**Activity 1:** Prompt- Write an essay in which you take a position on the value of such public statements of opinion.  *Does it show Democratic value?*

CHART 1: *Claim: Opinions of the public are both worthwhile and expresses democratic values.*

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|  | Warrant 1 - The first amendment states that everyone has the right to speak about how they feel. | Warrant 2- The general opinion of the public helps lawmakers to make decisions. |
| Structure | Definition: Democracy is more than a government. Democracy is a place where all men are equal in the sight of the law. | Compare/Contrast: In the US, the general opinion is what is helps makes our laws. This differs to the sheikdoms in the Arabian Peninsula. |
| Reasoning Strategies | * Classification- There is people who choose to express views so that others can follow. There are people who express to release their frustrations. * Societal norm- it has become normal to express your opinions online on social media. * Keeps a natural Balance- since people can express their grievances instead of keeping it in and having a population who are angry. | * Historical Significance - The beginning of United States government started with the idea of representation. * That was then: this is now- Back then they were less connected to each other. Now we are linked so that whatever happens on the other side of the country is known in mere minutes. * Exceptions to the rule- sometimes lawmakers fail to vote according to the people who they represent. |
| Concrete details | * Twitter, Facebook * John Oliver | * The House of Burgesses * Greek polis |
| Style | * Rhetorical Questions: How many people understand the democracy is a place where there will be difference of opinions? * Repetition: A small time blogger can express her views. A news reporter can express his views. A high school student can express her views. | * Parallelism: You may think that you do not impact the government. You may think that your opinion does not matter. But it does. * Simile: Just as a sculpture cannot be one hundred percent perfect, a democracy will never be one hundred percent, but it will come close. |