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Nick Triggle, BBC World

**Diction** – Triggle’s diction is simple and professional; he does not seem to have a relationship with the topic in which he would be emotionally attached. His words give off an open-minded tone because when his original idea that social media is the cause of lower teen pregnancy rates is deemed unlikely, he seems fine with listing and considering other options.

**Other Rhetorical Devices** – Triggle uses *appositive phrases* to describe people and programs involved in the discovery of the cause behind lower teen pregnancy rates in England and Wales. He also *leaves the audience with a question* to keep them intrigued in the topic even after the article is over: “But for how long?”

**Tone** – Triggle does not seem to be emotionally attached to this topic, as he is simply stating facts, quotes, statistics (graph), etc. He could be taken, however, as having an open-minded approach/tone within the article because of how he mentions more than one possible cause of lower teen pregnancy rates in England and Wales.

**Purpose** – The purpose of the article is to inform readers of the progress that England and Wales have made in lowering teen pregnancy rates and the methods used to achieve this. This is important and very valuable because it gives readers a source to go to for facts, not bias/opinion.

**Argument Through Appeals** – Triggle organized his article by first suggesting that social media is the cause of lower teen pregnancy rates. Then, by using a reliable source, he introduced another idea that was likely the cause which was the Teenage Pregnancy Knowledge Exchange and showing a line graph that depicts the decrease in these pregnancies. Lastly, he explains the method(s) used to achieve The United Kingdom’s all-time low.