

## Multimedia #2 Second Part: Pop Up Newsroom blog

Last Tuesday, a few classmates and I hosted a pop-up newsroom on the campus of California State University Long Beach. Garret Bishop, Joshua Min and I set up near the business building on the way to or from the LBS Financial Credit Union Pyramid. Our burning question that we wrote on a big sign was “Give Us Your Unpopular Opinion.” We chose the question because our society is very contrarian, therefore, we were on a mission to hear the controversy on campus.

This was a new experience for me. I have always seen booths and such set up around campus and as a student I have the tendency to avoid them. Because of this, I was nervous that students would do the same to us. This theory was semi-true. There were individuals who were willing to talk to us but there were also some who had many excuses including “no, thank you”, “maybe next time”, “im late for class” and others. Some gave off the idea that they did not want to be bothered through their body language and putting on their headphones.

Though this was the experience, I learned many things. There is a big importance on talking to people and getting out of your comfort zone in this industry. I would say that I am a very extroverted person, but it does get nerve-racking approaching those who do not seem like they want to be talked to. Though this is the case, it is still the job of the journalist to step out of what they are comfortable with. Working with a team was fun. I enjoyed the teamwork aspect and it made the experience more enjoyable.

From the group presentations, something that I really admired was the incentive that some of the students brought including cookies and candy. This is something that will definitely be taken into consideration in future pop up newsrooms that I will partake in.

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