of “improper” behavior. To present one’s self, naked, is a very bold statement, it is in many senses a presentation of one’s self in the most vulnerable manner possible. There in lies the negative connotation about public nudity, even nudity alone, is the defenseless, exposed nature of the action.

I repeated this again as I deposited money from another day working at the art studio, the bank teller, an older lady this time, also inquired about where the money was from. I received a similar reaction, a pause after learning I posed nude, a lack of direct eye contact, even a keen elevation of her nose in a manner that was superior to me. The exchange between us was less pleasant than before when she thought I was a harmless, innocent young person in the community; low and behold, I am in fact a deviant that could poison the minds of other young, impressionable students.

My sarcastic tone is derived from the difference of perception between two different generations. I told a few friends about my job outside of school once a month, they were between the ages of nineteen and thirty-three, all were accepting, they paused briefly with a wrinkle before answering the divulgement of my job, but for the most part all were encouraging as it was a form of expressing my comfort with my own body. Such a concept of being happy with myself is far from the mind of most people these days of any age, there is always something they would prefer to alter about their physical appearance, they would never place themselves in such a vulnerable position. If the variation of reactions was upon age, I observed, the younger people I told of my work encouraged it, the older generation did not approve.

The concept of social deviance comes from the idea that people should “normalize” to fit the cultural standards of living. Deviance is recognized as a violation of an unofficial code of conduct. Deviance is anything outside of the mainstream, typically crime. There are two main forms of social control: Formal and Informal. The prime example of informal social control is the Criminal Justice System; an informal social control would be parents or teachers who instill social behavior in the minds of the young generations aside from legal requirements (the difference between manners and the law).

Emile Durkheim’s concept of Basic Instinct clarified that deviance is a matter of perception, there can be no good without evil, and deviance is only determined by the reaction given. In my case, I was only considered a deviant to those who looked down upon my actions. The reactions given are a set of cultural values and norms is a means of setting boundaries between right and wrong, they are often different in every case. In the case of posing nude, the perception