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Bike Enthography

by Andersonds on September 30, 2015 in **Bike ethnography**

Locations: VCU Campus- Floyd St. and East. Broad street

As we all know a handful of people use bike's as a form of transportation. Its actually a good combination of exercise and transportation if you ask me. Although, I picked a location that is near or on campus you will be surprised that many people often use it as a hobby vs. to get to and from class. I noticed that the bikers that are attending class have a wide variety of how they dress. This is what sparked my interest on the location. I have seen many women/ young ladies riding their bikes to class in dresses, skirts and then your average short. I usually see a dressed causal style, even with flip flops. The I notice a cluster of bikers that are geared up and cruising through the area/ campus. That is what makes me believe that this location is not just used from college students for transportation. Going towards E.Broad street near MCV and the Richmond coliseum and you have bikers that are more hobby and exercise. Not only by their attire but by the drive to get city roads and side walk mileage. Between the sexes, personally I saw more women than men in athletic and bike gear when riding their bikes.

Observations: Bike Race

The bikers in the race were more prepared in biker attire and gear. It was a totally different observation than in the city at the campus and surrounding areas. Were, the clothing was very laid back and casual. Many bikers were foreign and white as well as the observers. As far as status; many families with younger children came out than i would have thought. I think many parents start their kids at a young age into this particular sport so it is an interest for the years to come. With that being said, the ages varied.

However, the racers seem to be young or mild age. It seemed to have very little in between racers; but I am not sure.



Artifact Analysis

by **Andersonds** on September 23, 2015 in **Artifact Analysis**

Doing my research on all the events that take place around the world and then specifically searching into RVA, my findings were very limited. According to the organization, Disabled Sports USA. There aren't many disabled cycling events that often occur. I love all sports and feel that everyone should have the opportunity to experience it. So my focus is on, the amount and or lack of disabled cycling organizations and teams that host or are invited to events. Many feel that the disabled should be separated from the non-disabled events. Although, that might be true more events should happen. The pros to bringing such thing to RVA would be the amount of sponsors and the amount of disabled, handicapped people that could participate. In my home town i knew of many disabled young children all they way up to adults that enjoyed cycling and getting outdoors. The challenges and hardship that this could face not only in RVA is the cost for a bike for a handicap/ disabled person. That goes to my next action to spread the next of bike shops that cater to that population as well in this area.



My Foucs

by **Andersonds** on September 17, 2015 in **Introduction/focus selection**

Hello all,

My name is Danielle. I am a senior and I am majoring in Sociology. During this course and during the bike race I will be focusing and observing the following topics;

- Expectations and deceptions of female athletes
- Women's cycling at the turn of the last century — sexuality, hysteria, suffrage, bodies, sexuality.
- media representation of black women athletes in particular



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