

EVALUATING STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESS IN JOURNAL ARTICLES.

This past Spring 2004, there were several shocking stories that involved research, which opened my eyes to the work we do in our Speech 10 class.

One article was the dangers of the grease that fast foods use in cooking their products. I myself initially read the article and exclaimed to my spouse, no more fast food for you. He doesn't listen much anyway. The time I finished the article, the article said these were preliminary results.

Another more serious matter occurred this past April back in the East Coast. A drug company was trying to get a drug approved rather quickly. They were using a number of college students as participants for a pretty sizeable payment. Applicants were to have no prior experience with depression. Well, awhile later a student with no previous history of depression entered the experiment and then committed suicide as a result. I was especially horrified to learn when the drug was tested in Europe there were six actual cases of suicide that was not announced to the applicants here.

Thus, one component I have added to the analysis of the Journal Summary is the evaluation of the Strengths and Weakness of the research. Please use your critical thinking to devise some ways that the research could've been improved.