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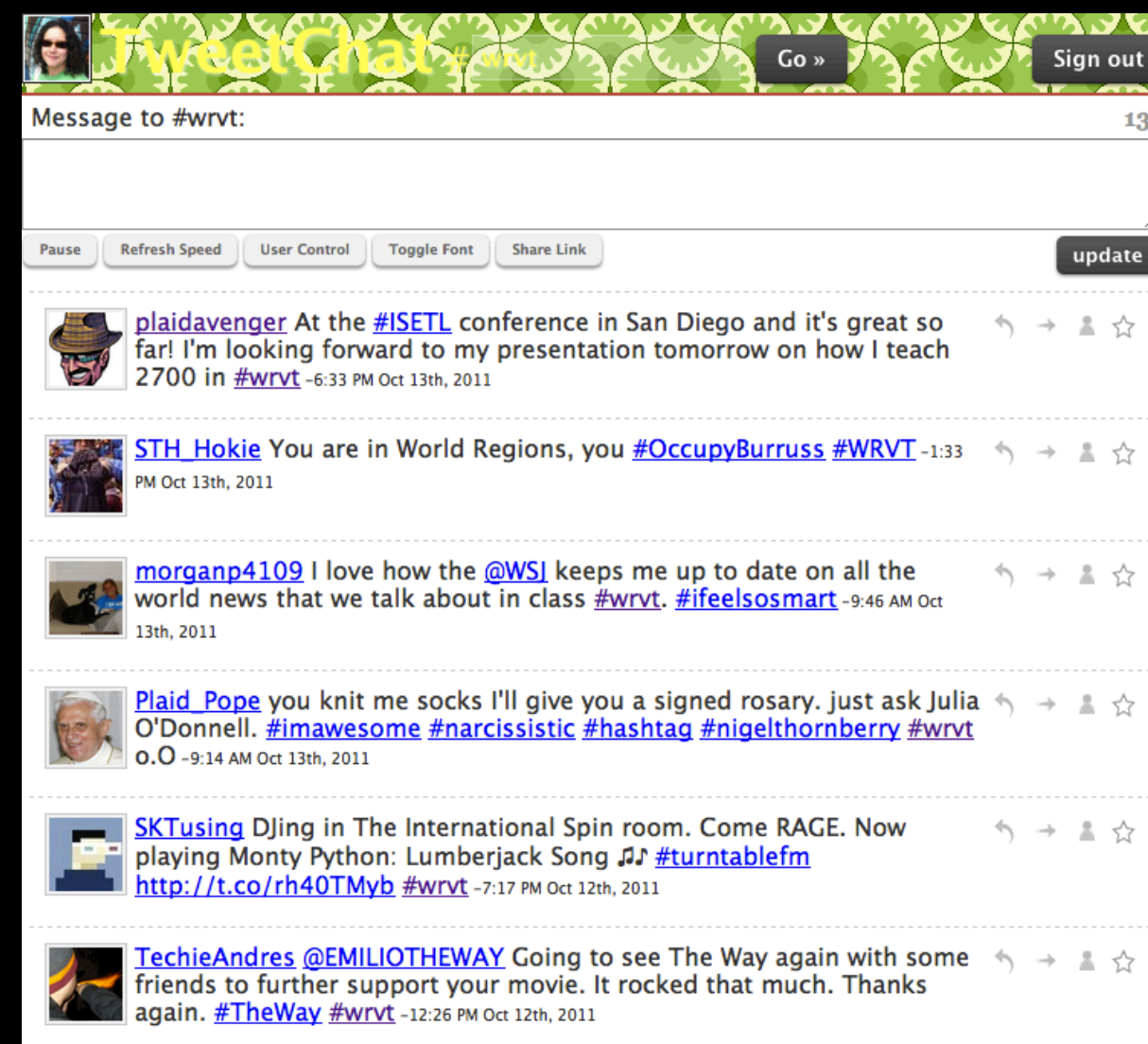
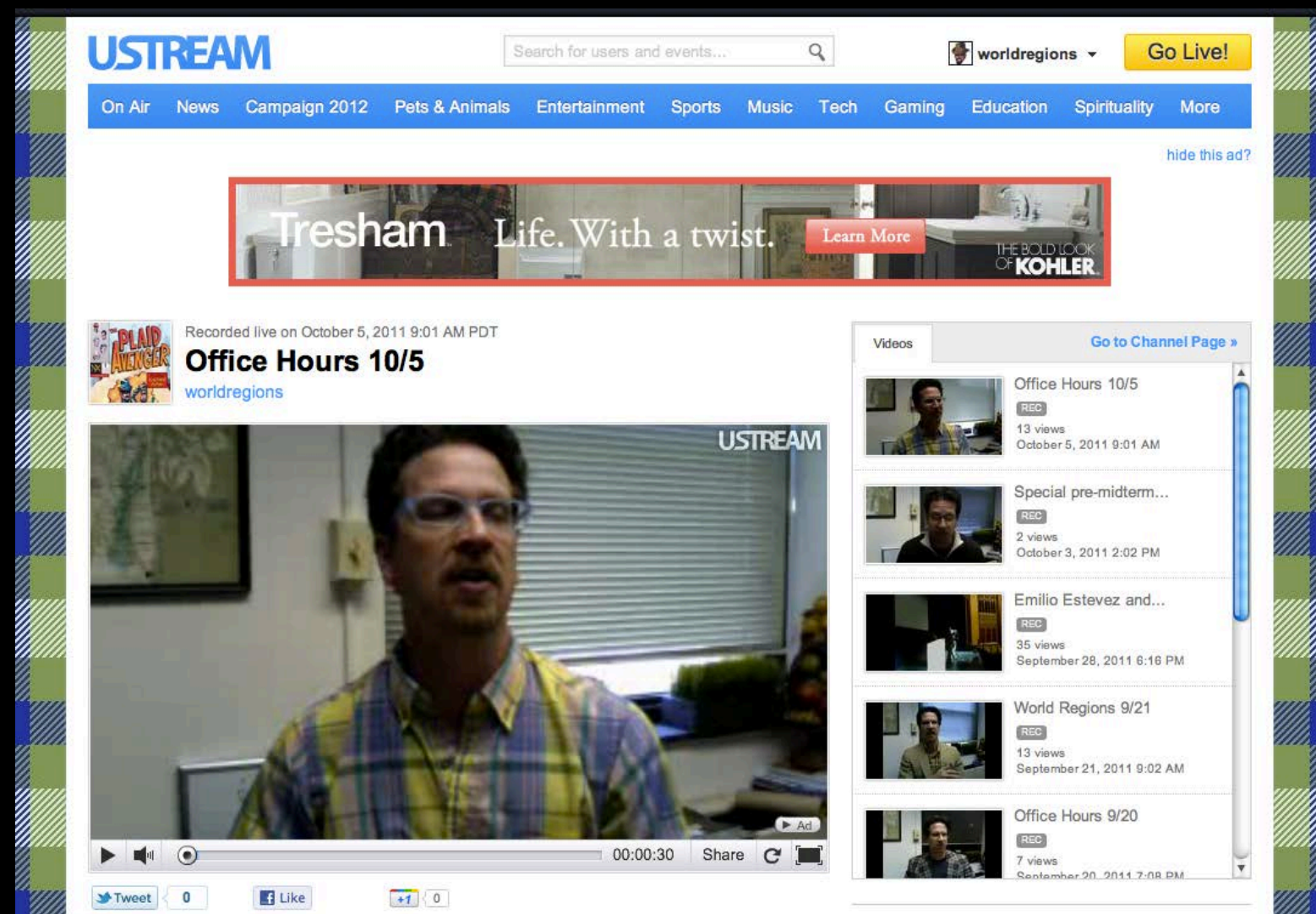
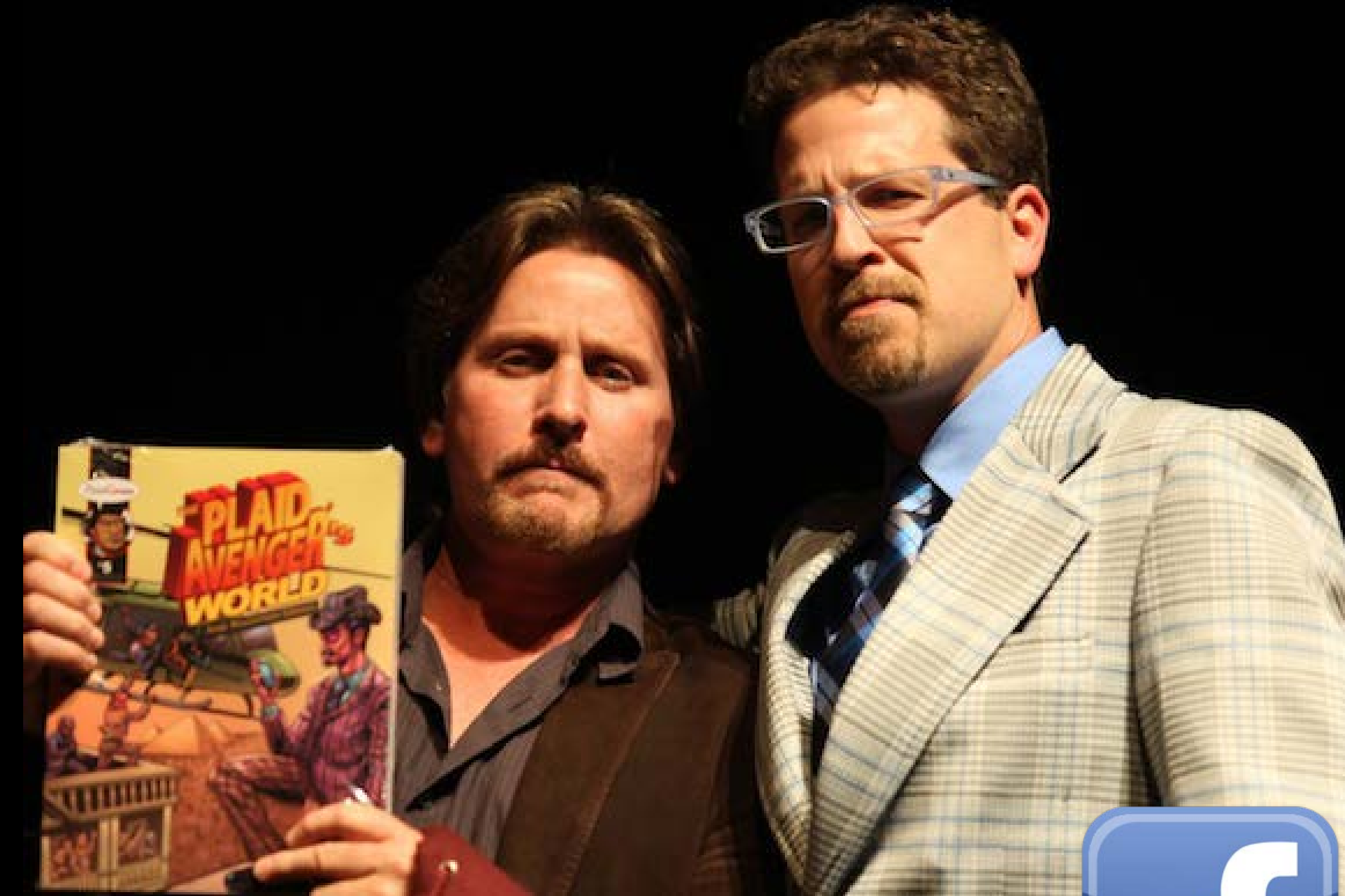
(...well, I'm trying.)

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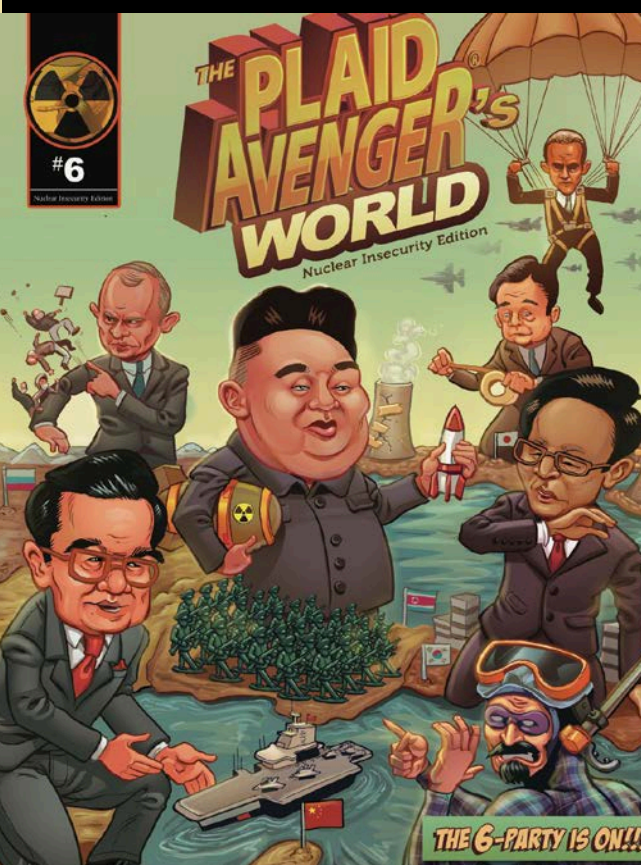
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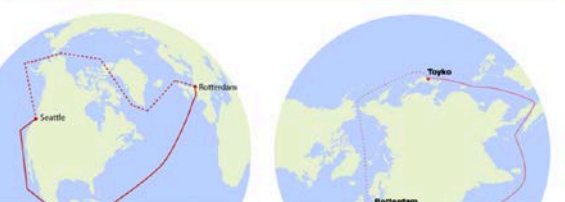
My 21st century path to this place....



