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 Paralleling the Giver Society to Ours

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 Many of the examples parallel the literature we read, the Giver. Most of the examples come from many other references such as articles like: Edward Snowden, U.S. Incarceration Rates, Arizona’s Ban on Books, and a little different a song inspired of Harrison Bergeron. These text have inspired many ideas that showed us how the Giver might parallel to these references.

 The article about Edward Snowden his whistle blowing situation parallels the Giver Society. My first is surveillance next is secrets and last a whistle blower. They both have surveillance, here’s my proof for the United States “The US Government ordered Verizon to hand over millions of Americans phone records to the NSA. “My proof from the Giver is able to show Jonas the release from earlier of the baby boy twin who was released. So that shows if the Giver was able to be specific to the attendant and get the correct video they must be surveillencing others too. Another thing they have in common, is secrets that is the main and most important detail they both have in common. My evidence from the article is “Edward Snowden , 29, revealed details about top secret Government Program.” My proof from the Giver is all of the memories Jonas has been given such as war, release, and love. My last detail that both the Giver and the Edward Snowden articles have in common is a whistle blower. That is another main detail they have in common. My reasoning from the articles about Snowden is this, “the Guardian revealed that the whistle blower was Edward Snowden.” My proof/evidence that I took from The Giver is when Jonas and Giver planned the escape in the meaning of basically calling out the community on why they are keeping these secrets. Eventually when Jonas escapes they will have to tell the whole community all the memories Jonas received. All in all The Giver does Parallel Edward Snowden articles because they both live in a surveillanced society, with unknown secrets, and a brave speaker.

 The article about incarcerating the population of the U.S. parallels The Giver Because it explores control. My first is, sentencing because from The Giver the way that they are living is incarceration. The way I got that idea was from them not being able to leave the community. My proof on the same topic is sentencing from the articles to make it a longer process. “drug sentencing reform.” My second reason why they have in common is because its widespread. The example I took away from the article is, “widespread incarceration at the federal state in local levels is both in affective and unsustainable…” My example from The giver about it being widespread is they go to visit others in different communities and they have many of the same rules. My last and final connection I made with the book and articles is control of population. My proof from the article, “a lot has been reported about our nations prison system and its bloated population,” They are doing that in an attempt to try and control our population. The parallel to The Giver is the birth mother only being allowed to have three children and also the limit of two children per family unit. In conclusion, in order to control population, just like The Giver the United States also uses incarceration to try and control our growing population.

 Banning books? Pretty crazy, but Arizona has, more specifically taken away Mexican American studies department. They have been confiscating their materials and supplies used to teach. I recognized the ways Arizona’s ban on books parallels The Giver. My first reasoning is one from “ Arizona’s banned Mexican American books.” It said, “ only seven books titles were boxed and carried off.” The way this parallels The Giver is when they have a limited amount of literature in their housing unit, they only have books that are related to the community rules and events. My next relation I made come from the same article, “she unabashedly told the students that racism has nothing to do with color and that Mexico is where Mexican studies is taught, not America!” My parallel I made to The Giver is if they wanted to learn something else to they needed to go to the elsewhere, which is hard under their circumstances just like for some it is like going to Mexico. My last and final support is in the article, “the further message of this punishment, then, appears to be that the state and the district do not want students to study Mexican American studies.” The way this connects The Giver is by them not wanting the community to know about pain, war, colors, and love. All in all I think we need books to extend our knowledge, but the government doesn’t agree because the truth will be revealed.

 In class we saw song lyrics and listened to a song based on Harrison Bergeron. It was mainly discussing what our future holds and the possible outcomes that parallel The Giver. Reason number one comes from these lines, “but they issue a decree to the people, an order that stated we were all equal. “the way this parallel the Giver is everybody does the same thing, they all ride bikes, have the same haircut, the same birthdate and the same housing unit. My second response on how this parallels The Giver, comes from the song, “then they took away an confiscated the books; it was not debated.” This also connects the book because they don’t have literature, they only have simple rule books. My last and final evidence is, “ they put a chain around my leg and added another . They made me stop and desist, the cops came quick they had to make sure that I run with a limp.” My last reasoning is basically because they want them to limit their knowledge so they won’t be exposed to the truth behind the lies. In conclusion, I think there is a way of preventing this issue from happening that is to extend our knowledge about our society.

 While analyzing all of this material I have realized the jacked-up society the Giver lives in we pretty much already live in. That is my point exactly that they already control us and there is no way of getting out with all of this upcoming technology. We don’t realize it, but we are at the halfway mark of the Giver society and having our freedom is slowly transforming into a utopian matter. That is why we need to stay on top of our game because right now all we have ahead of us is sameness, blindness, and control. I hope we don’t have to suffer these results. In all I don’t want a path that will take me only straight!!

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