-4876-4de8-9013-15b395ce768f"]}, {"aaa268fa-3458-4d91-a3d8-f0b9b8fdbd98": {"id": "aaa268fa-3458-4d91-a3d8-f0b9b8fdbd98", "message": {"id": "aaa268fa-3458-4d91-a3d8-f0b9b8fdbd98", "author": {"role": "user", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1723114488.156935, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["can you create the self certified letter requested below for me in the form of an html document. Please include a signATURE FROM ME THAT LOOK WRITTEN. my NAME IS Alexis Lindsay"]}, "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"request_id": "8afef86c9f3a0e15-MXP", "message_source": null, "timestamp_": "absolute", "message_type": null}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null, "parent": "e8ff0d3b-4876-4de8-9013-15b395ce768f", "children": ["dac227ef-aeeb-41ad-8071-78c1d113c8e8"]}, {"dac227ef-aeeb-41ad-8071-78c1d113c8e8": {"id": "dac227ef-aeeb-41ad-8071-78c1d113c8e8", "message": {"id": "dac227ef-aeeb-41ad-8071-78c1d113c8e8", "author": {"role": "assistant", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1723114508.322255, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["Sure, I can help you create an HTML document for the self-certified letter. Below is a template for the letter, including a handwritten-style signature. You can copy the HTML code and save it as a `html` file.\n\n`html`<!DOCTYPE html>\nhtml

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How to Use:

- Copy the above HTML code.
- Paste it into a text editor (such as Notepad or VSCode).
- Save the file with an `.html` extension, for example, `self_certified_letter.html`.
- Open the saved file in a web browser to view and print the letter.

This HTML document includes a date that auto-fills with the current date and a signature that uses a cursive font to simulate handwriting.

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Requirements for the\u00a0nM.A. Organizational Leadership \u2013 Professional
Studies\nClaremont CA\n\u00a0nTable 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: \nhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cN-
JX6HP7c\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
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results of the change project.\n\t\tBriefly include
conclusions/recommendations.\n\t\tKeep the abstract to one paragraph in
length.\n\t\tAt end of abstract include \u201ckeywords:\u201d with up to six terms
relevant to the project. For example: \u201ckeywords: action research; ethical
leadership; mentoring; mindfulness\u201d\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\nFrom Tweets to Change: Social Media&#x27;s
Role in Contemporary Leadership\nCHAPTER 1: Introduction\nThe author\u2019s
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\u2019s 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&#x27;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.\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
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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.

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 fiancée 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 fiancée'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

The author's fiancé often laments that nowadays society's memory spans only about five years. He remarks that people often and easily forget what has come before dooming all mistakes to be repeated. In contrast fortunately within academia the effects and reach of social media leadership and authenticity have been studied and discussed at length. In this chapter we will explore the various facets of authentic leadership its application and its intersection with social media as a tool for leadership and change.

Understanding Authentic Leadership

In a world rife with uncertainty where workers are demanding greater accountability and morality from their leadership the need for authentic leadership is undeniable. As Northouse (2019) articulates people long for bona fide leadership that they can trust leaders who are honest and good. Although authentic leadership is still nascent in its philosophy many of the greatest minds in academia commerce and science have studied hypothesized and postulated on its methodology application and efficacy.

Gardner et al. (2005) provided a foundational understanding of authentic leadership by proposing a self-based model of the

developmental processes for authentic leadership and followership. They emphasize the importance of self-awareness and self-regulation suggesting that these are fundamental components of authentic leadership development. According to their model a leader's personal history is the catalyst for authentic leadership development. This reflective perspective examines leader and follower roles highlighting how authentic leaders are positive role models who consistently exhibit balanced processing self-awareness and transparency. Despite the lack of concrete examples their comprehensive framework remains invaluable in examining authentic leadership theory.

Berkovich (2014) extends this understanding by incorporating dialogical pedagogy in authentic leadership development. He critiques common approaches and suggests a new perspective based on dialogical philosophy outlining a framework for dialogical pedagogy. By identifying and discussing narrative identity processing and dramaturgical enactment Berkovich thoroughly examines the foundations and mechanics of dialogical pedagogy. His discourse on empathy mutuality and open-mindedness underscores the intricate nature of authentic leadership development making his contribution a significant expansion of Gardner et al. (2005) initial framework.