PHASE I
Old
School
Classic



FIRST AND FOREMOST, LOSS OF THE ICE CAP IS GOING TO RADICALLY ALTER SHIPPING PATTERNS, BRINGING A LOT MORE TRAFFIC TO YOUR TIANJIN! BYE BYE PANAMA CANAL! TRANSIT ROUTES BETWEEN ASIA AND EUROPE AND THE U.S. WILL BE SERIOUSLY SHORTENED AND THEREFORE CHEAPER AND FASTER BY COMING OVER THE TOP OF THE WORLD...



PHASE II
Old School
Bigger &



**PHASE III
Super-
Sized**

2016 JUN 27 BREXIT: Britain Votes To No Longer Be "Great"
[World](#) | [International Organizations](#) | [European Eurasia](#)

49:22 vimeo

Pip, pip, and Cheerio, Great Britain! And so long to the EU! Greetings Global Friends! The Plaid Avenger has been pulled out of summer slumber in order to rant and rage a bit about the BREXIT vote which has pulled the UK out of the European Union, and caused chaos across the continent! In this extended plaid filibuster, the Professor will cover what happened with this BREXIT deal, why it happened, the short term effects, the long term effects (like losing Scotland), and even some points on the broader, ideological context that this BREXIT business has brought into question. God save the Queen!...but who will save the UK?



World Regions
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Lecture Outline for World Regions

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Recorded live on April 2, 2012 7:58pm ET
Office Hours 4-2
[worldregions](#) [Join Crowd](#)

Ustream RECORDED LIVE

AD 00:00:17 Share

PHASE IV
Digital Upgrade

...and now...



vs.



PHASE V
Stylistic
Showdown!

So what have I learned along the way?

A handful of *things*
we've
learned/experimented with
along the way...



Thing #1: There are a few inconvenient truths to accept

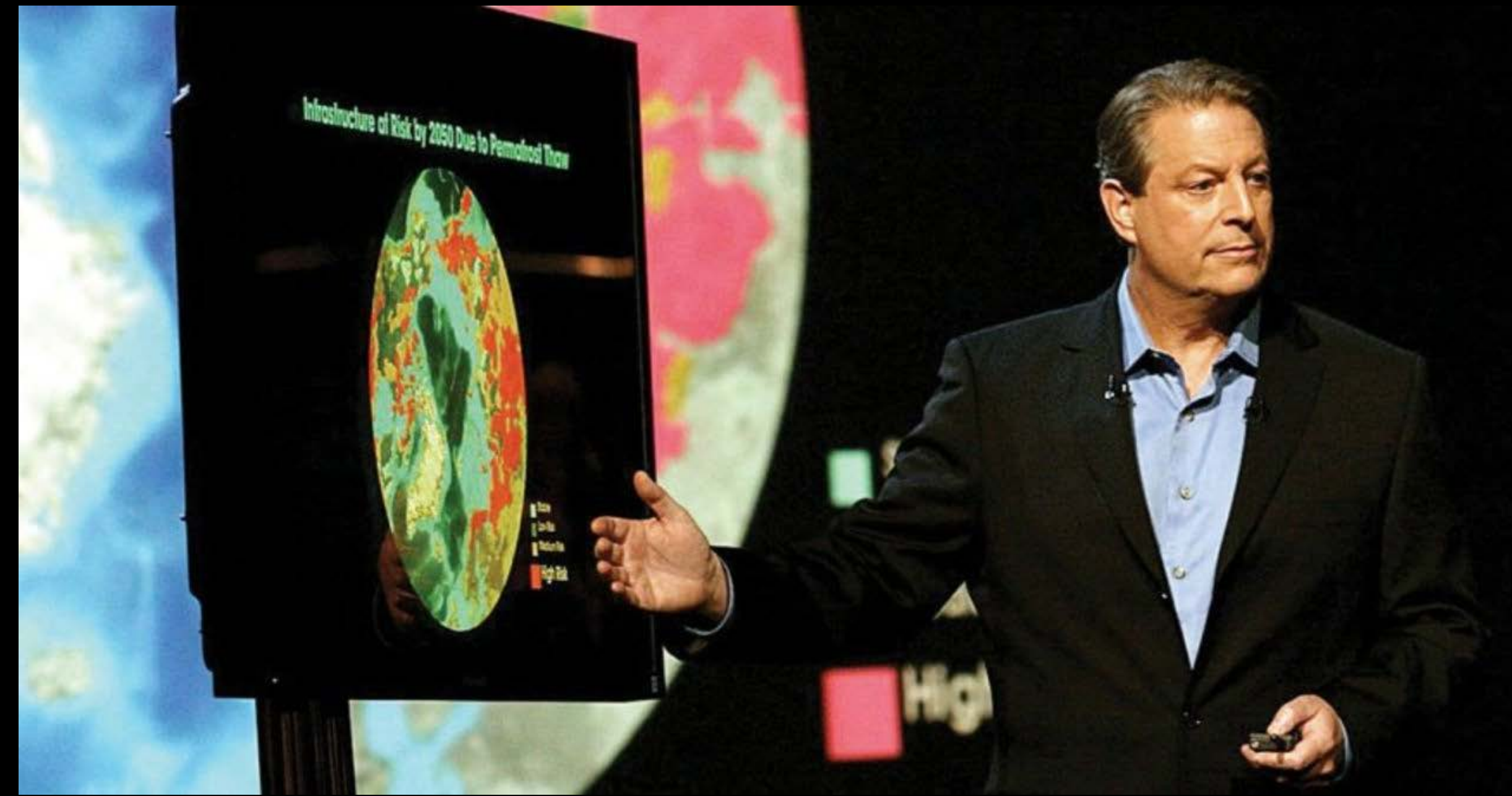
Thing #2: Increase the bandwidth

Thing #3: Expand options

Thing #4: Make a class into a community

Thing #5: The end is near

Thing #1: There are a few inconvenient truths to accept



A SERIES
OF
UNFORTUNATE
EVENTS ~



Thing #1: There are a few inconvenient truths to accept



Information/facts are cheap.

They don't need you for that.

Your exams and assessments are well crafted, thoughtful, and challenging. They have all the answers.

Social media totally sucks. And you should embrace it.

Laptops/phones in the classroom totally suck

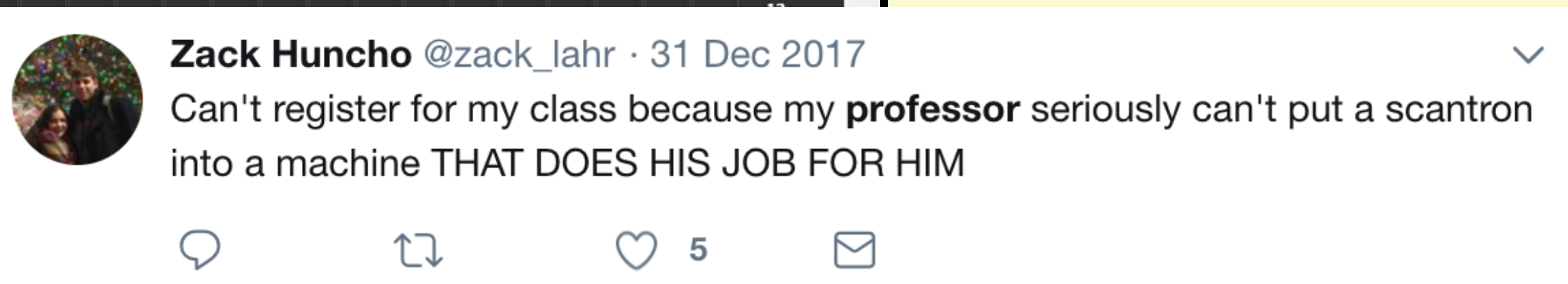
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The AGE of the SAGE on the STAGE is slipping away...

...which is why we need to...

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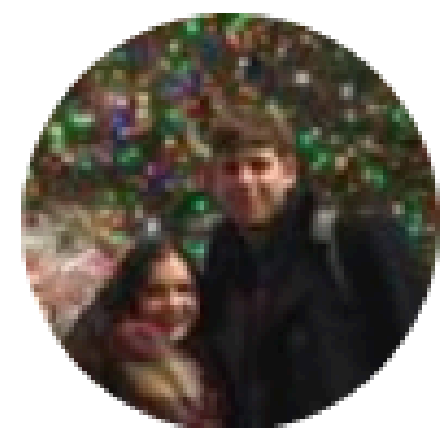
The technology tools now available to communicate and to deliver content are AWESOME!!!



...but don't be forced into compliance, nor lulled into complacency....

Thing #2: Increase the bandwidth

Join the [Twitch](#) community!



Zack Huncho @zack_lahr · 31 Dec 2017

Can't register for my class because my **professor** seriously can't put a scantron into a machine THAT DOES HIS JOB FOR HIM



5



Jan.8th 👑 @kenyavanessa_ · Jan 7

Why is my ACCT **professor** giving out homework due BEFORE classes start up like chill I still have 23 hours and 48 minutes before I even introduce myself to yo ass



*Your students are already interacting in this space
(and often interacting about YOU)*

