CMS.S60 Technopanics
Final Research Paper Guidelines
Due: Session 24 at the beginning of class

Assignment:
Write an 8-10 page (double-spaced, 1 inch margins, 12 pt. font) research paper on a class-related topic of your choice. This topic must be approved in advance. Please email me by Session 18 and provide a brief (2-3) sentence synopsis of your topic and potential argument as well as one potential source.

Late Policy:
If you feel you may need an extension on your paper please contact me in advance of the due date. Late papers (those without an extension) will be penalized ½ letter grade for each day that they are late.

Key Elements of the Paper:
In addition to supporting your argument with proper evidence and citations, papers should demonstrate **relevance, coherence,** and **writing proficiency**. Papers should have:
* a clear thesis,
* coherent organization and development,
* focused paragraphs

Resources:
The MIT Library Guide for Media Studies contains a list of online databases and journals that may contain relevant sources (http://libguides.mit.edu/media). Journals such as New Media & Society and First Monday (http://firstmonday.org/) are a good place to look for articles on digital media topics. If you have trouble locating relevant academic sources for your topic please contact me.

Citations and Citation Style:
These papers should **cite at least 10 sources**. At least 5 of these sources should be **academic** journal articles or books.

For your references, use one consistent citation style (such as APA or MLA). A rough guide to the different citation styles is available online at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/

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