

In my approach to the assignments of this course, I was able to recognize a few patterns of thought consistent with past behavior that both strengthened and weakened the success of my projects.

The amount of research and planning that went into many of these pieces was reflected very well in the quality of the content I produced, and I would in the future like to continue this as it made me feel more confident about my work, and the overall aesthetic decisions I would need to make as the creator. This was particularly true for my literary journalism piece and the documentary.

One thing that did negatively impact my progress was that I was too ambitious with many of my assignments. The websites, the microsite, and the documentary were all such examples. The latest assignment in particular was the worst case of this. My initial script of the presentation featured nearly another five minutes of content that could not have been feasibly produced within the timeframe that I had allotted for myself, and I failed to produce the anticipated deliverable I had in mind. This particular pattern shows the personal blindness I have in assessing my own abilities and is a lesson I continually have failed to learn as I created work for this class, and many of my other courses as well.

Going forward, I think when it comes to approaching the content I make, I need to consider the timeline of the assignment, and my additional responsibilities in context so that I am aware of just how much I can actually do before I get invested in the project. Delivering promises I can't keep, especially in a professional context, is a surefire way to get fired in my anticipated line of work, and I need to recognize that this fault of mine is something that needs to be addressed in a way that doesn't result in a disappointed client, and an embarrassed me.

That change is also likely to impact how I see my own work, in retrospect. There have been many instances where I wish I'd made different decisions in the creative process of my content in hindsight, and perhaps a change in prescription to my foresight would improve my perspective.