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Britney,

You've picked a good topic, I think. It never occurred to me that there must be online communities for people with eating disorders where they can actually get information from equally-unwell peers that will likely hurt rather than help them. Though of course it must be the case—if there are people who feel strongly about something, there's an online community for them.

I think more of a straightforward introduction would serve you well, saying exactly what you intend to examine and explore, how you plan to do it, and (depending on how you want to do things) what your argument or conclusion is going to be. (It's obvious off the bat that you have a strong opinion about it, so maybe you should just state it outright—as long as you make sure to give both sides of the issue a fair examination in the rest of the paper.) Right now you just start out with pure description, which in this case is good because the alarming nature of it really gets my attention. But then I want to know where you're going to go with it, what the rest of the paper is going to be like, so I have something to look forward to.

I don't really have anything else to say because I don't know where you're going to go with the rest of your paper. Is it just going to be literature review? Will you have case studies? Surveys? Any route is valid, though with this topic I think case studies and/or interviews would be particularly relevant.

What you've got so far is good. Keep it up!

Your peer,

John Pray