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Just a thought: Folklore is useful for me because it seems like one form of folklore is the traditional, cultural, informal "incorrect usage" of communication as a tool.

If communication, generally or communication technology is a mediating tool, then there is certainly a socially sanctioned meaning and, therefore, function associated with that communication.

We can assume and even expect people—humans—to use tools in ways that are different from the initial or original way that the tool was first used.

So when such a misuse of a communication tool/technology spreads throughout a community or network and is "mis"used by the same way by not just one person but by many people, then is that folklore?

It's hard to write my thoughts and take notes and focus on discussion all at once ... sorry for missing some things in the overall discussion!
- LM suggested that we put our ballot on the website for all site visitors to complete or participate in.

- Another group . . .
  - Talking about revenge pornography or the happening.

- LM mentioning that there’s been a lot of stuff out there but not one thing to pin down for some topics like ebola or body image, eh . . .

- LM suggesting that an introductory paragraph would be useful on the ballot.

- Now our group . . .
  - I’m just thinking that it would be useful to bring up some of these examples that people we’ve talked about that are top down memes so that our audience can understand what digital folklore is by showing us what it is not.

  - Perhaps this really shows my own ignorance on the subject.
- LM now writing, from her notes, the top potential trends on the whiteboard...
  → She wrote, in no particular order:

- # GamerGate (women, feminism, gaming, journalism ethics)

- # ALS Ice Bucket Challenge (global, short vid, legend, parodies, memes...)

- # Black-Lives-Matter (#ferguson, #IfTheyGaveYouAThriftShop, #pintrestgate, videoing police encounters)

- # Not Your Mascot (#change the name)

- r/the Factor (revenge porn, privacy)

- # Yes All Women &/# Not All Men (#bringbackstreethappened, victimization)

- Celebrity Memorials → Robin Williams (mental health)

- LM is now using her iPad to take a picture

- Taking a break for 15 minutes...

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I just got back from the break, and I was thinking about the surveys that I handed out last week — it's interesting that some of the students, in a sense, 'misused' the survey (i.e. they wrote funny answers)
- LM now talking about how to structure
  the ballot (e.g. bullet points? Introduction?
  Broad vs. narrow? Pros vs Cons?)
  - Definitional overview
  - How it meets the criteria
  → Related forms
  → Examples

- How it meets the criteria

- Other Considerations
  → disagreement, biases, questions

- LM talking about how to begin drafting
  → group work, as a class, individually
  → cool, again talking about which
    tool to use (e.g. Google Docs?)
    → Put it on the board w/bullet
       points...

- My goodness! So much of this project
  has to do with choosing which comm.
  technology will help us achieve our
  goals, will mediate our activity.

  - For my group, we're using Google Docs
- Deadline on Wed.
- Our group is writing about the fe compass.

- So, to summarize, we’re writing 3 paragraphs.
  1. Definitional Overview
     - Describe the trend to someone who’s never heard of it.
  2. How it meets the criterion
     - According to 5 criteria listed on Messy Musings page
  3. Other Considerations
     - Disagreements
     - Biases
     - Questions