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# **NOT SO SAFE SPACES: A CONVERSATION ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE**

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# ABSTRACT

THIS PRESENTATION IS A DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO ROOMMATES (ABRIL AND MALLORY) ABOUT HOW FORMATIVE EXPERIENCES HAVE SHAPED OUR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL BELIEFS. WE PORTRAY OURSELVES AND DISCUSS THINGS THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED TO US. OUR AUDIENCE WAS EACH OTHER, AS OUR CONVERSATION WAS MEANT TO OPEN UP TO THE OTHER ROOMMATE. WE DEVELOPED THIS IDEA, BECAUSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WE WERE NOT SURE WHAT EACH OTHER'S BELIEFS WOULD BE. HOWEVER, THROUGH DISCUSSIONS SIMILAR TO THE ONE SHOWCASED IN OUR PRESENTATION WE REALIZED WE WERE MORE SIMILAR THAN WE THOUGHT. IN OUR DISCUSSION WE APPLY THEORIES WE HAVE LEARNED IN CLASS SUCH AS GREENE'S FAST-THINKING AND UTILITARIANISM, AND BOURDIEU'S CAPITAL AND SYMBOLIC VIOLENCE. THIS CONVERSATION PROVES THAT DESPITE DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES, YOU CAN FIND SHARED THOUGHT PROCESSES AND BELIEF SYSTEMS.

# ABOUT US



**Abril Hunter**

From: Belleville, Illinois  
Experience: Police Brutality



**Mallory Malman**

From: Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Experience: School Shootings



# CONTEXT

- WHO: ROOMMATES
- WHERE: OUR DORM ROOM
- WHEN: EARLY FALL 2019
- WHAT: A CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR LIFE EXPERIENCES

**AS ROOMMATES, HOW DO WE  
WORK TO UNDERSTAND EACH  
OTHER'S SOCIETAL VIEWS,  
WHILE COMMUNICATING OUR  
OWN AND FOSTERING A  
PRODUCTIVE LIVING  
ENVIRONMENT?**

# OBJECTIVES

- Share how our experiences have shaped our belief systems
- Find common ground despite different backgrounds
- Connect our conversation to Us & Them Course

## Themes

- Greene's Fast-Thinking
- Bourdieu's Capital

# THESIS

Despite different regional and familial upbringings, two people through an educated conversation can come to an agreement on societal perspectives.

**HOW HAVE OUR RESPECTIVE  
CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES  
SHAPED THE WAY WE SEE AND  
INTERACT WITH THE WORLD?**



# ABRIL



## FERGUSON POLICE SHOOTING

- August 9, 2014
- 18 year-old unarmed Michael Brown shot and killed by Ferguson Police
- Black Lives Matter Movement

## FAST ACTION THINKING

- Protests
- National Guard Presence
- Community

## FERGUSON'S CAPITAL

- 20,000 Residents
- 70% African-American
- 22% Poverty Rate
- 94% White Police Force
- "Us" vs. "Them" Mentality



# MALLORY



## PARKLAND SHOOTING

- February 14, 2018
- 17 People Killed
- March for Our Lives/Never Again Movements

## FAST ACTION THINKING

- Protests
- Social Media Movements
- Community

## NEW NORMAL

- Increased School Security
- Active Shooter Drills
- General Sense of Fear

# **SIMILARITIES**

- Fast Action Thinking
- Feeling Unsafe in Our Communities
- Increased Passion for Social Justice
  - Gun Violence
  - Police Brutality
- Respect for Eachother's Experiences



**HOW DO WE REFLECT ON  
EACH OTHER'S VIEWS TO  
COME TO MUTUAL  
RESPECT AND  
UNDERSTANDING?**



# **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!**

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