Project suggestions

In class we have seen and will continue to see examples of beliefs about others who use some other variety of speech. Some of these beliefs can be negative, inaccurate, unfair, and harmful. Our task is to try to construct positive messages that are constructive or that address and dispel myths about the language used by particular social groups.

Here are some thoughts that might help you identify what kind of message you would like to create:

The **outcome** should be a (preferably positive) public service message addressing expectations, perceptions, or judgements of how some particular social group speaks or should speak.

The **judgements** you address may include attitudes regarding character, morality, or intelligence, or any other personal trait.

The **social group** could be men, women, members of an ethnic or racial group, people who speak English as a second language, deaf people, old people, young people, college students, people from a particular city or geographic region, athletes, computer users, text messagers, people who do not follow prescribed rules of grammar, etc. etc.