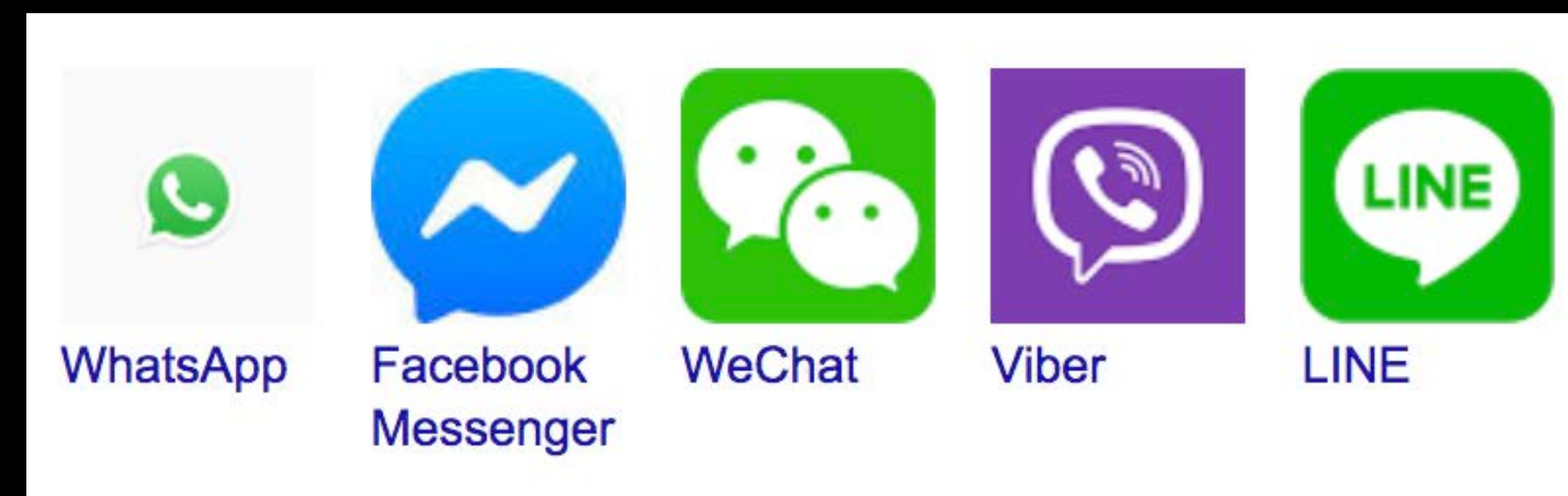
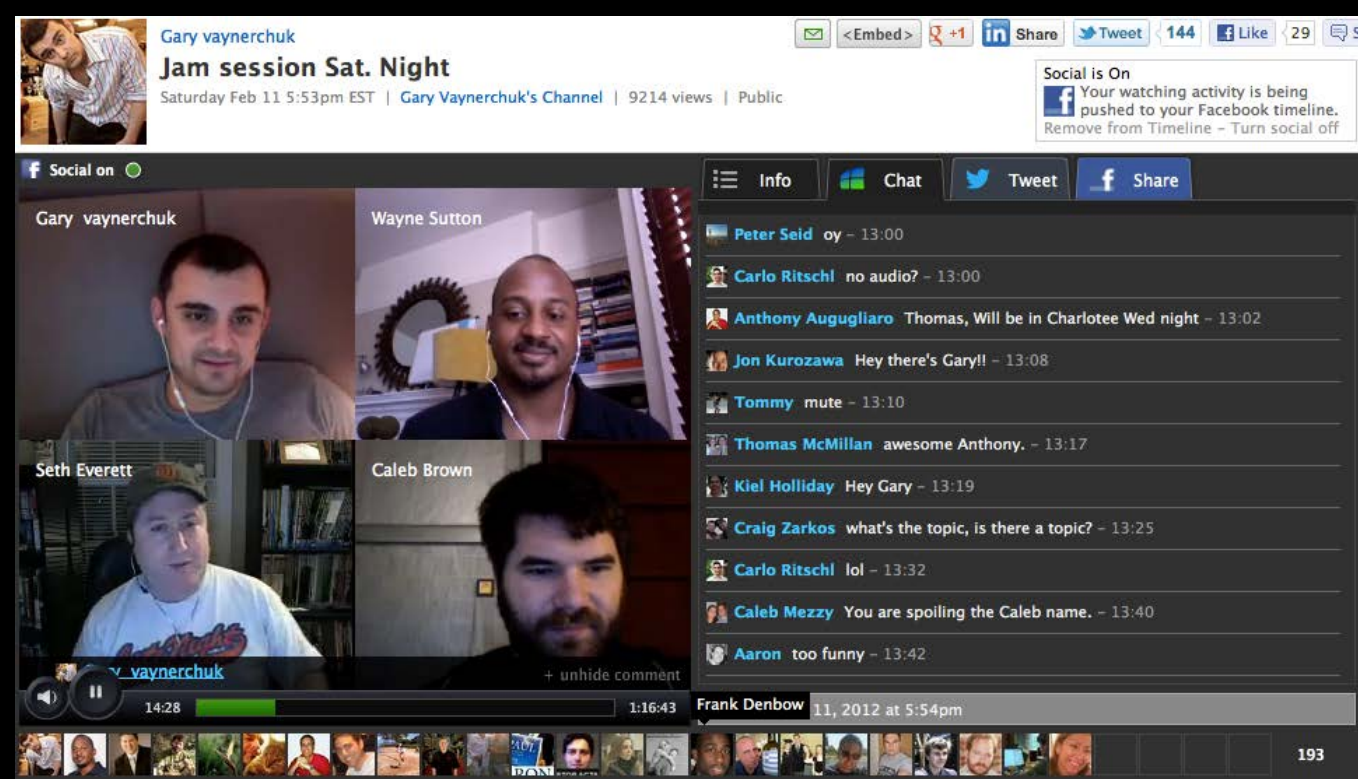
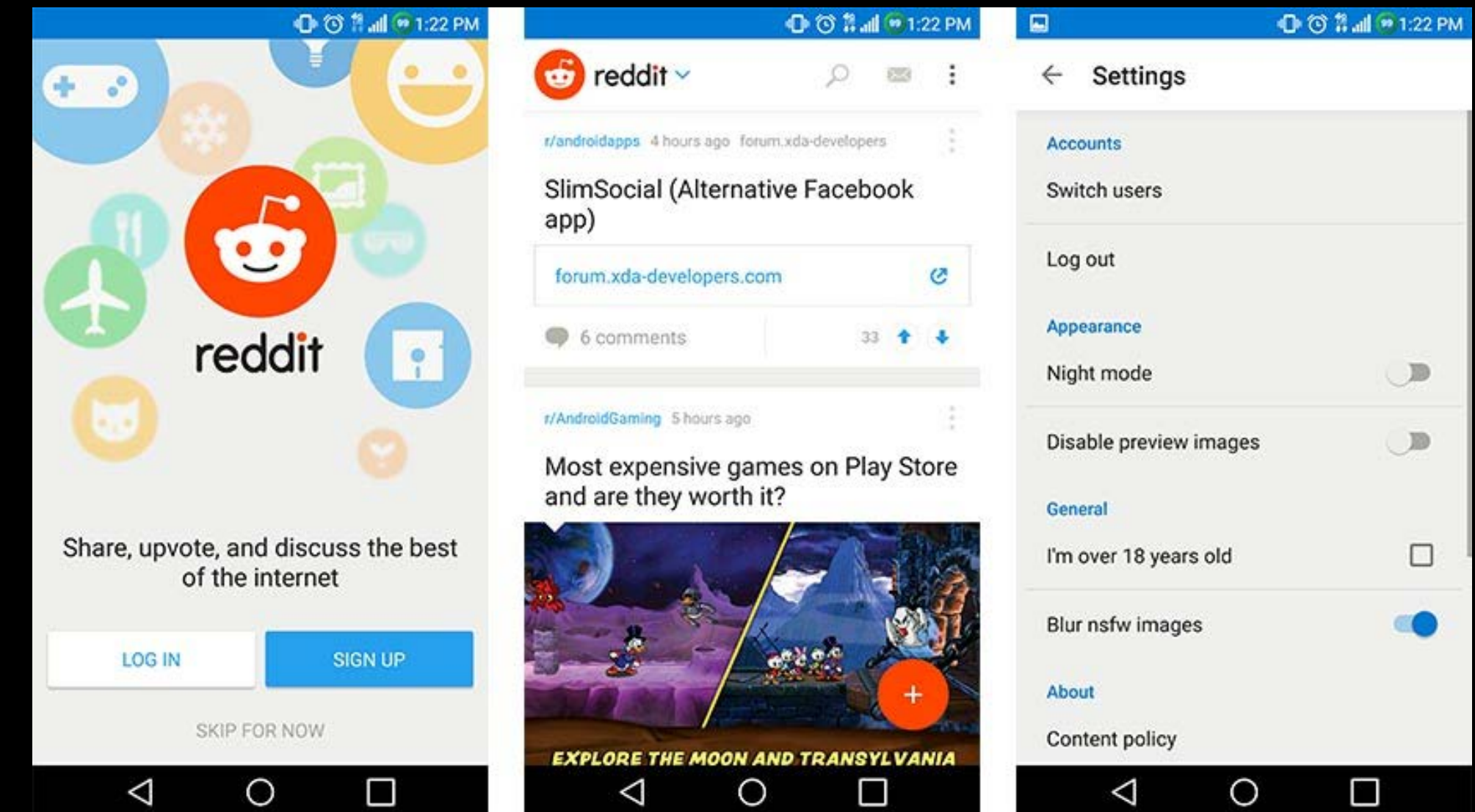
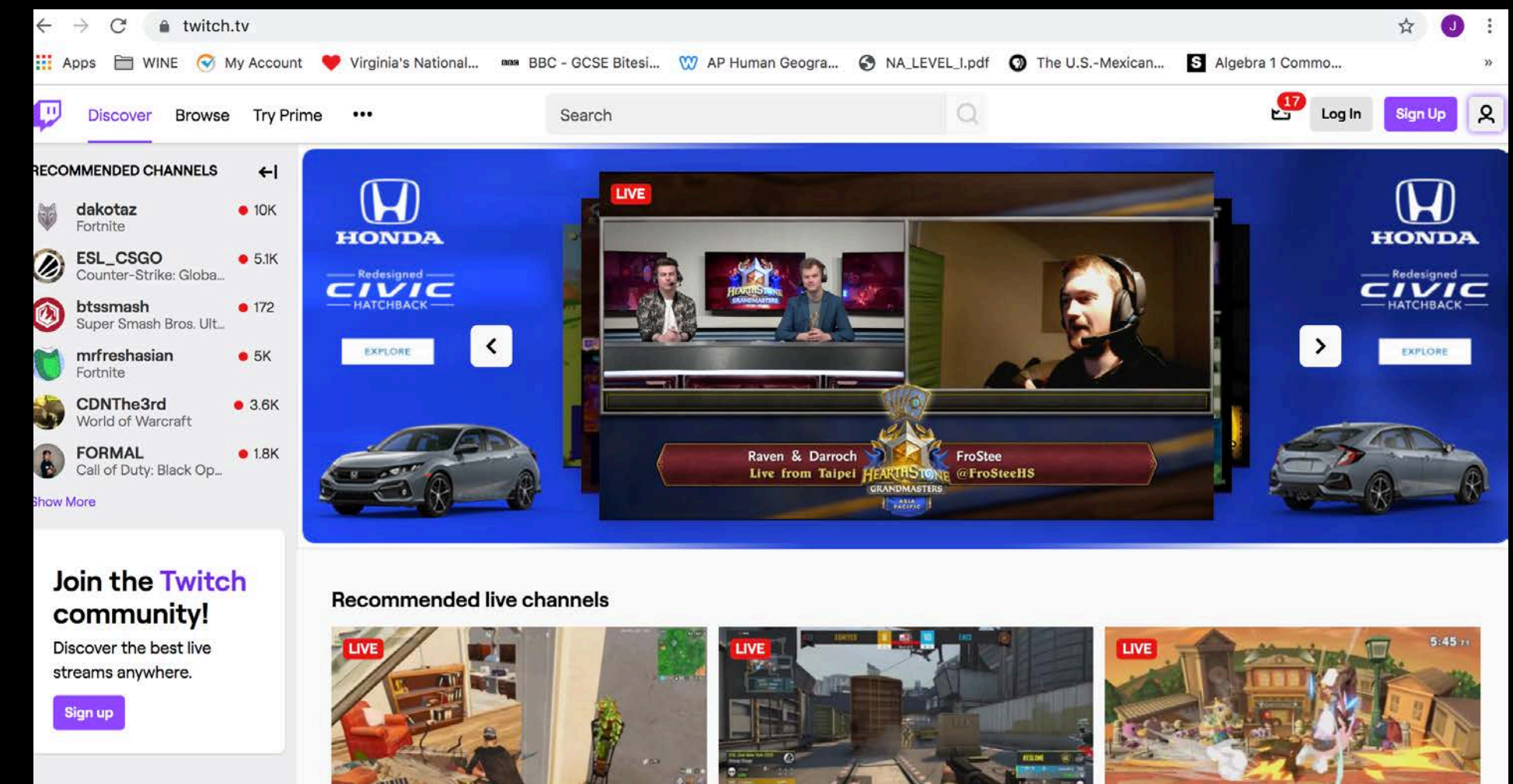
Tools that students use to interact with other students

Top Messenger Apps by Country [September 2018]

[Based on the Apple App Store Rank for each country in September 2018]



Source: Similarweb.com | September 2018 | Based on the Apple App Store Rank for each country
Illustrated by Larry Kim | MobileMonkey.com



Know some “languages” in order to communicate more effectively with them

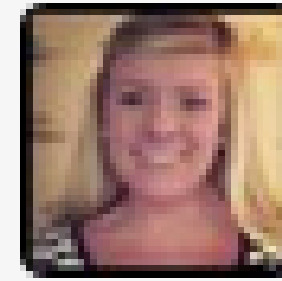
Tools that help give students a voice during class, building a sense of active involvement



#wrvt



Twitter - Class hashtag streamed live on-screen



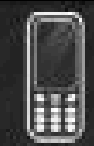
Lindsey Floyd @Linds_ayee

26 Sep

Saw David Cameron on the David Letterman show and knew exactly who he was! I'm actually learning in college thanks to @plaidavenger #wrvt

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What news story should Prof. Boyer cover today?



Text a **KEYWORD** to **37607**



Tweet @poll and a **KEYWORD**



Submit a **KEYWORD** to <http://PollEv.com>

Russia & China VETO Moves on Syria

VETO 30%

Assad Regime Bombards Homs

5% **ASSAD**

Turkey and Gulf States Squeeze Syria

SYRIA 44%

Blasts Rock Central Nigeria

6% **NIGERIA**

Volatile Week in the Philippines

VOLATILE 15%

0 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 30 33 36 39 42 45 48 51 54

Total Results: 124

TOP HAT



Poll Everywhere



reddit

Tools that help connect the professor to the students



John Boyer
First ever on-line midterm exam is now complete! No explosions, no server meltdown, no students surrounding my office with pitchforks and torches. Quite frankly, I am saddened by its lack of titanic problems. I of course aced it, like a boss. How did you all fare?
Like · Comment · Share · October 3 at 10:08pm



Scott C @YoScott 1h
What I learned in #wrvt :Explore the world, Its differences are beautiful and yours for the taking. (also: employ ninjas in case of attack.)
Expand

Atef Aziz @atef23 1h
@plaidavenger i learned what ASEAN is in #wrvt. In Singapore I learned not to piddle around and go straight for the hawker centers
View conversation

Ty Hodges @STH_Hokie 1h
@PlaidAvenger Genocide is sovereignty stopper #WRVT
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Krishna Patel @thatskraykay 1h
everything is shifting to the east! east east east! #wrvt #shouldvelearnedchinese
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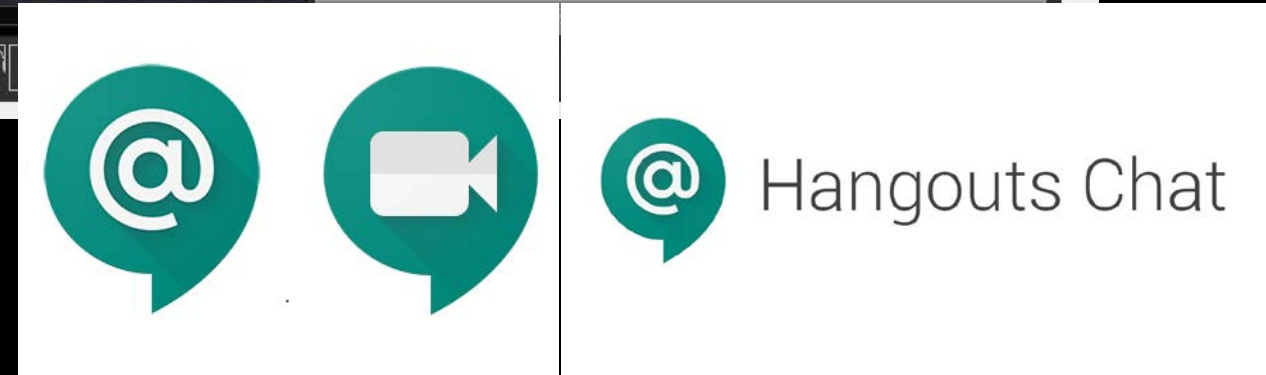


Facebook/Twitter - class notices, quick polling, instant feedback & casual interaction

