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Trayvon Martin was a young African-American boy from Miami ,Florida who was fatally shot by George Zimmerman. Black and brown youth are often perceived as dangerous and harmful people. Henry Giroux argues the idea and perspective society has on racism. Giroux puts his argument to a broad audience appealing to those who would side with “democracy” against the state assaults. A recognition that racism is still happening in America which is marginalized by race or class. Giroux, a cultural critic, writer of *“Hoodie Politics: Trayvon Martin and Racist Violence in Post Racial America”* extends the idea and the main purpose of the society we live in. Expanding on the idea of what is seen to be true that whoever has more power ends up overpowering the minority class. For my own opinions i believe that this argument is true- that white are more powerful even though they are wrong in the situation.

George Zimmerman was a white hispanic security guard who shot a young boy because he looked to be dangerous by the way he was dressed. The security guard said Martin looked dangerous because he had a hoodie on and had his hands inside his pockets and said he might of had a gun. Asking ourselves “what kind of society creates a George Zimmerman along with a formative...emotion over reason, fear over shared responsibilities and violence over compassion”?(207). This makes us really think

about what is this generation really getting too. Would it get better or worse? Creating even worse conditions for poor youth's because now blacks and people of color are seen in the streets as dangerous, something they aren't. In questioning society, this created a "culture of fear". It is the knowledge of where we see somebody from a different race and judge them without knowing them. This caused George Zimmerman to see Trayvon Martin crossing the street and immediately think he was "a threat to be contained"(206). "What kind of society allows young black and brown youth to be killed precisely because they are wearing a hoodie"(206). There is no reason racism over blacks and brown youth should relate to their clothing.

The ideas about living in a post-racial society has many perspectives. A post-racial society is a theoretical community which is free from racial preferences. For example Giroux states, "Such questions are dangerous because they invoke wider social considerations and prevent us from wallowing in a purely privatized discourse that, in the end, for instance, only allows us to focus on the most narrow and restricted of issues such as the personality of the shooter, George Zimmerman"(207). Questions concerning what kind of society we have become reflecting to tragic killings being ignored. Trayvon Martin was viewed as the bad person after being shot and killed. When the tragedy happened instead of George being taken to trial and treated like a criminal, Trayvon was. Trayvon was even tested for drug and alcohol use, in the autopsy and the white hispanic guard wasn't. Rarely did people view Zimmerman as a criminal.

Most people in the society weren't worried about why he shot Martin, but were rather worried about arguing that Martin looked dangerous because of the hoodie he had on . So many tragedies happen that we Americans live a paranoid life. Friends and family gathered for Trayvon and had slogans that said "We are all Trayvon". Not everybody viewed Zimmerman like a criminal but the ones who did were there looking for justice. Black community were most affected because they know the good kid Martin was and he didn't deserve that. Just because George Zimmerman was white that doesn't necessarily mean that he was the victim of this case. Although people saw that Zimmerman shot the young boy, people still claim that Trayvon was dangerous and looked suspicious.

The purpose of Henry Giroux's "hoodie politics" is to get readers to critically think about the forces that reproduce social inequalities, especially the forces that exclude poor minority youth. Reflecting to my own thoughts I side with Henry Giroux, the fact that George Zimmerman did not have any stable reason to have to pull the trigger just shows the inequalities that still exist today. These ideas are echoed by Tracy Ore in the "Introduction" to her textbook *The Social Construction of Difference and Inequality*. Many psychologist expanded on the ideas of the perceptions Zimmerman had and the fear he had behind black people. Like Giroux, who continually asks us "what kind of society do we live in ?", Tracey Ore explains to her readers the importance of critical thinking on Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality. The difference they all have on each other and how they relate to one another. She wants us to have different perspectives of different races and cultures. One thing she wants her readers to critically think about

is how racial inequalities are being constructed in societies, “these culturally defined classification are also significant in that they are structured as categories that are fundamentally different from one another”(1). She wants to show the importance racism has on cultures and how societies outtake it. However, it’s about the justice there should be and the way this cruel generation is. Tracey Ore’s project is to open up our mind about society . Both sources relate on showing how racist a society could be. These types of racism put people in different norms , bringing people into certain labels. Tracy Ore’s points are being proved by Giroux through that event.

Looking and seeing different bias positions with sources, all I can repeat to myself is do these “powerful rich people” feel guilty after knowing they did something wrong? As years are passing by and more generations are going about, society is just getting worse. People get guns and just think is fun to be able to shoot someone and take their life away. We need communities to work with each other and start making this a better world. So much inhumanity that is happening and not many people are realizing. George Zimmerman has a strong base behind him and that made him not be guilty but I believe he is very guilty and should have to pay for Trayvon Martin's death

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