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Abstract
This poster was created in a collaborative effort by Musselman Library’s Copyright Committee as part of a display for Fair Use Week 2018. The poster was intended to get viewers to think about the 4 factors of fair use in the context of two art projects that used social media photos: Yolocaust by Shahak Shapira and New Portraits by Richard Prince. It was also intended to get viewers thinking about the ways their social media content might get used beyond the original intention.

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In 2017, Shahak Shapira created an online project called Yolocaust that combined social media photos taken at the Berlin Holocaust Memorial with actual Holocaust photos. Shapira’s goal was to criticize the way people were behaving in a commemorative space. The project was non-commercial, but both sets of photos are protected by copyright.

Artist Richard Prince created an exhibition in 2014 called New Portraits by commenting on Instagram photos and then making prints. Instagram users retain copyright of their photos when they use the platform. Prince didn’t ask permission to use most of the photos, and many of his prints sold for up to $90,000. Prince says that commenting on, cropping, and recontextualizing the photos are transformative acts.