Argumentative Essay Prompt

After reading several articles on the “bystander effect” and viewing a video, write an essay in which you explain the “bystander effect” and agree or disagree with the idea that social media will only contribute to an individual’s lack of concern or involvement with others.
**Strongly Agree/Agree**, social media **will** contribute to an individual’s lack of concern and/or involvement with others.

**Strongly Disagree/Disagree**, social media **will not** contribute to an individual’s lack of concern and involvement with others.
Quality Reasons

Global in Nature

Good Examples
- Michael Jordan is athletic.
- Mother Teresa is generous.
- The movie is entertaining.

Poor Examples
- Michael Jordan can slam dunk a basketball.
- Mother Teresa gives money to the poor.
- The characters in the movie crack a lot of jokes.

Distinctly Different

Good Examples
- My mother is talented and supportive.
- Mother Teresa is generous and self-sacrificing.

Poor Examples
- My mother is helpful and supportive.
- Mother Teresa is generous and donates what she has to the poor.

Explain

Clarify
Strongly Agree, social media will contribute to an individual’s lack of concern and/or involvement with others.

Strongly Disagree, social media will not contribute to an individual’s lack of concern and involvement with others.

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1. Star the best reasons for each side.
   The opposing position reasons will be used as your counterarguments.

2. Can you combine any of your reasons together?

3. Are the reasons global in nature?
   Are the reasons distinctly different from one another?

4. Rank your reasons according to strength for both sides.
   You will be using your top two reasons.

   Agree, social media will contribute to an individual’s lack of concern and involvement with others.

   Disagree, social media will not contribute to an individual’s lack of concern and involvement with others.
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