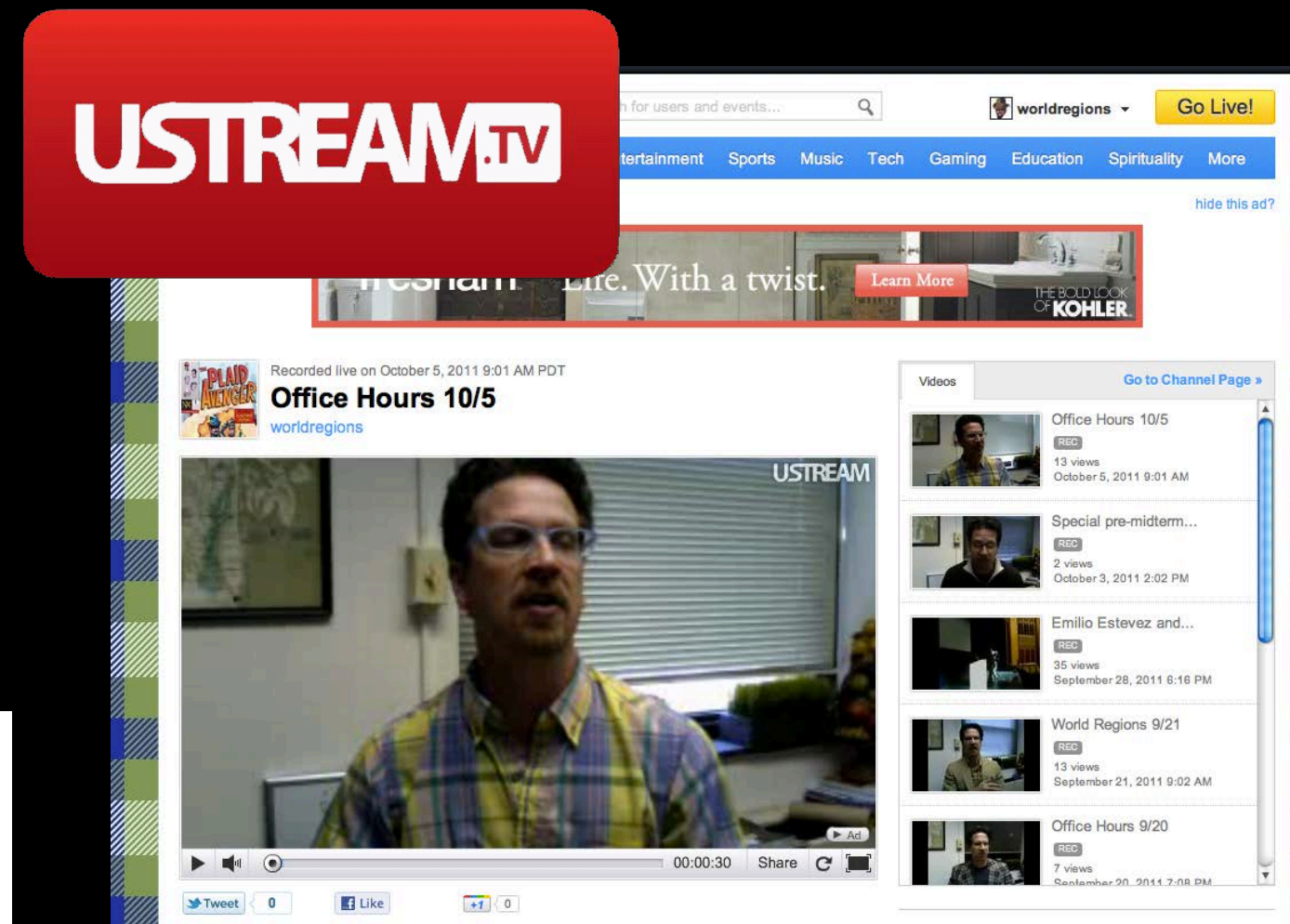


John Boyer
Wednesday May 30 9:30pm EDT | John Boyer's Channel | 272 views | Public

Chat:
Katie Pritchard itunes university, our website: www.plaidavenger.com, our textbook, twitter, facebook, and here on spreecast - 26:24
Neeraj Your website is really cool! - 26:47
Katie Pritchard thanks! - 27:30
Katie Pritchard how did you stumble across this spreecast, Neeraj? - 29:24
Neeraj Yea, it was Live & Upcoming... - 29:41
Neeraj I came via Spreecast Home Page! - 30:10
Katie Pritchard cool, thanks for joining us! - 31:37
Stewart Butterfield you can make the spreecast unlisted, so that people need a link to join if you don't want it publicly shown - 31:45
Katie Pritchard Thanks, but we're all about having everything out there and public - 32:48
Katie Pritchard makes it more fun :) - 33:06

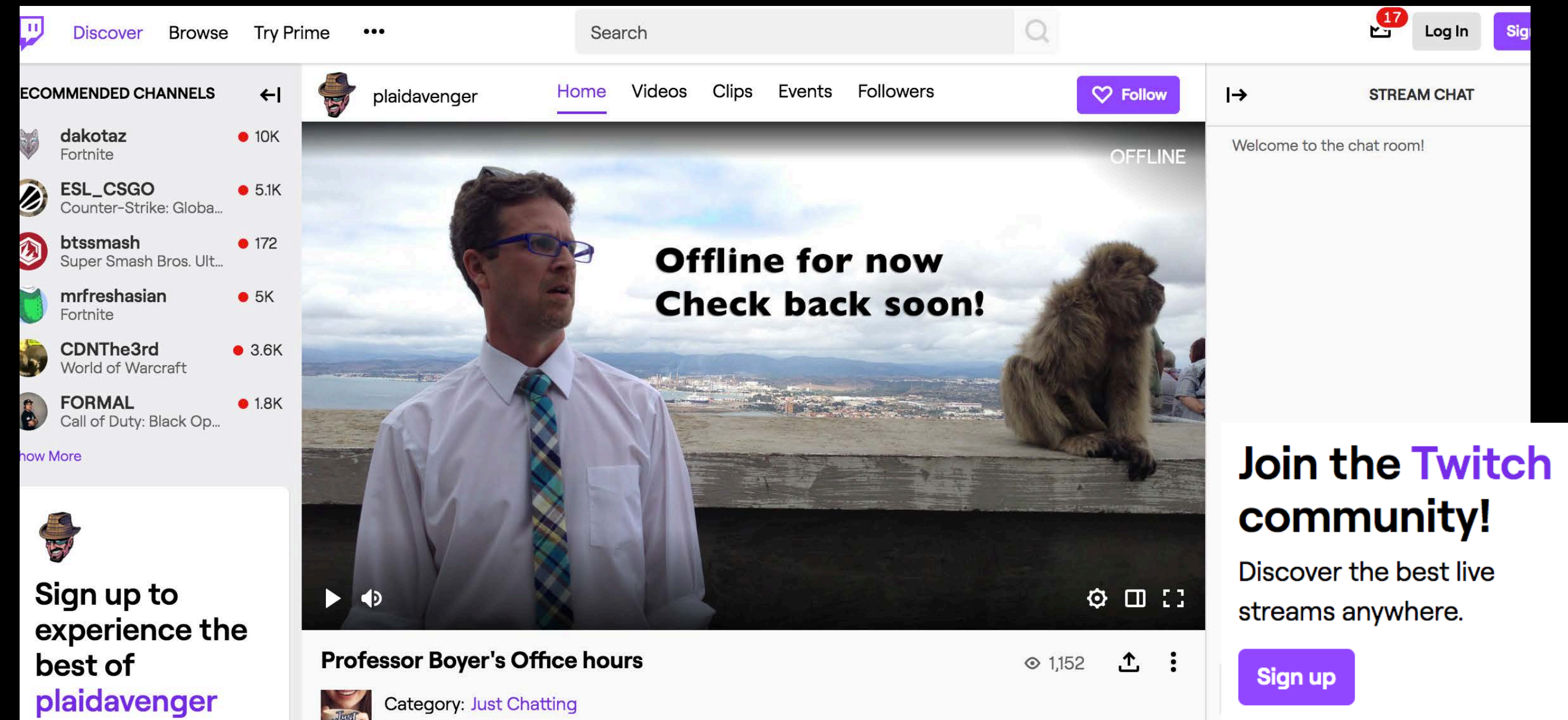


Hangouts Chat



Ustream TV
Recorded live on October 5, 2011 9:01 AM PDT
Office Hours 10/5
worldregions

ONLINE Office hours



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RECOMMENDED CHANNELS:
dakotaz Fortnite 10K
ESL_CSGO Counter-Strike: Globa... 5.1K
btssmash Super Smash Bros. Ult... 172
mrfreshasian Fortnite 5K
CDNThe3rd World of Warcraft 3.6K
FORMAL Call of Duty: Black Op... 1.8K

Offline for now
Check back soon!

Professor Boyer's Office hours
Category: Just Chatting
1,152 views

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Creating a powerful PERCEPTION of availability



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...which
ties
into...

Thing #3: Expand options (delivery and assessments)

-Flexibility in lecture content availability accommodates different schedules



World Regions The Professor professes...



Intro Intro

1. [Intro to World Regions](#) (3:15)

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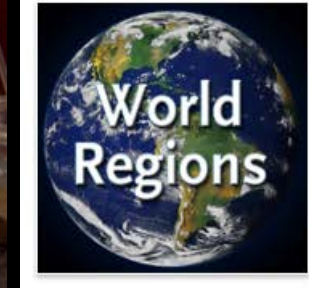
[Download these on iTunes](#)

Introduction: Intro to World Regions

[Download video file \(right click here then "save link as"\)](#) *Must be logged into [Vimeo](#) to download, free to join.

- 2. [Going Global: The Story of Globalization](#) (16:43)
- 3. [A Plan for Making Sense of the Planet](#) (29:07)
Just for practice: [Know Your World Regions Quiz](#)
Just for fun: [From The Onion: Nation of Andorra Not in Africa, Shocked US State Department Reports](#) (2:03)
- 4. [Know Your News & the Left vs. the Right](#) (29:31)
Just for the smart kids: [Jonathan Haidt on the moral roots of liberals and conservatives](#) (18:39)

iTunes U > Virginia Tech



GEOG 1014: World Regions

John Boyer

Description

A most brief introduction to the entire world and how it operates in the modern era. World Regions is a geographic survey designed to acquaint undergraduate students with a variety of geographic, historic, environmental, demographic, religious and economic characteristics of various areas of the world, but also covers a variety of systems which operate at the international scale. Outline: 1) Intro 2) World...
...More

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Category: Modern History
Language: English

Links

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Name	Time	Released	Description	Popularity	Price
1.1 Introduction to World Regions	3:14	12/1/11	--		FREE
1.2 Going Global: The Story of Globalization	16:43	11/17/11	--		FREE
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1.5 Course Mechanics	13:48	11/17/11	--		FREE
2.1 Introduction	2:34	12/1/11	--		FREE
2.2 How Many People & Where?	26:50	12/1/11	--		FREE
2.3.1 Demographic Transition - Intro Definitions	9:26	12/1/11	--		FREE
2.3.2 Demographic Transition - Stages	30:41	12/1/11	--		FREE
2.4 Population Pyramids	22:48	12/1/11	--		FREE
2.5 Population Prediction Problems	17:36	12/1/11	--		FREE
2.6 Conclusion	2:27	12/1/11	--		FREE
3.1 Intro: A World of States	1:37	12/1/11	--		FREE
3.2 The State of States	17:40	12/1/11	--		FREE
3.3.1 Sovereignty - What is it? How do you get it?	19:03	12/1/11	--		FREE

Total: 73 Items



Thing #3: Use Flipping the Syllabus

- Flexibility in lecture
- Flexibility in assignments
- different learning

fferent schedules



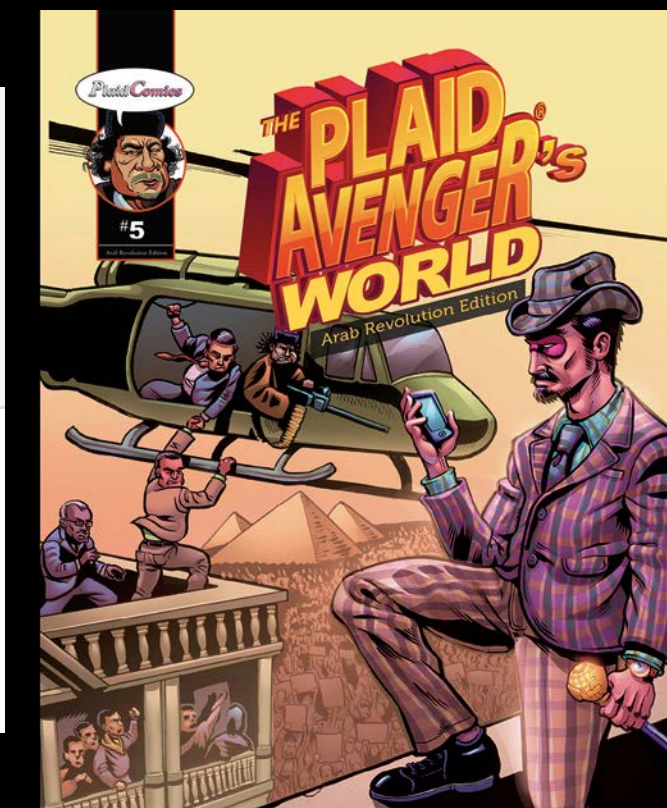
Colombian Drug Traffickers Captured in Venezuela

paisley	Posted: 08 February 2012 02:47 PM	Private IP: 198.82.196.105 [Close Thread] [Ban Member]
Moderator	http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=469094&CategoryId=12393	
Total Posts: 8	Two of Columbia's most wanted drug traffickers were arrested with the help of Venezuela. Will this strengthen the relationship between Santos and Chavez?	
Joined: 2012-01-18	[PROFILE] [PM] [EDIT] [DELETE] [MOVE] [MERGE] [SPLIT] [QUOTE]	
crowders	Posted: 08 February 2012 05:43 PM	Private IP: 198.82.71.129 [Ban Member] [Report]
Newbie	It's good to see that at least the South/Central American countries are willing to work together on the drug issue. As demonstrated here, the efforts to stop drug trafficking will be much more successful if the governments work together.	
Total Posts: 15	[PROFILE] [PM] [EDIT] [DELETE] [MOVE] [QUOTE]	
Joined: 2012-01-24		
lacrosse26m	Posted: 08 February 2012 06:26 PM	Private IP: 198.82.61.112 [Ban Member] [Report]
Newbie	It is great to see that these men were captured and arrested, but does anyone else think that the next step is to step up and continue the trafficking? I feel like this is a common for people in the drug cartels, to have one or more people arrested, to ensure that the money keeps flowing, and to make sure the group has as much power as possible. Hopefully I am wrong, and this arrest will lead to the crumbling of the cartel.	
Total Posts: 17	[PROFILE] [PM] [EDIT] [DELETE] [MOVE] [QUOTE]	
Joined: 2012-01-18		
lscott9	Posted: 08 February 2012 06:39 PM	Private IP: 198.82.91.76 [Ban Member] [Report]
Newbie	No you are total right that do have back up people. They even have back ups for back ups, so it is a never ending cycle that being said they should continue arresting them and eventually they will see how serious people are in Venezuela. unfortunately this wont even stop it, it will probably just slow it down.	
Total Posts: 25	[PROFILE] [PM] [EDIT] [DELETE] [MOVE] [QUOTE]	
Joined: 2012-01-17		
crowders	Posted: 08 February 2012 08:03 PM	Private IP: 198.82.71.129 [Ban Member] [Report]
Newbie	Hey, at least they are sending a message that they will fight back. Though they may have backups, cartel leaders is certainly more effective than doing nothing. If successes such as this one continue, more people will be arrested, and they may be forced to use caution rather than being openly violent.	
Total Posts: 15	[PROFILE] [PM] [EDIT] [DELETE] [MOVE] [QUOTE]	
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19 Mar
your favorite tyrant is back, but it is Russia. Putin! Putin!