Application and Efficacy of Authentic Leadership

Several studies have focused on authentic leadership's practical applications and efficacy. Qian et al. (2016) delve into the cognitive and emotive mechanisms influencing feedback-seeking behavior within leader-follower relationships. They argue that authentic leadership influences feedback-seeking indirectly through employees' perceptions of value and cost and their positive emotions. This focused view on feedback-seeking behaviors provides a deeper understanding of how authentic leadership operates on a cognitive and emotional level. Although heavily theoretical their study is supported by credible sources reinforcing its claims.

Shifting the focus to group outcomes Rego et al. (2013) examine how authentic leadership directly and indirectly predicts team potency through the mediating role of team virtuousness and affective commitment. Their study conducted at a Portuguese university with 59 teams provides quantifiable results that suggest authentic leadership is associated with more virtuous committed and potent teams. This research is particularly valuable as it examines the effects of authentic leadership on group outcomes a rarity among studies that often focus on individual follower outcomes. The study's findings are crucial for understanding the broader impacts of authentic leadership within teams and organizations.

Shapira-Lishchinsky (2014) explores the development of authentic leadership through team-based simulations (TBSs) of ethical cases in the educational field. While TBSs created a supportive environment for learning from mistakes and heightening leader awareness of their caring responsibilities the study did not establish a strong correlation between simulations and authentic leadership development. Despite this limitation the detailed analysis of authentic leadership theory and methodology presented in the study offers valuable insights. These insights while specific to educational leaders have broader implications for the development of authentic leadership in various contexts.

Hsieh and Wang (2015) provide compelling evidence of the influence of authentic leadership on employee trust and engagement from a supervisor-employee perspective. Their study tested four hypotheses concerning employee and supervisor perceptions of authentic leadership and found that supervisor-perceived authentic leadership fully mediates employee work engagement through employee trust. The use of statistical data to present quantifiable results lends greater credibility to their conclusions offering a clear picture of the application of authentic leadership and its probable outcomes. This reinforces the importance of trust in the authentic leadership dynamic.

contrast to other studies that primarily focused on outcomes Mehmood et al. (2016) examine the role of authentic leadership in employees' developmental goals and performance. Their study conducted with supervisors and employees in the Pakistani Telecommunications sector concludes that authentic leadership predicts followers' in-role and extra-role performance through learning goal orientation. As with other studies the presentation of quantifiable results lends credibility to the authors' conclusions although a deeper analysis of the research leading to their hypotheses would have been beneficial. This study emphasizes the developmental aspect of authentic leadership and its impact on employee performance.

Authentic Leadership in Practice

The exploration of authentic leadership is not confined to academia. Blekkingh (2015) and Wulffers (2017) offer practical guides to achieving authenticity. Blekkingh's book *'Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission'* explores a seven-layer model for discovering one's purpose and achieving authenticity. He suggests that through layered self-reflection individuals can find their authentic self and purpose and subsequently put authentic leadership into effect. Although the book is mainly anecdotal and lacks academic robustness its straightforward language and engaging exercises make it accessible and applicable to a broad audience. This practical approach to authentic leadership complements the theoretical frameworks discussed earlier.

Wulffers (2017) in *'Authentic Leadership Effectiveness for Individuals and Teams: A Coaching Approach'* examines the state of leadership today and the consequences of poor leadership. She presents authentic leadership theory as a critical method for achieving better quality leadership. Wulffers' book is an extended case study and detailed manual on achieving authenticity heavily referencing previous literature on authentic leadership theory. Her practical approach and endorsements by industry leaders enhance the book's usefulness in authentic leadership theory research. This combination of practical advice and theoretical grounding makes it a valuable resource.

Kerfoot (2006) provides a practical application of authentic leadership theory in the nursing profession. She argues that leader authenticity cannot be self-defined but lies in followers' perceptions. Through mentoring and confidence one can create the perception of authenticity as a leader. This practical perspective is relevant and helpful to authentic leadership research offering context and application in a specific profession. Kerfoot's insights bridge the gap between theory and practice demonstrating the applicability of authentic leadership in professional settings.

The Role of Social Media in Enhancing Authentic Leadership

Social media plays a significant role in enhancing authentic leadership and fostering societal change. Odii (2020) discusses social media's potential to both facilitate and impede change highlighting its use in change management initiatives. Authentic leaders can leverage social media to strengthen these efforts while navigating the ethical challenges it presents underscoring its importance in contemporary leadership.

