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Artist Statement

When I first received this assignment I was completely stuck. Because while the majority of my classmates decided to focus on writing about music from artists that have inspired them, I had no idea what I wanted to do. One thing was for sure, I was not about to write an entire essay so I went the creative way. As cheesy as it sounds it might have been fate that I had just watched the episode of Bob's Burgers called "Sheesh! Cab, Bob?" and immediately I had my idea to focus my project on a scene that takes only a couple of seconds but that I felt had a huge impact.

I personally feel that my generation has had a big impact accepting new concepts that weren't acceptable back then. We've grown up in a different era where equality has been an idea changed, to not be a given right to only straight men and straight women but to every. single. person. While this is still a continuing fight, everyday people of the LGBT community are coming out and becoming stronger within the society. They are being represented within the makeup industry by influencers like trans woman Nikita Dragun and television shows like Shameless and Orange is the New Black. To understand my art work you need to know that my belief is that everybody deserves equality no matter what religion, sexuality, or gender you identify with. I've attached the image on the bottom which is a scene from the "Sheesh! Cab, Bob?" episode. This is the episode where they first feature trans women, and of course they are pictured as drunk prostitutes in skimpy outfits.

My art work pictures the same exact trans women from this episode but viewed in a positive way. I believe the idea of LBGT people only working as prostitutes is a pretty old outdated one. Today in 2019 LBGT people can be lawyers, doctors, regular working class people. That is was my artwork portrays, three working trans women at the park during the day, because they are not only confined to being outside when it's dark. They are trans women of different professions such as a lawyer, a doctor, and a secretary because prostitution isn't the only work a trans woman can get. My argument isn't that women can't have fun and go out in skimpy outfits every now and then, my argument is that the way this particular show portrays trans women is not only degrading but it's also how many many television shows portray them, and it's unfair. My artwork shows equality, unity, and acceptance.

