

## Forum: Week 4 (2/2): Critical Discourse Analysis and Black Twitter

Discuss the readings and/or lecture amongst your fellow classmates. Additionally, post any questions, comments, or concerns you may have about this week's subject matter.

### Thread: Social Media Links of Interest...

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Date	1/28/2016 10:11
	#IAmNotALabel Beautiful clip of a world without labels. <a href="https://youtu.be/q0qD2K2RWkc">https://youtu.be/q0qD2K2RWkc</a>

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## Thread: Good example of Discourse Analysis from Matt

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Author	Sonja Lanehart
Date	2/11/2016 13:19

I noticed that the author of story on David Joseph wrote the first line, and much of the article, in the passive voice.

This article reminded me of a section from "Double Standards in Sentence Structure" by Alexandra Frazer and Michelle Miller on the passive voice's interpretive tilt: "Besides reflecting attitudes of writers, verb voice affects reader interpretations of violent acts, particularly with respect to the victim's role in bringing the crime on himself or herself. Psycholinguistic theories of the passive voice predict that readers will see the object of the sentence (i.e., the crime victim) as more salient in passive-voice sentences. In theory, the passive voice would also emphasize the causal role of the crime victim, relative to the perpetrator. Consistent with these predictions, both male and female readers show increased acceptance of rape and battering of women after exposure to descriptions of sexual assault written primarily in the passive voice, compared to readers exposed to active-voice descriptions."

This article also reminded me of a fantastic article demonstrating the passive voice's "past exonerative tense":

<http://www.mcsweeneys.net/articles/an-interactive-guide-to-ambiguous-grammar>

Link to article:

<http://m.nydailynews.com/news/national/texas-teen-shot-police-unarmed-nakedarticle-1.2526287>