Building on this Harkins et al. (2023) explore the impact of emotionally charged content on social media in engaging followers and promoting social causes. Their findings suggest that positive emotionally charged images are more effective in garnering social media activity emphasizing the power of social media in leadership and change. This aligns with the principles of authentic leadership where emotional intelligence and engagement are crucial demonstrating how authenticity can translate to success and popularity online.

Khaund et al. (2022) highlight the influence of social bots and their coordination during online campaigns emphasizing the need for ethical leadership in navigating digital landscapes. Bots can significantly impact

social media conversations and public opinion presenting both opportunities and challenges for authentic leaders. The ethical considerations in using social media are critical for maintaining authenticity which in turn affects a leader's reach and audience. Naeem (2020) examines the role of social networking applications in facilitating organizational change by enhancing knowledge sharing and participation. Social media enhances the richness and reach of communication among stakeholders providing a powerful tool for leaders to drive change. This practical application of social media complements the theoretical frameworks of authentic leadership showing how authenticity can enhance a leader's influence and effectiveness. Finally Omolloh (2020) presents a case study on using social media as a management tool in small businesses highlighting its benefits in customer engagement and business awareness. This practical example underscores the versatility of social media in enhancing leadership practices across different contexts. The integration of social media in leadership strategies can amplify the impact of authentic leadership further illustrating how authenticity translates to success and popularity online.

Conclusion

Research suggests that authentic leadership and the strategic use of social media are crucial for fostering effective leadership and societal change. Authentic leaders must leverage social media's potential while mitigating its risks to achieve positive organizational outcomes. Future research should explore the long-term effects of these dynamics on societal values and norms.

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. This 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.]

[Implementation]

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.

[Project Measurements]

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's determined what to measure explain how to measure them. Like the section above this project proposal illustrates the researcher's 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's outcome. Share the logic and thought process behind the measurements of the project.]

CHAPTER 5: Reflections and Recommendations

Project Summary

Briefly summarize the goal for the project the actions that were taken and the results realized.]

Reflections

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 \n[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\u201334. <https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2021/04/07/social-media-use-in-2021/>\nBerkovich I. (2014). Between Person and Person: Dialogical Pedagogy in Authentic Leadership Development. *Academy of Management Learning & Education* 13(2) 245\u2013264. <https://doi.org/10.5465/amle.2012.0367>\nBlekkings B. W. (2015). Authentic Leadership: Discover and Live Your Essential Mission. *Infinite Ideas*. <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=987184&site=ehost-live>\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>\nGardner W. L. Avolio B. J. Luthans F. May D. R. & Walumbwa F. (2005). \u201cCan you see the real me?\u201d A self-based model of authentic leader and follower development. *Leadership Quarterly* 16(3) 343\u2013372. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.leaqua.2005.03.003>\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/>\nHarkins D. A. Athineos C. & Ray S. (2023). Inspiring action through social media. *International Journal of Science and Technology Research Archive*. <https://doi.org/10.53771/ijstra.2023.5.1.0076>\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>\nHsieh 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\u20132348. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09585192.2015.1025234>\nInfluencer Marketing Is Becoming a Lucrative Business for Brands in 2021\u20132014 *Business Insider*. (n.d.). Retrieved July 29 2024 from <https://www.businessinsider.com/influencer-marketing-important-for-brands-2021-5>\nJoe Biden [@JoeBiden]. (2024 July 21). <https://t.co/RMIRvLSOYw> [Tweet]. *Twitter*. <https://x.com/JoeBiden/status/1815080881981190320>\nKerfoot K. (2006). Authentic Leadership. *Dermatology Nursing* 18(6) 595\u2013596.\nKhaund T. Kirdemir B. Agarwal D. N. Liu H. & Morstatter F. (2022). Social Bots and Their Coordination During Online Campaigns: A Survey. *IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems* 9 530\u2013545. <https://doi.org/10.1109/tcss.2021.3103515>\nMason J. Renshaw J. Holland S.

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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.

Social Significance

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.

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

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.

This 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.]

[Implementation]

[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.]

[Project Measurements]

[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's determined what to measure explain how to measure them. Like the section above this project proposal illustrates the researcher's 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's outcome. Share the logic and thought process behind the measurements of the project.]

CHAPTER 5:

Reflections and Recommendations

Project Summary

[Briefly summarize the goal for the project the actions that were taken and the results realized.]

