Cultural Deviance Around the World

50 Points

Who: 2 person partners (only) of your choice

What: 11- slide PPT presentation or Prezi completed with your partner

When: Completed in class Wednesday 11/16, Thursday 11/17, and Friday 11/18. This should not require any work outside of school.

Purpose: To explore and understand how American Media (TV, Movies, etc) helps our society define what is and is not “deviant” behavior and to then compare American cultural beliefs on deviance with one other foreign culture.

How:

**Day 1**- brainstorm with your partner 10 behaviors that are considered by most American’s to be socially (not criminally) deviant. List them on a sheet of paper.

-Create a PPT or Prezi presentation with a cover page. This cover page should have both partner’s names, a clever title, and the date of completion. Have the listed deviant behaviors located on this page in some clever way.

-Complete an Internet search designed to identify ways the American media helps determine what in our culture is consider to be deviant behavior. (ex. Celebrity behavior examined negatively/positively in People magazine.com, video games and their depiction of male/female behavior, etc).

-Find 5 photos that represent these powerful media representations you and your partner found online. Dedicate one PPT slide to each photo. Under each picture, provide a two sentence analysis as to why your group feels the media is a critical force in defining this particular behavior as deviant.

**Day 2-** You will return to the lab to complete your PPT or Prezi presentation.

- Choose 1 culture in the world – the more exotic the better – and examine some of their accepted behaviors we American’s may feel to be deviant. They do not have to be the same behaviors you had on your first slides (but it would be interesting if you did).

- Provide 5 photos (1 per slide) of each behavior in action, if possible, and place each photo on a slide. Underneath the photo discuss what the behavior represents in the foreign culture (etc. respect, welcoming, gratitude). If you can’t find people in this culture carrying out this behavior, provide a visual of Americans doing the behavior and describe what the foreign culture would think if an American carried it out in their country.

\*In total- there should be 11 slides (cover page, American media deviance examples, and foreign culture behaviors

**Day 3** – Create an Xtranormal video in which a conversation takes place between two individuals contemplating the influence of the American media on the understanding of deviant behaviors by the mainstream American population.