19 Mar
Russia- our beloved

write



A diversity of student assessment options

- 1) 13 weekly quizzes x 30pts = 400 (+10 for doing all 13)
 - 2) Midterm Exam = 125
 - 3) Final Exam = 125
 - 4) World Leaders Exam 50x2 = 100
 - 5) Films 5x20pts = 100 (20/each up to 100 points max)
 - 6) Geographic Film Scripting = 150 (50/each up to 150 points max)
 - 7) Non-class events paper = 150 (25/each up to 150 point max)
 - 8) Atlas quizzes (11) = 110
 - 9) Twitter Assignment = 200
 - 10) World Leaders Bio = 50
 - 11) Forum Commenting (13wks) = 200 (15/each week)
 - 12) Storify New Curation = 180 (15/each up to 180 points max)
 - 13) International Interview = 50
 - 14) Flash Quizzes = ???
- Total 2000+ ???

1300 points = A,
1200 points = B
1000 points = C
etc., etc.

-Allow max flex in assignments, so peeps can do things they are best at to 'prove' their knowledge (or at least demonstrate effort/work)

...and WORK is hard to FAKE

The CORE assignments:

Weekly vid quizzes
Weekly reading quizzes



LIVE World Regions fall 2017

Dashboard > Virginia Tech > World Regions f17 LIVE

NAVIGATION

- Dashboard
- Site home
- Site pages
- Current course
 - World Regions f17 LIVE**
 - Participants
 - Badges
 - General
 - Book quizzes
 - Film quizzes
 - My courses

ADMINISTRATION

- Course administration
 - Grades
 - Question bank
- Switch role to...
 - Return to my normal role

Your progress

Announcements

- General news and announcements
- Class discussion

Introduce yourselves, create study groups, film watching groups, etc

Outside event paper submission

Submit your outside event paper here as a word document.

Outside event paper example

View your grades

Book quizzes

- Quiz 1
On chapters 1 and 2 of the Plaid Avenger's World.
- Quiz 2
On chapters 3 and 4 of the Plaid Avenger's World.
- Quiz 3
On chapters 5 and 6 of the Plaid Avenger's World.
- Quiz 4
On chapters 7 and 8 of the Plaid Avenger's World.
- Quiz 5
On chapters 9, 8/9 Euro Addendum, and 10 of the Plaid Avenger's World.
- Quiz 6
On chapters 11 and 12 of the Plaid Avenger's World.

CALENDAR

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

EVENTS KEY

- Hide global events
- Hide course events
- Hide group events
- Hide user events

UPCOMING EVENTS

- City of God
Saturday, September 2, 1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 5, 1:00 PM
- Quiz 1 (Quiz closes)
Friday, September 8, 5:00 PM
- Tsotsi
Saturday, September 9, 1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 12, 1:00 PM
- Quiz 2 (Quiz closes)
Friday, September 15, 5:00 PM
- Motorcycle Diaries
Saturday, September 16, 1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 19, 1:00 PM

Go to calendar...
New event...

LATEST NEWS
(No news has been posted yet)

ONLINE USERS
(last 5 minutes)
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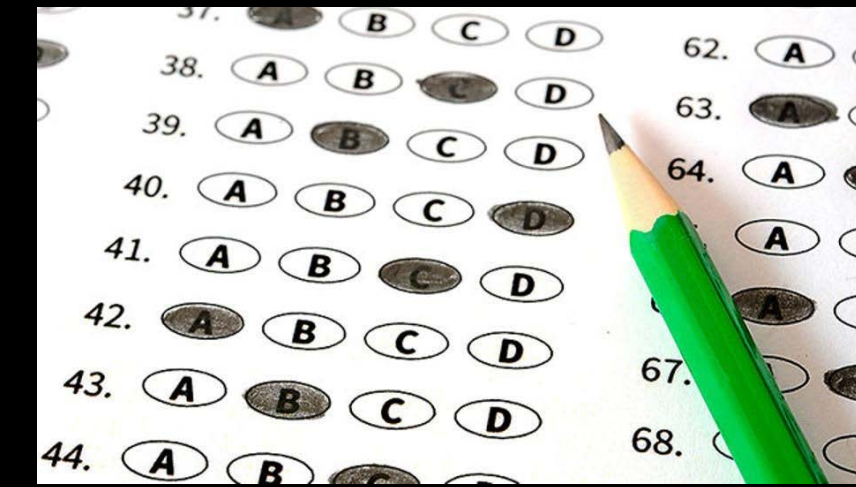
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The more old school conventional assessments:

Midterm Exam
Final Exam
World Leader Exams



Which leader does Osama Bin Laden hate the MOST?



The newer technology-infused assignments:

“FLASH” quiz podcasts
World Leader Twitter
International Film quizzes



PlaidTymoshenko PA Yulia Tymoshenko
@Plaid_Putin Then @PlaidYanukovich needs to get the government to jump out like a cat that's being tickled.
13 hours ago

Plaid_Calderon PlaidFelipe Calderon
@Plaid_Obama, care to help a brother out? Maybe send some troops down my way? I'm on the hot seat here, buddy!!!
#IShouldntBe
13 hours ago

Plaid_Putin Plaid Vladimir Putin
@PlaidTymoshenko: Lovely Yulia, you are confuse. By alienating the West, it is Ukraine who is curling up in our lap...not other way around.
13 hours ago

PlaidTymoshenko PA Yulia Tymoshenko
Ukraine, it is clear we are not free. Get Russia's hand out of our government!
13 hours ago

The World's Plaidiest News Source

2012 FEB 20 **Rappers Revolt for Reform in Senegal**
World | Sub-Saharan Africa



All hell is breaking loose in the small west African state of Senegal, and the revolt is led by a revolutionary rebellious posse of rappers! What is the fuss about? Unfortunately, the public-dissent-turned-violent-street protests are over an all-too-common issue in Africa: political corruption. The current 90-year old Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade has gone down the path of so many other African leaders before him: changing laws and diminishing democracy in a desperate bid to cling to power at all costs after his mediocre 12 years in office...now running for an unprecedented third term, in election being held this week. This story is fascinating in its implications for maturing democracies in Africa, as well as the true power that music and rap offer to oppressed peoples everywhere. Good stuff!

Keywords: Senegal, Dakar, Africa, Abdoulaye Wade, rappers, rap, Y'en a Marre, Enough is Enough, democracy, corruption

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NOV 7 **Everybody Loves ASEAN!**
World | East Asia-Pacific



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A word on our Twitter assignment.....



<http://twitter.com/#!/list/plaidavenge>
[r/world-leaders](http://twitter.com/#!/list/plaidavenge)

 **Plaid Moon Jae-in** @Plaid_Moon · Jun 25
Ready for holding a normal meeting as usual. The complete conclusion of my Russian summit is still on the way.

 **Plaid Angela Merkel** @Plaid_Merkel · Jun 25
@Plaid_Turkey leaders grab for power shows the utter dissolution of democracy there. Intervention must occur!

 **Plaid Michel Temer** @Plaid_Temer · Jun 25
It's ridiculous our education has to face unexplains deficits of 10 billion reals.

 **Plaid Angela Merkel** @Plaid_Merkel · Jun 25
I am disappointed @Plaid_DTrump for continuing his trade war escalation with @Plaid_Xi2. This is unacceptable in our increasingly connected world.

 **Plaid Fake Xi** @Plaid_Xi2 · Jun 25
This policy proposal, led by inexperience, will be the downfall of the Trump regime.


“Flash” Quiz Mania!

Blogs/Podcasts

- continued dialogue
- expanded, tag-able, content

My “wild card” that I play to trick them into learning more!

2017 FEB 22 Ta-Ta, TPP! No Longer The Place To Be!
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36:35 vimeo

On January 23rd 2017, on his first day on the job, US President Donald Trump issued an executive order pulling the USA out of the TPP. That was the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a 12-nation free trade block that former President Obama had worked to get passed for years. In this podcast, the Professor outlines the TPP-tanking process, who liked it and who hated it, the potential impacts to major world players, and ideological free-trade fallout due to this now-defunct deal. TPP party on!

Related Plaidcasts:
[In Other News...the TPP: Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)

Keywords: TPP, free trade, USA, Trump, Pacific, China, ISDS, RCEP, Asia, Japan



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Pip, pip, and Cheerio, Great Britain! And so long to the EU! Greetings Global Friends! The Plaid Avenger has been pulled out of summer slumber in order to rant and rage a bit about the BREXIT vote which has pulled the UK out of the European Union, and caused chaos across the continent! In this extended plaid filibuster, the Professor will cover what happened with this BREXIT deal, why it happened, the short term effects, the long term effects (like losing Scotland), and even some points on the broader, ideological context that this BREXIT business has brought into question. God save the Queen!...but who will save the UK?



Encourage students to pick topics, and even develop new assessments to demonstrate their knowledge and work...

.....and harnesses their knowledge, creativity, interests, and energies

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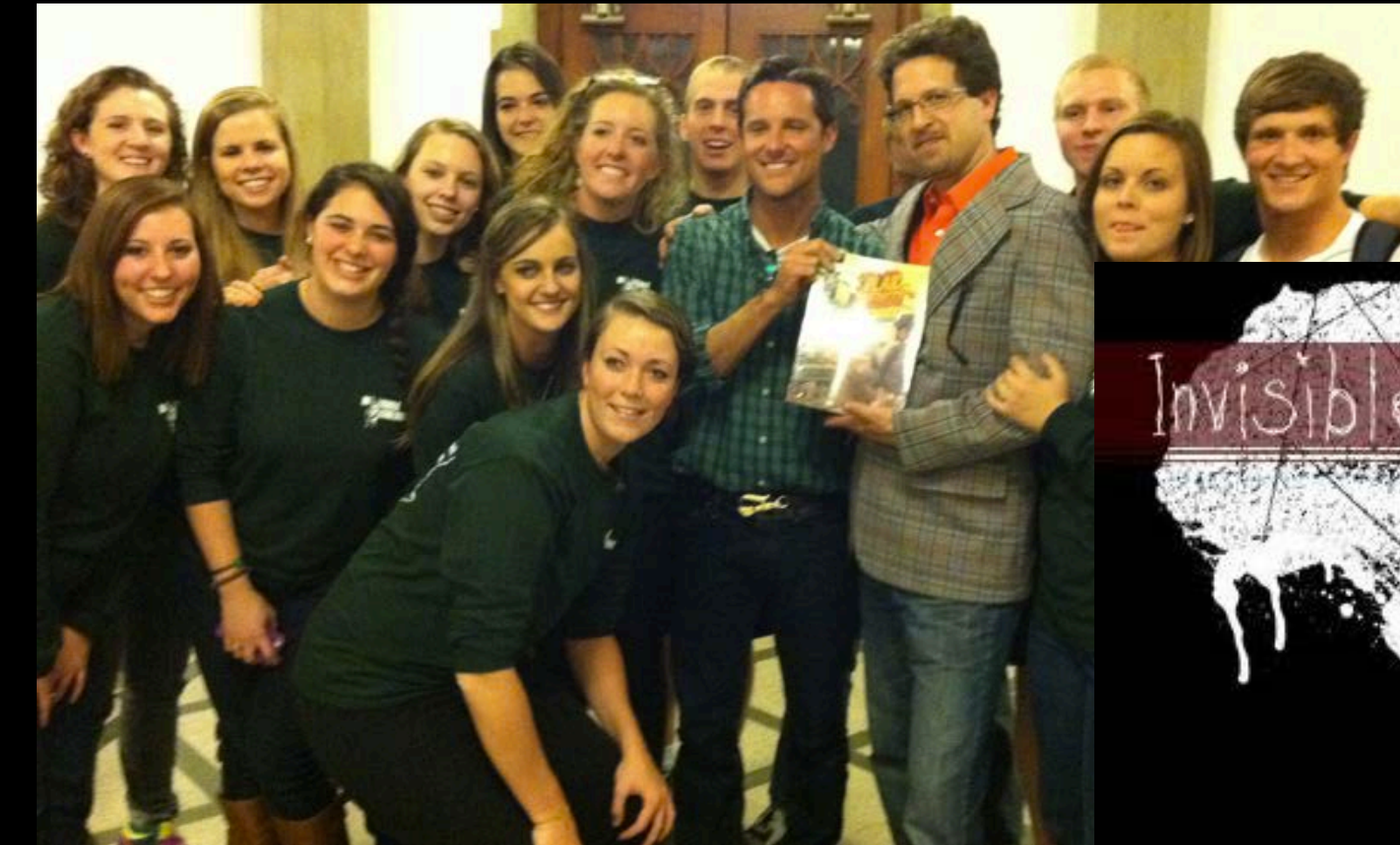
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3.5 NON-CLASS EVENTS PAPERS



To encourage you to attend outside internationally-focused events outside the classroom, (of which there are many every semester) I will allow you to earn points towards your grade by writing up a short paper from these pre-approved activities. **Outside Event requests must be sent to me, or your designated TA, for approval before you attend the event.** I encourage you all to send me any events that you think are applicable and that you may even want to advertise in class.

I will select one or two events per week based upon your recommendations and post them on the course calendar and announce them in class.