Reflections

[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.]

Recommendations/Conclusions

[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

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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.

Gardner W. L. Avolio B. J. Luthans F. May D. R. & Walumbwa F. (2005). Can you see the real self-based model of authentic leader and follower development. *Leadership Quarterly* 16(3) 343-372. Business Source Elite. <LINK> <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=17426678&site=ehostlive>

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.

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. <LINK> <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=108302656&site=ehost-live>

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.

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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.

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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.

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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. & 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> This 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. 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). 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.

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> 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).

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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. Wulffers is also lent a greater credibility through endorsements and reviews by industry leaders.

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Leadership Literature Review\n\nAccording to Northouse (2019) \n\nPeople feel
apprehensive and insecure about what is going on around them and as a result they long
for bona fide leadership they can trust and for leaders who are honest and good\n\n(p. 197). In this world of uncertainty where workers are demanding greater
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. \n\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\n\n(2006) application of authentic
leadership theory in nursing is brilliant in its simplicity! \n\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. \n\nLiterature Review\n\nAcademic Discourses on Leadership
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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.4 82). 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.

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["Based on the information from your documents and your project's focus,
I'll help you reframe and enhance the literature review chapter for your capstone
project on the theme of 'Social Media as a Tool for Change and Mobilizer of
Causes.' This will include repurposing existing content and adding new sources
related to the influence of social media in shaping public opinion and driving social
change.\n\n### Drafting Chapter 3: Literature Review\n\n#### Engaging Introductory
Paragraph\nLet's start with your request to use a specific statement as an opener.
You mentioned wanting to use a specific sentence to open the chapter, but the full
sentence wasn't provided. Assuming you're looking for a strong, thematic
statement about social media's impact, here's a suggestion:\n\n'In the
digital age, social media has emerged not merely as a platform for social interaction
but as a powerful agent of change, influencing public opinion and mobilizing movements
that span global boundaries. This chapter explores how these digital platforms, often
underestimated in their early days, have now become central to modern activism and
leadership.'\n\n#### Structure of the Literature Review\n1. **Overview of Social
Media Influence**\n    - Synthesize existing knowledge on how social media has been
used to influence public opinion and mobilize support for various causes.\n    -
Reference specific studies or statistics that illustrate the reach and impact of
social media campaigns (e.g., Pew Research findings on social media's role in
political engagement).\n2. **Theoretical Framework**\n    - Discuss the theories that
explain why and how social media is effective in mobilizing causes and influencing
change. This might include discussions of mass communication theory, network theory,
and the concept of 'viral' content.\n    - Reference academic theories or
publications that have explored these dynamics.\n3. **Case Studies and Examples**\n    -
Bring in detailed examples of successful social media campaigns. This could include
movements like #MeToo, #BlackLivesMatter, or other significant social or political
movements that have utilized social media effectively.\n    - Analyze the strategies
used, the response from the public, and the outcomes of these campaigns.\n4.
**Critical Perspectives**\n    - Discuss criticisms and challenges related to using
social media for social change. This might include issues like misinformation, the
digital divide, or the transient nature of online engagement.\n    - Include scholarly
critiques and debates on the effectiveness and ethical considerations of social media
activism.\n5. **Future Directions**\n    - Speculate on future trends in the use of
social media for social activism.\n    - Discuss emerging technologies (like AI and
machine learning) and their potential impact on social media-driven activism.\n6.
**Conclusion**\n    - Summarize the key points discussed and reflect on the role of

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social media in shaping future social and political landscapes.\n\n#### Adding New Sources\nTo enhance your literature review, consider adding recent studies or publications that have emerged since your last review. Look for:\n- Publications from 2021-2024 that discuss the evolution of social media influence on public opinion.\n- Recent case studies highlighting new social media platforms like TikTok and their unique role in social mobilization.\n- Scholarly articles or books that critically analyze the impact of social media post-major global events (like the COVID-19 pandemic).\n\n#### APA Guidelines\nMake sure your literature review adheres to APA guidelines:\n- Proper in-text citations and reference list formatting.\n- Clear, concise, and objective writing.\n- Adequate synthesis of sources, showing the relationships between different ideas and theories.\n\nThis structure will help you create a comprehensive literature review that not only synthesizes the existing body of research but also introduces fresh perspectives and recent developments in the field of social media and social change. If you need specific sources or further details on any of these sections, feel free to ask!"]}, "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": true