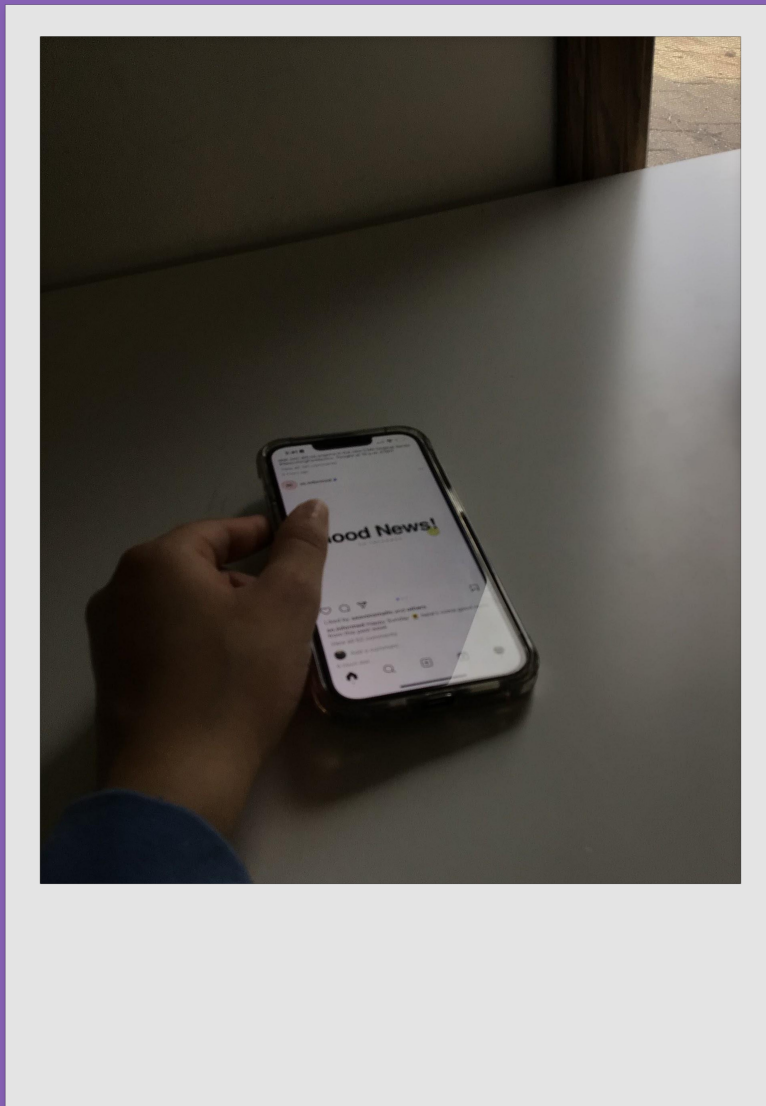


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The blankness of this desk is representative of the first few moments of consciousness when we wake up. How often do you find yourself reaching over, hitting snooze, and immediately reaching for your phone and seeing news notifications? Plot twist - how many of those news notifications are positive? This picture seeks to evoke a sense of self reflection in our daily consumption of news. This self-reflection is crucial because what we consume is what we become ; if we continue to absorb negativity, there won't be enough room for the positivity. Even further, our environment around us continues to regurgitate negativity, but how many times have we focused on cultivating positivity? Sometimes it starts with the easy step of waking up and searching for the positive news around our environment. Although there will always be conflicts, difficulties, and challenges, there is always some positivity that can exist. You only have to look closer. Which can easily be done: Just start with the positivity in your community. In other words, imagine the positivity one can exude if local legislative members and your next door neighbor join together to highlight the positive news.



In this photo we see words of hate and a broken community. We have a rising homeless population, youth using drugs, running from police officers, and breaking major laws. These issues aren't broadcasted enough to the public, and change needs to be made. We need to address the issues going on and normalize that it is okay. There is help. Communities need to be more involved with the one another and willing to empathize with one another, as well as set aside differences.