 Bio Posted	 Bio Posted
 Vladimir Putin Russia	 Dmitry Medvedev Russia
 Bio Posted	
 Recep Erdoğan Turkey	 Viktor Yanukovich Ukraine



Thing #4: Make a class into a community



Say what? What the heck is that?

*Any environment where peeps--openly and willingly--
work with other peeps*

Some ways I've encouraged community-building via assignments...

Twitter team...



Vanessa Gibson @vigibson 7 Feb
@Plaid_Goodluck I think you're doing a great job. U r what our country needs.
Expand

Goodluck Jonathan @Plaid_Goodluck 7 Feb
@vigibson It is people like you that make my job so much more enjoyable.
Hide conversation Reply Retweet Favorite
8:49 PM - 7 Feb 12 via web · Details

dorian tang @kamikazetang 19 Mar
@Plaid_Putin Ahhh, yes! Good to see my favourite tyrant is back, good to see democracy is strong and vibrant is Russia. Putin! Putin!
Expand

Plaid Vladimir Putin @Plaid_Putin 19 Mar
@kamikazetang Russia- our holy nation! Russia- our beloved country!
Hide conversation Reply Retweet Favorite
11:15 AM - 19 Mar 12 via Twitter for iPhone · Details

Plaid Nikki Haley @Plaid_Haley · Apr 27
