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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.

ABOUTUS



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

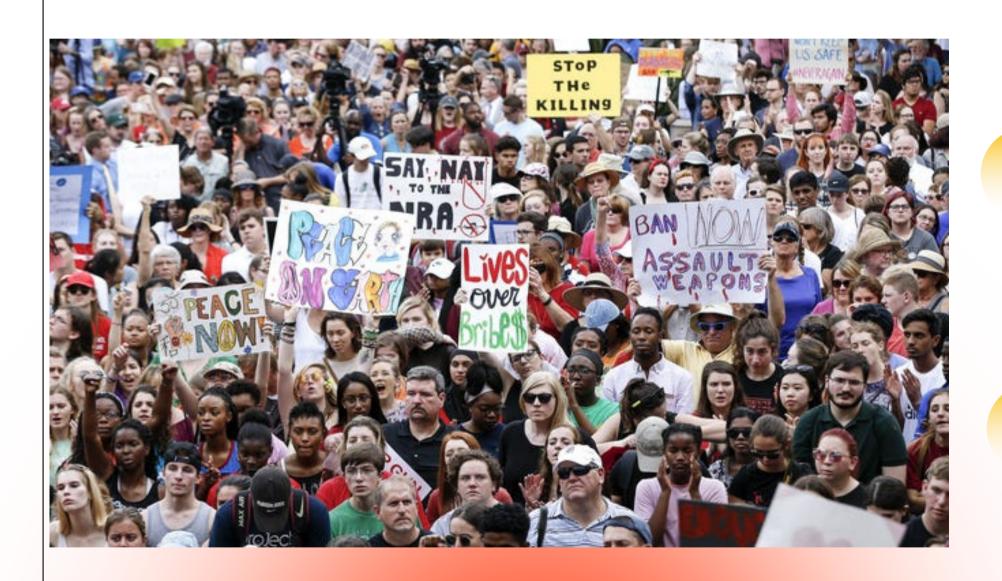
FAST ACTION THINKING

- Protests
- National Gaurd 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?

THANKYOU FOR JOINIG US!

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