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Final Assessment: Summary and Response (20%)

By summarizing and responding to the article below (“Booze in the corner store”), you willdemonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the COMM1000 learning outcomes: applying critical reading, critical thinking and critical writing strategies.  
  
The Final Assessment consists of 3 written sections:

1. A summary paragraph
2. Response paragraph 1 (Critical Thinking)
3. Response paragraph 2 (Critical Reflection)

**Part 1: Summary of Article**

The article “Booze in the corner store” was written by John Lorinc and published on September 5, 2024 in the Spacing Toronto magazine. John Lorinc is a journalist and editor whose work has often appeared in the Toronto Star and other publications. The main idea of the article is talking about how the obsolete value reflects the law and how it developed to modern style. For example, until the mid-1970s, the lottery was prohibited as a form of gambling. The government set up a company and let all the profits fund the society and charity events. Make the lottery a positive activity. In conclusion, the piece argues that Ontario’s outdated law that allows the alcohol selling monopoly, should be changed to normalize alcohol sales. Especially when most of the countries in the world have relaxed attitudes toward alcohol.

**Part 2: Response Paragraph 1 – Critical Thinking**

**What can you find out about the author (John Lorinc) and the website (spacing.ca)? Do you believe they are trustworthy? Is the author qualified to write about this topic? Why do you think so (or not)?**

There are several reasons that make me think the author and the website are trustworthy. First, based on the Writers’ Trust of Canada website, it shows that John Lorinc was a realistic person and journalist. He had reported lots of news and publications on politics, government, and smart cities. In the last two years, he won a Balsillie prize for public policy in 2022, the publications writing about dream states and smart cities. The jury from the prize said that Lorinc ”offers a framework for thinking about the future of urban living”. Moving on to the website, Spacing magazine was formed in 2003 by a group of young journalists that specialize in urban issues. Spacing is a credibility magazine that won the gold medal for Best Editorial Package at the 2005 Canadian National Magazine Awards. As science and technology develop, spacing is added to the Internet and they used the website was designed to make it easier for the public to read. These publications provide a place for citizens to debate these critical urban issues.

Overall, this information leads me to feel the author and website are trustworthy. The author’s experience and long-term reporting on politics make me believe he is well qualified to write about this topic.

***Part 3: Response Paragraph 2 – Critical Reflection***

***John Lorinc compares the regulation of alcohol and cannabis, saying they should be treated equally by government rule-makers. Based on your own experience and observations, do you think this is a fair argument? Why/why not?***

***Citation***

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