I strongly condemn the practice of using human shields. I will be bring this up at the Security Council meeting in New York.
10 5

PA Aung San Suu Kyi @Plaid_SuuKyi · Apr 27
Spent this Friday with team further developing the mental health campaign that will be in place next year. Looking forward to making progress in the Burmese health care system!
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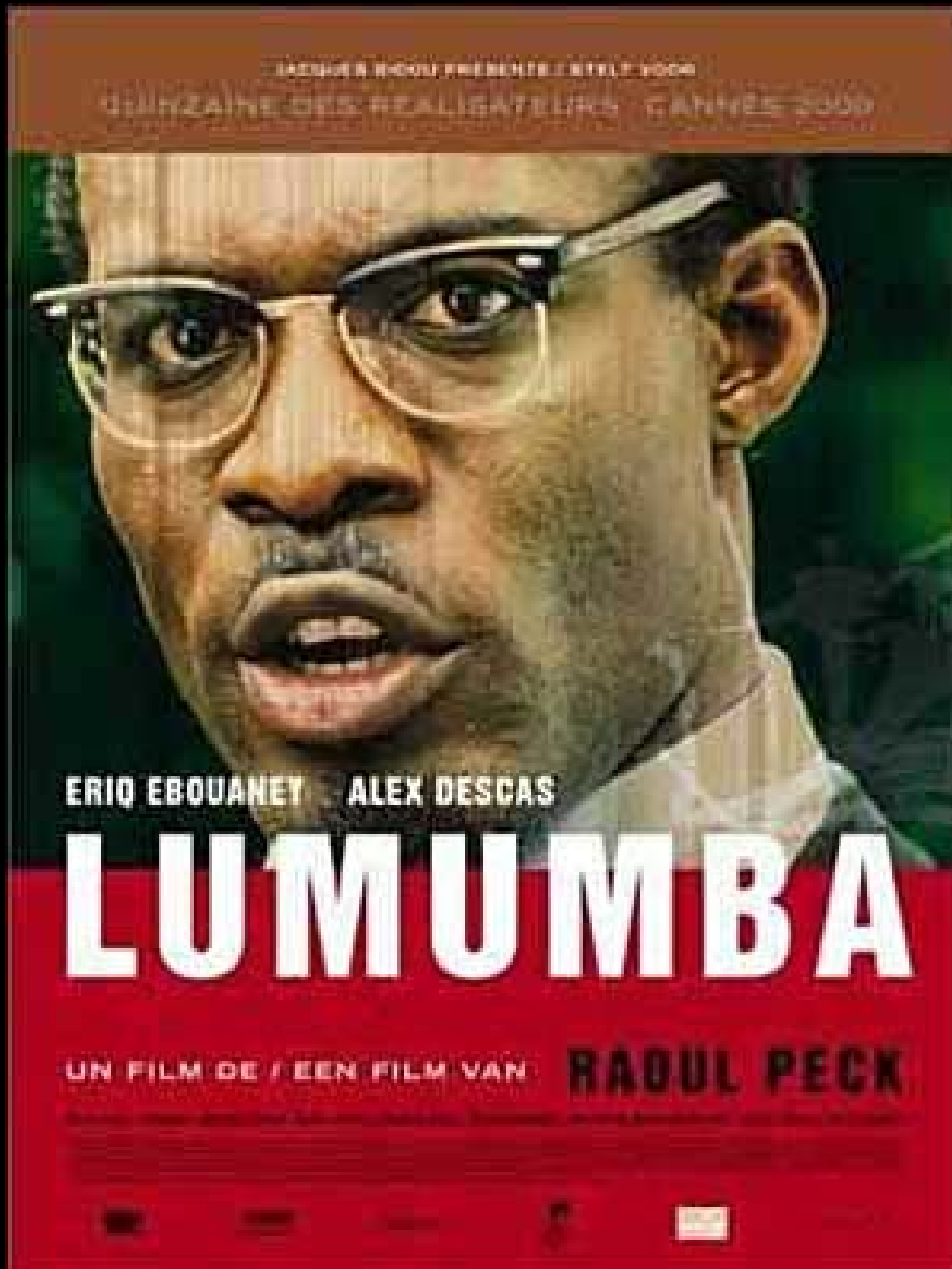
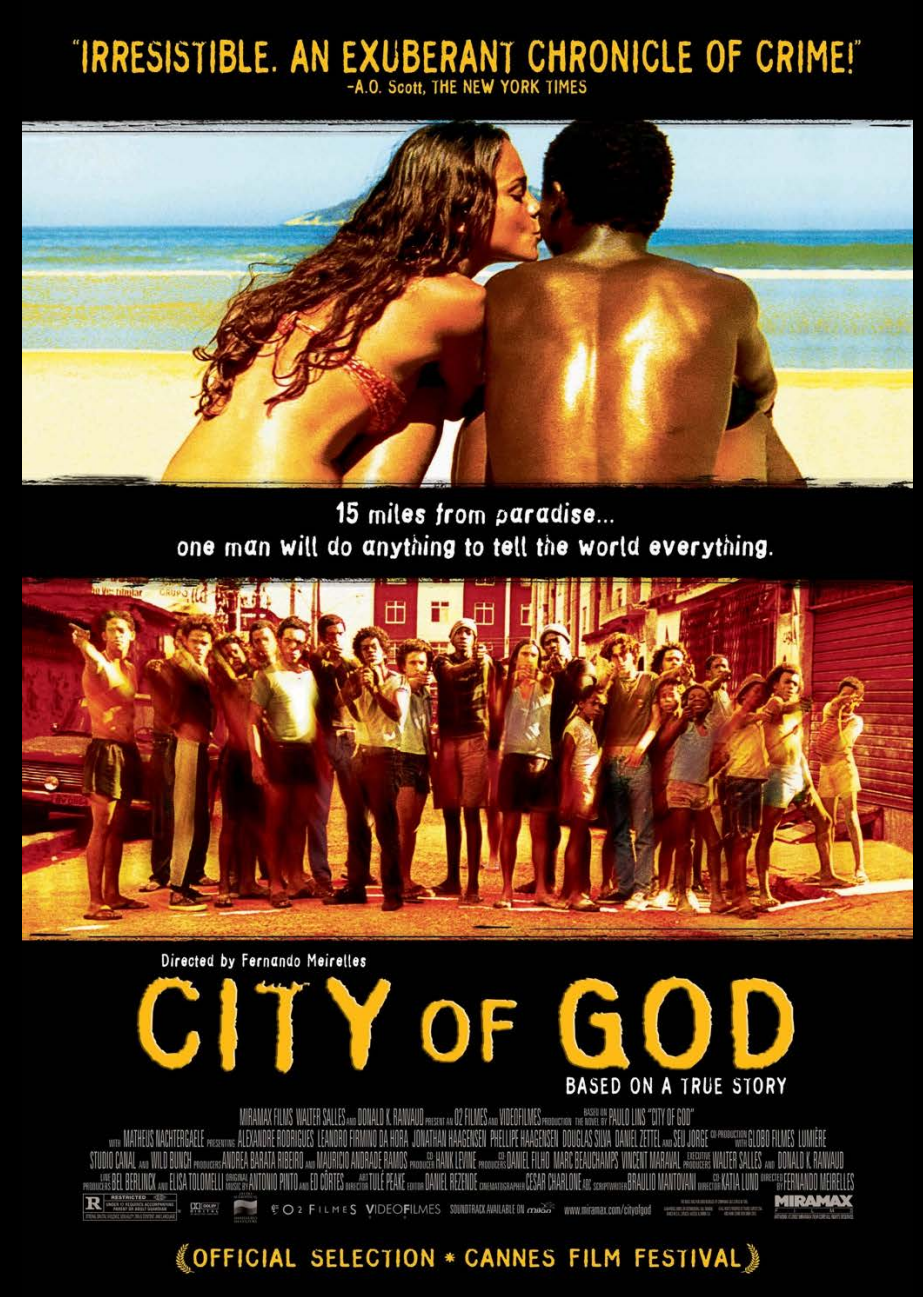
Moshiul Alam Sarker @AlamMoshiul 15 Jun
@Plaid_Gul Mr President you don't know how much I like you, You know why because your tremendous personality and your simplicity
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@AlamMoshiul Thank you for your kind words.
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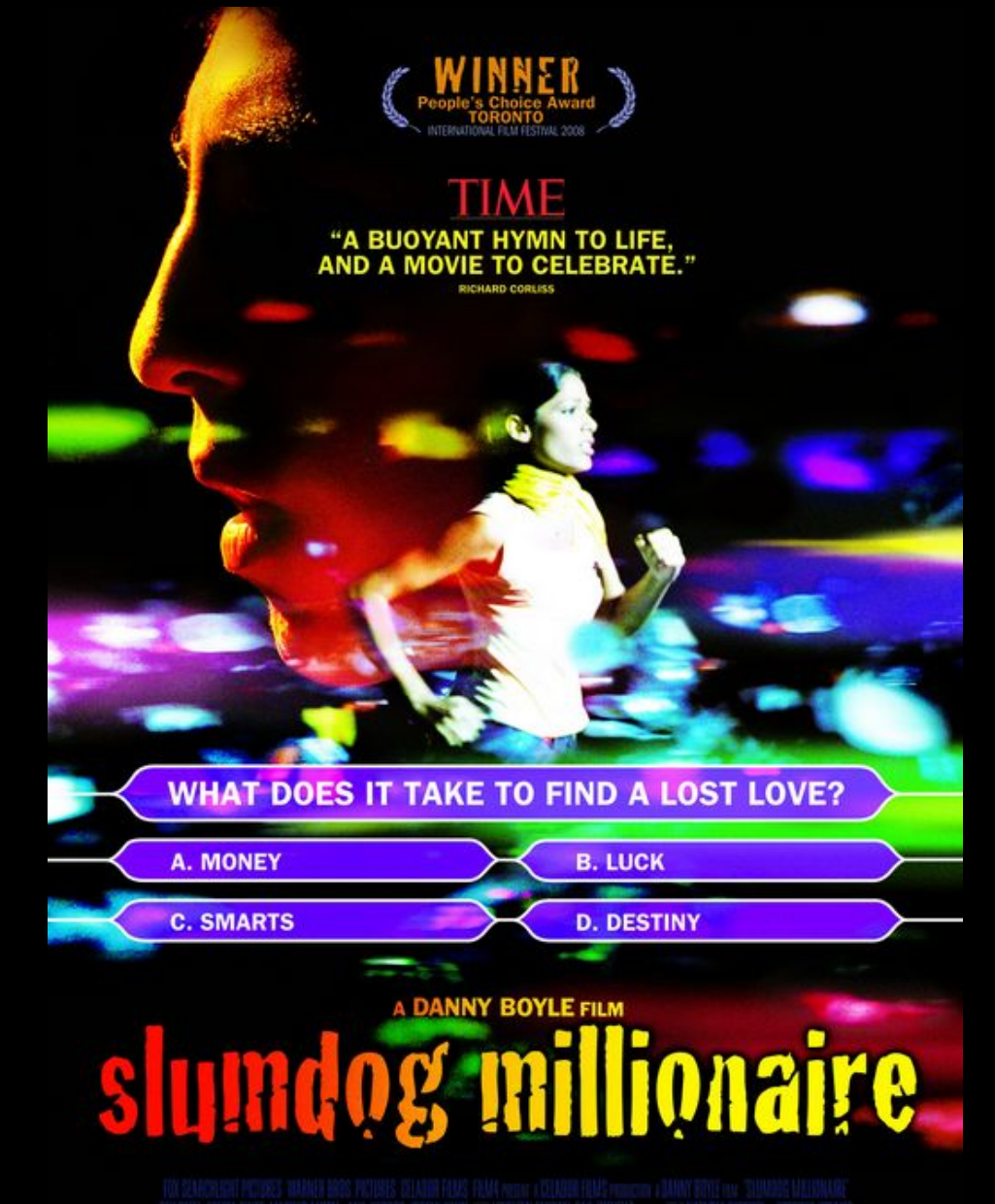
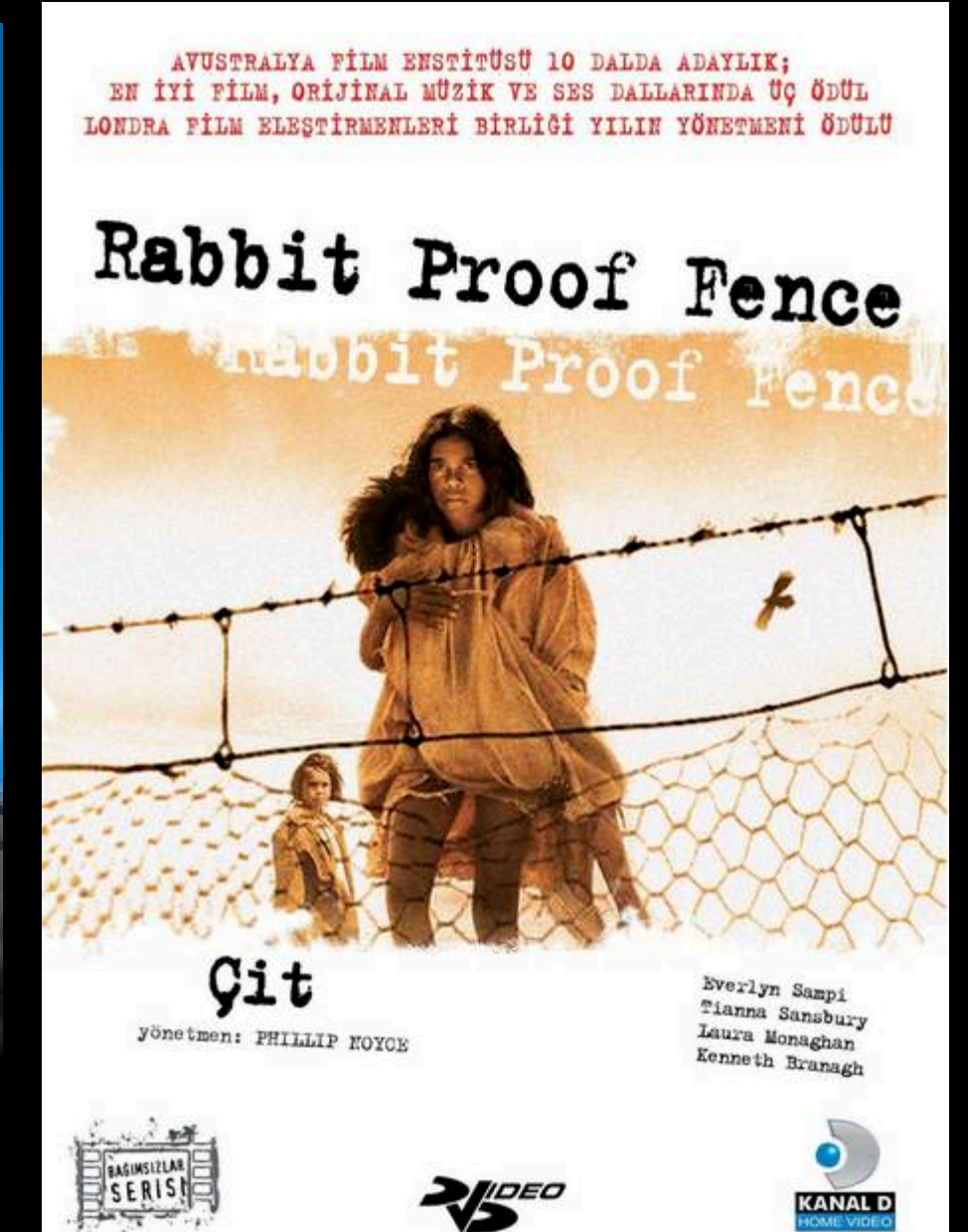
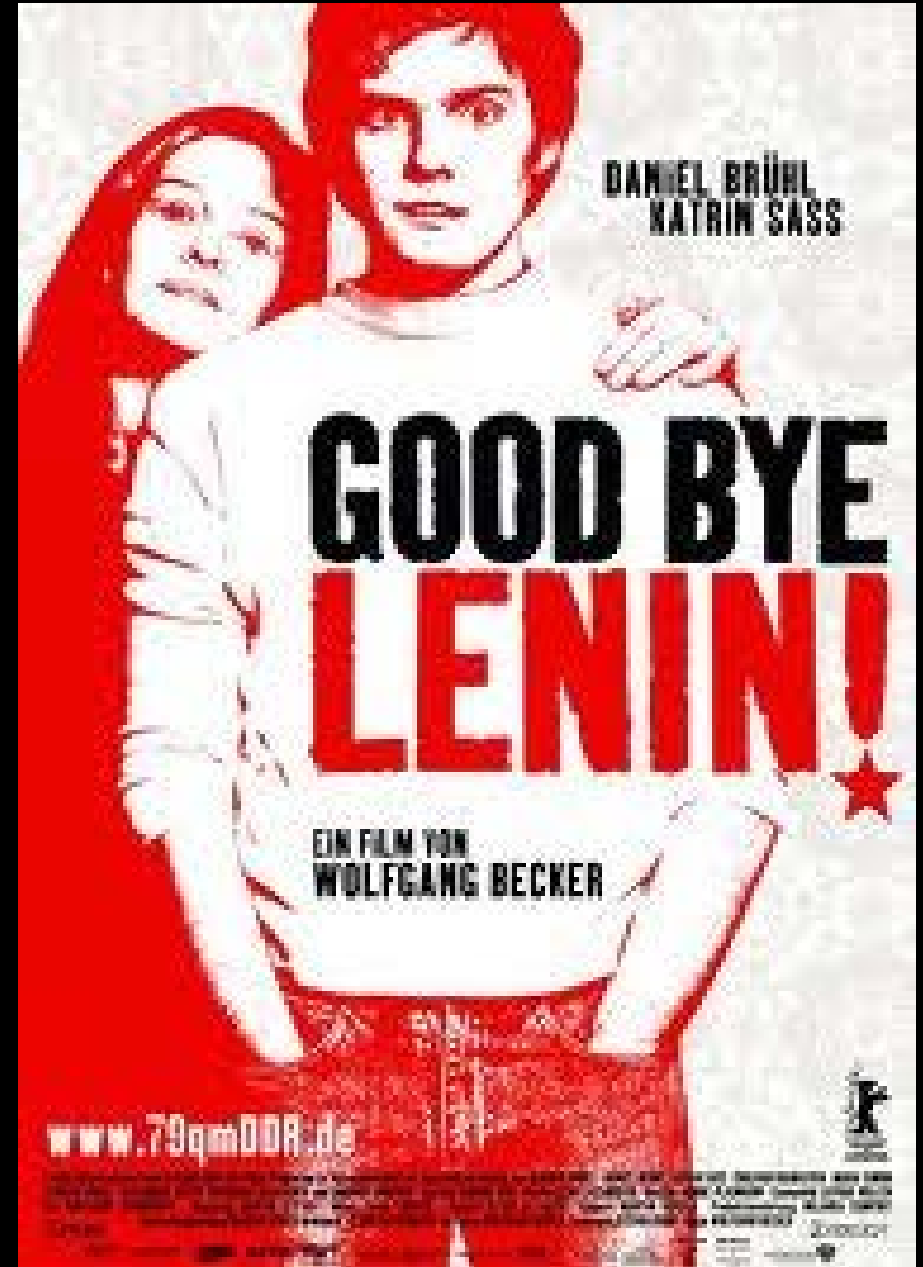
Plaid Wen Jiabao @Plaid_Wen 26 Jun
Announced that Beijing was prepared to trade with the Pacific Alliance, a new trading bloc consisting of Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru.
Expand Reply Retweet Favorite

