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2013 PROJECT SUMMARY**

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Project Title Talk Around the Block: The Effect of Strong Communities on Social Awareness	
Abstract Objectives/Goals The objective was to find if there was a connection between a person's interactions with their community and their awareness of social issues. A side study was conducted comparing a person's activeness in social networking and their awareness of social issues. Methods/Materials A survey was created that graded a persons community strength, opinion strength, and social networking activeness. 145 people between the ages of 13 and 19 were surveyed. Results The results found no statistically significant correlation between people from strong communities and stronger opinions on social issues. Conclusions/Discussion The study's hypothesis was not accepted. It could be suggested that dependence upon social networks may distract individuals from the power of life in a strong community. People should seek out interaction within their community, and want to live in a strong community. Comparing individual questions to a person's awareness on social issues showed results that may suggest that being more interactive your community may lead to people being more informed on social issues.	
Summary Statement The project was conducted to determine whether or not community strength effects an individual's opinions on social issues.	
Help Received Teacher helped in the process of topic selection and helped edit written pieces; Surveyed students at High Tech High.	