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ABSTRACT

Based on the theoretical background of cross-cultural communication, this study aims at investigating the American values reflected in the most subscribed self-hosted American YouTube videos.

Qualitative content analysis is used for observation data. The process of data selection goes through three stage: Selection of video categories, of YouTube channels, and of channels' videos. Three most viewed videos from four most subscribed hosted American YouTuber in "People & Vlogs" were transcribed and analysed. Evidence from each videos were then coded and regrouped into each group of American values.

The study finds that all American values listed in the foundation theory were shown through these mentioned videos. The analysis also brings about a new perspectives over the relations between each groups of value within American society, in which individualism acts as the core value.

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