Plaid Leon Panetta @Plaid_Panetta 26 Jun
@plaid_obama When is our next meeting? Looking forward to seeing you and discussing a few things!
Expand

Plaid Dilma Rousseff @Plaid_Rousseff 26 Jun
more victories for the Muslim Brotherhood. **@Plaid_Obama** how you feeling about that Egyptian funding?
online.wsj.com/article/SB1000...
View summary



A word on our Film assignment COMMUNITY....



**What the heck.
Encourage them to cheat.
Work together.
Share.**



Community building is not all academically-oriented just to your single class either...

Other creative/explore your campus/build community assignments:

Outside Event Write-up



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Learn from real people: fellow students, faculty, etc. ...

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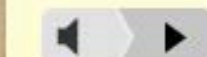
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2011 SEP 18 Aysha (Kuwait)



Aysha
Country: Kuwait
City: Kuwait City
Occupation: Architecture Student



WHERE'S WALDO?




Our local variant:
PLACE my PROFESSOR



A COMMUNITY feels comfortable and even compelled to add to the class in a great diversity of ways ...a class of INDIVIDUALS does not

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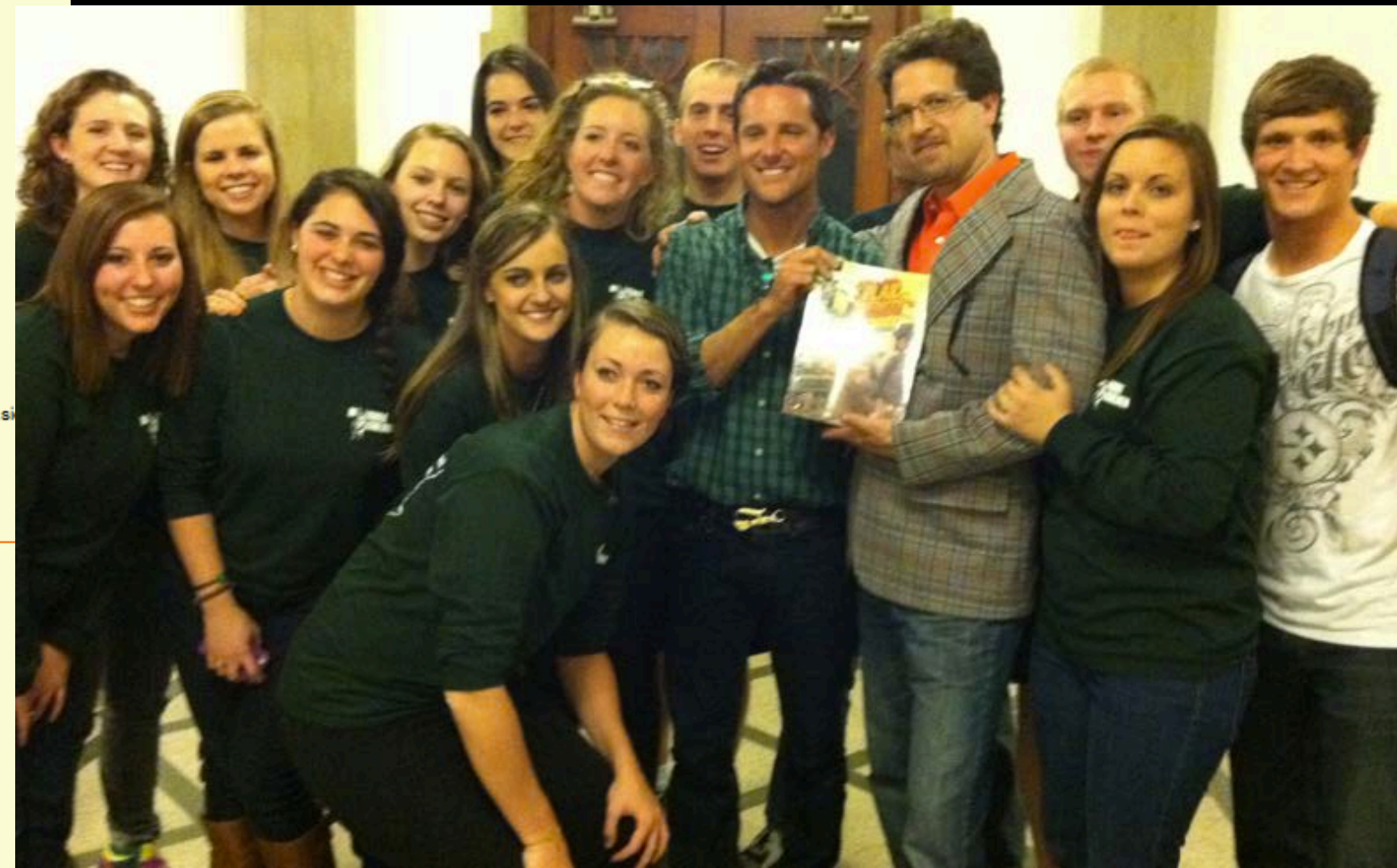
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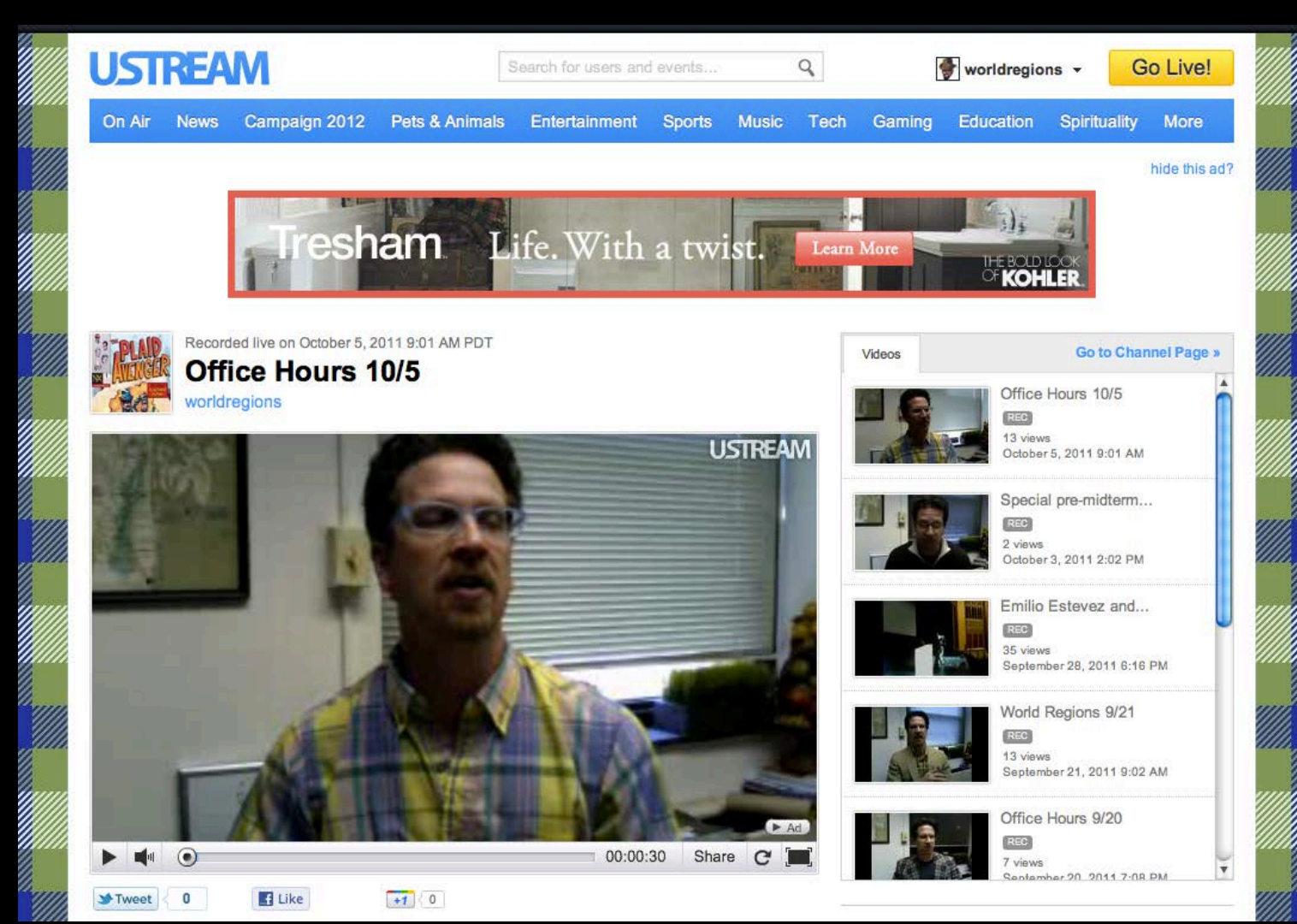
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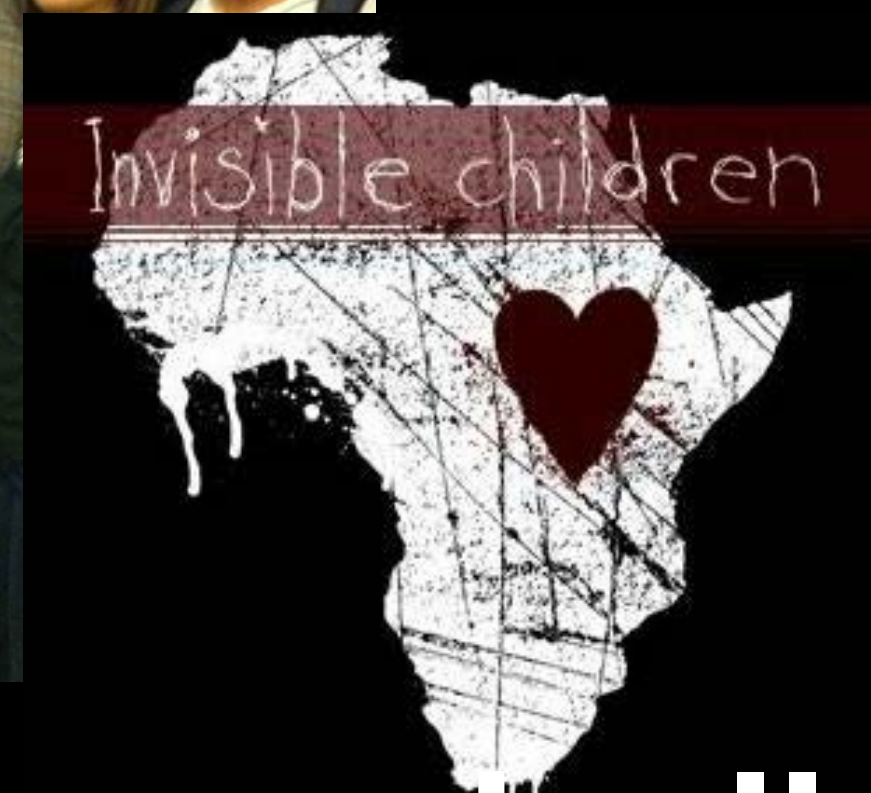
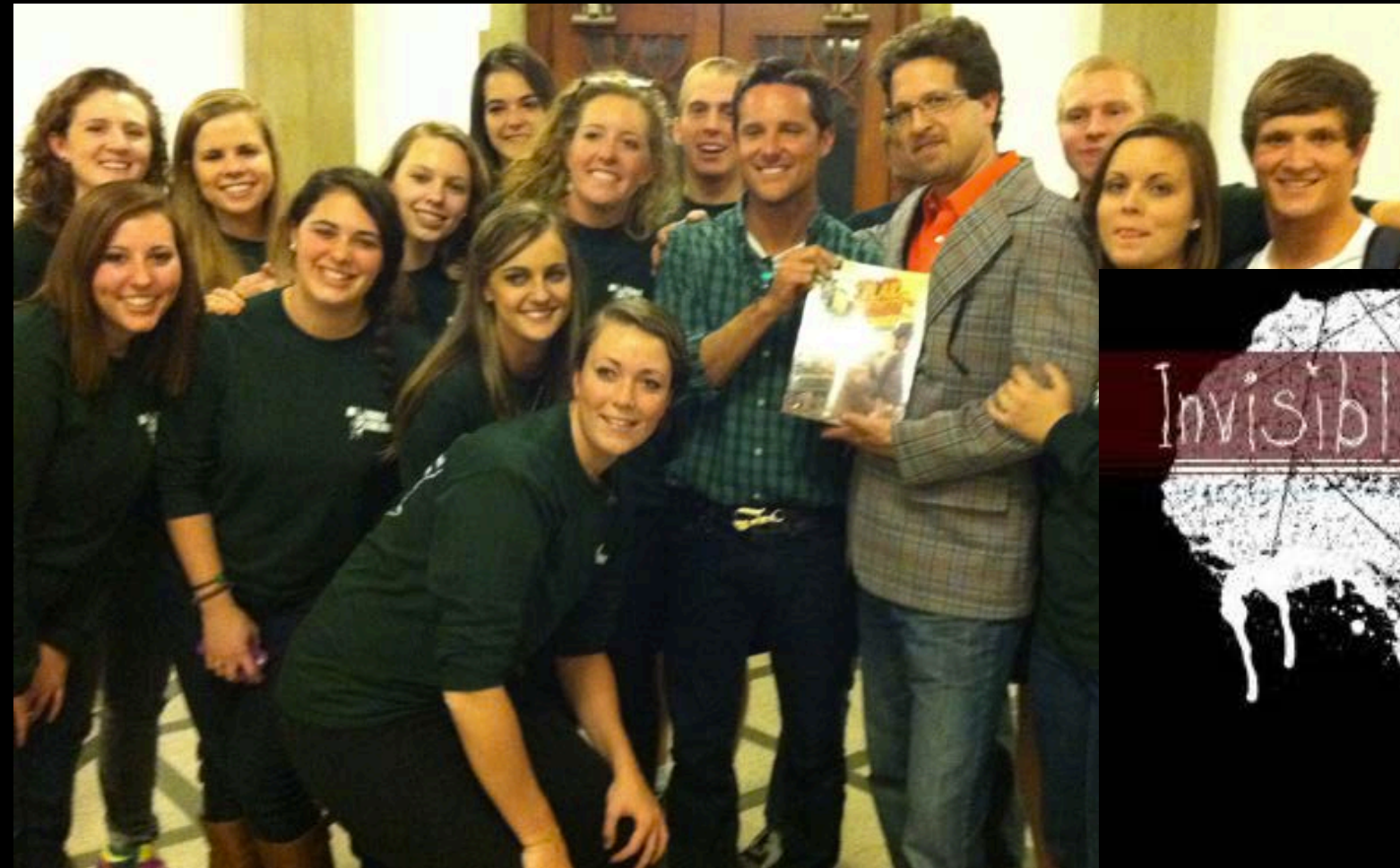
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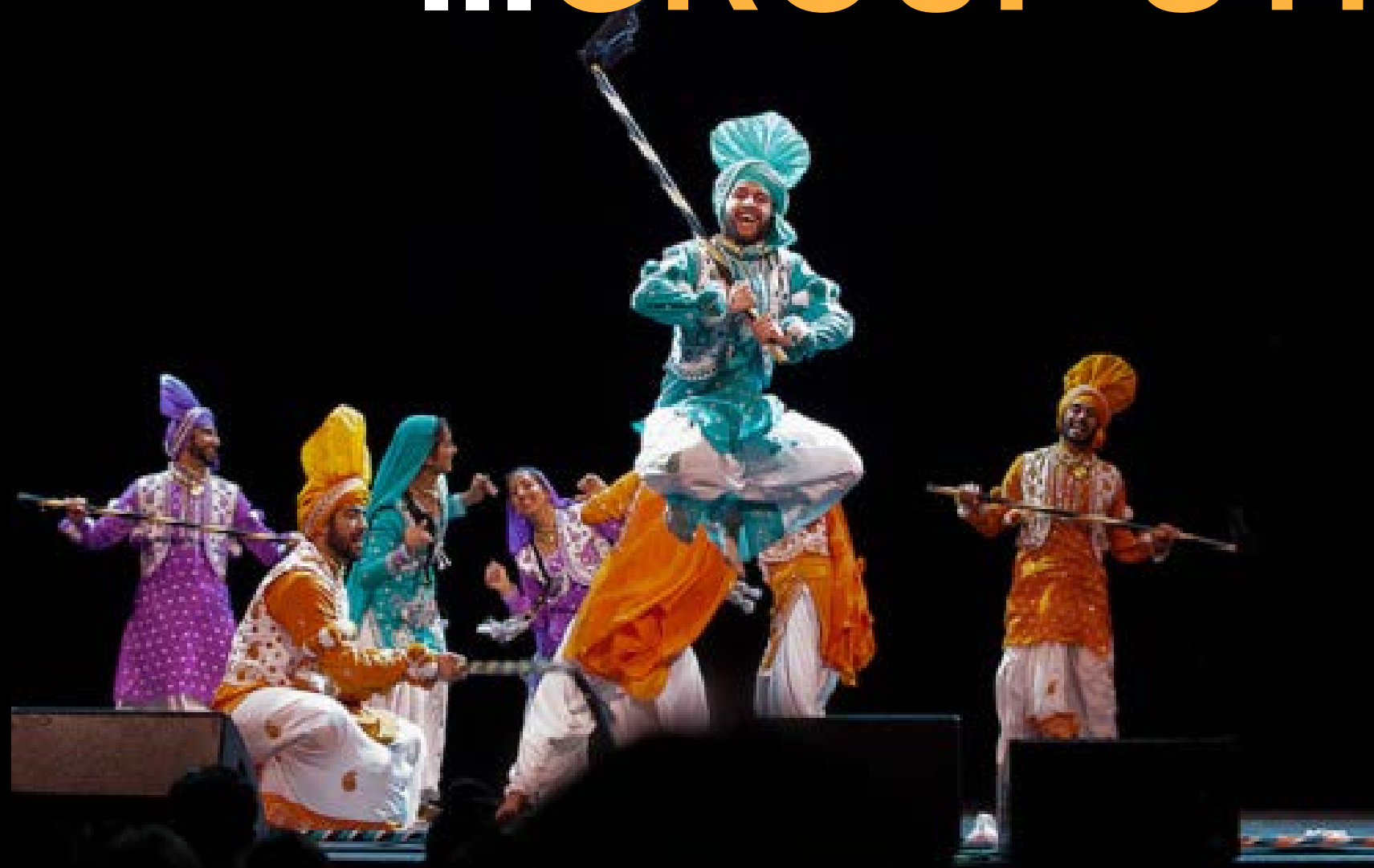


....and on a personal note: I want to create courses that completely eliminate geographic barriers, but also destroy social barriers in their entirety: students interacting with each other, and me, on equal footing, but also with politicians and scientists and everyone else....by building community.

A COMMUNITY working together can achieve more than an INDIVIDUAL can on their own...and can make the impossible possible with the new power of a collective voice as demonstrated via social media and crowd-sourcing.



...GROUP SYNERGY evolves organically



But there is just one catch....

You can't actually "make" a community.

AND speaking of 'catches'....

there are some things that need to be recognized about this

higher ed /ed tech 'revolution'...

...and teaching 'good' to 'great' class, be they live or online....

-It is a ton of work. Especially up front.

-The more successful you are, the more time consuming it can become.

-Administration and support have to pony up

-Administration and support have to encourage experimentation, and not condemn failure

-Harness the tools to serve you....don't serve them.

-It will all change tomorrow...and the end is near...

Thing #5: The end is near



I will now use my experience and great powers of perception to predict with 100% certainty the future of higher education in ten years:

NOT THIS

...so it is time for educators/academics/researchers to invent the future

A few specific thoughts I have on the future...

First off: Future Teachers = Educational Curators



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Just SO much good info out there
-Curating is a skill
-Supplement with your unique skill set
(EXCLUSIVE expertise, deep knowledge and insight)

Craft the storyline of the course



A few specific thoughts I have on the future...

**Secondly : Future Trends many of us would likely agree
are increasing...**

-Perception is as important as reality

-The idea of college degree as the new age “apprenticeship”

**-Audience is shifting: both in quality of average undergrads
as well as mature continuing ed**

-Digital engagement will be more important

-Online education will boom

(once someone figures out real acceptable online accreditation = EXPLOSION))

**-Shake down is coming: a lot of smaller schools are
not going to survive**

Third : MODULE-IZE the CONTENT



**BY EXPLODING THE 3-credit COURSE
MODEL ENTIRELY**

THE AGE OF THE SAGE ON THE STAGE may be fading away...



but great teachers are great communicators, and are great at communicating stuff. And we happen to live in an awesome age of where technologies are making the communicating of stuff even more fun, creative and available to more people than ever before.

SO LET'S CREATE A BOLD NEW EDUCATIONAL WORLD BY BRING THE CLASSROOM INTO THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD INTO THE CLASSROOM