In the Cloud: Maps and Blogs

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The Reaction(s): Student Perceptions

The Results (or, What Everyone Said About Them)

We asked about...

- Impressions of map-making and of blogging
 - Suggestions for improvement

Method Instrument

- Questionnaire
- 4 Likert-scale items with 5-point semantic-differentiation scale anchored by "strongly disagree" (1) and "strongly agree" (5); neutral midpoint = 3
- 4 open-ended questions for each activity

Data Analysis

- Descriptive statistics
- T-tests for group differences with FDR correction (Benjamini & Hochberg, 1995)
- Qualitative data

Quantitative Results for mapmaking

- All positive results
- Minor differences by context, no stat-sig differences (although close)
- Fairly strong support for enjoyable (perhaps different)
- Modest endorsement for *helping L2*, *motivation*
- Larger sample size might yield statistical significance

Table 1
Perceived Usefulness of Mapmaking

| Item | Arizona | Tsukuba |
|----------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Enjoyable | 3.59 | 4.05 [†] |
| Helped learning L2 | 3.32 | 3.32 |
| Increased motivation | 3.27 | 3.55 |
| Want to use again | 3.32 | 3.77 |

Note. 5-point Likert scale. Dagger (†) indicates statistically significant

result (p < .05) prior to FDR correction.

We'd be happy to entertain any questions at this time!

(sorry if we've tied you in knots)



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