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Meme Reflection

The theme I chose for my meme reflection was, “Being from the mountains”. The reason I chose this subject is because personally there is no other place I would rather be than in the Appalachian Mountains. I was blessed enough to be able to be raised in a location as such and learn different and unique things.

 In the first panel I chose a picture of a man scaling a cliff side without any ropes and gear, with the caption saying, “What my friends here think I do”. The reason I selected this picture and caption was because of the ignorance of one person I met on campus. He couldn’t figure how there are highways in the mountains and why we don’t fall of cliffs more than we do. The second picture is of a Jeep Wrangler that was flipped on its hood and the caption reads, “What my dad thinks I do”. The reason for this one is because of the times I’ve had breaking parts of different Jeeps doing irresponsible things. The third picture is of moonshiners working their still with the caption reading “What society thinks I do”. The reason for this picture and caption is to back up a stereotype of the moonshine drinking, lazy people of the mountains, also known as “hillbillies”, whom I must say, is somewhat true. The problem is that you have to look far in the hills for them. The third panel has a picture of a man on his roof sliding about a foot of snow off, and the caption reads, “What my teachers think I do”. After knowing that I am from the mountains, teachers on campus usually bring up snowfall back home and the struggle it must be, especially it being winter now. The fourth picture is of a survivalist, dirty and tattered, and the caption reads, ”What I think I do”. I put this one because of all the times as a child I have wanted to just run around in the woods for a living and know how to survive such as Bear Grylls. The last caption reads, “What I really do”, and it is of a man fishing a stream in remote wilderness, which is an activity I enjoy back home.

 To the reader of my meme, I hope he or she enjoys the stereotype I presented in the meme, and hopefully they will enjoy it. If the reader were from the mountains they would probably think it was be a little funnier. I also hope they understand that being from the mountains is a great thing and not a burden.

If I had to rate myself on this assignment, I would give myself an 8 out of 10, because I believe that it is simplistic and to the point. I answered an 8 because even though I did start this project early I didn’t follow through and finish it when I should have. The meme of me I created was a fun, creative, and cool thing. In my opinion I think I did a good job, and others will find it the same way.