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Our society is so caught up in technology that we sometimes forget the importance of books and how much knowledge and information they provide us with about our past, present and future. In Fahrenheit 451 written by Ray Bradbury about a futuristic society we see the concept of censorship and lack of freedom around books explored and related to our current society and where we may be heading. Three characters that will be analysed to show different sides of human nature are; ~~guy~~ Guy Montag, who is a firefighter turned rebel when he realises how wrong it is to ban books; Mildred Montag, ~~guy's wife~~ who is Guy's wife and has been brainwashed by the higher power in their society to be afraid of books and finally Captain Beatty, Beatty is the topmost firefighter who enforces the banning and burning books to the extent where he is not afraid to kill people.

As stated before, books are banned in Fahrenheit 451. The firefighters are now used to burn books ~~instead~~ instead of ~~actually~~ actually fight fires. Guy Montag is a third generation fire fighter who, in the beginning, loves to burn books. We know this because in the first paragraph ~~of~~ ~~the~~ this book he states "it was a pleasure to burn". Montag represents the rebellion in a society. Rebellion is always bound to happen when there is oppression which in this case is the burning of books. We see the contrast between Montag and the other two characters as Montag being the strongest of them all. He changed his views and morals after seeing a lady burn in her home full of books. He said "there must be something in the books, something we can't imagine, to make a woman stay in a burning building" this change in view caused interest in the books which was where his rebellion started, he was reading books and figuring out how to convince his wife to do the same. He was caught with the books because of his wife, this was where he became the strongest and we saw his growth and

contrast from from the other characters shine through. He stood up for what he believed was right, freedom to knowledge/books, even if it meant putting himself in danger and needing to run away. This is seen as strong because he was putting the rights of others in front of his own safety which takes a lot of courage to do as we could see no other character would do that. In our society right now we are seeing a lot of rebellious movements against oppression occurring such as 'Black Lives Matter' and 'Pride' for the LGBTQ+ community. This is because their basic human rights are being taken from them and as stated before, when there is oppression there will always be rebellion. This then links back to how Montag has reacted to his oppression.

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In societies there will always be weaker people who tend to take the ^{easy}_{because of human nature} path of obeying the oppressor. In Fahrenheit 451 this character was Mildred Montag. Mildred is married to Guy Montag. This couple is not a good match as they both lead to each others problems in the text as Mildred is the one who

calls the firemen on Guy and Guy is the one to almost get Mildred killed by his use of books. Mildred is very against books, so much so she cries with her friends when Montag tries to read them a poem from a book. She does not know why she is scared of books because the higher power in this society have forced this view ^{of books} _{on being bad} in the city without any proof behind it. She is so ~~willing~~ willing to believe ~~this~~ that books are bad because she does not know any better and sees the higher power as an authoritarian figure that you must obey, she is probably also very scared of the consequences ~~for~~ of owning a book. When relating this to human nature and our society we see this occur with Donald Trump. Trump can say absolutely anything and his supporters will believe it without any proof ~~exact~~ exactly like how Mildred acts in Fahrenheit. Example of this is when Trump said the 2020 election was rigged and all his supporters immediately believed it a took very big reaches to prove that the votes ~~were~~ were being counted wrong. In societies the weaker tend to be on

the wrong or ~~better~~ side of the story, this may be because they feel lost or scared so look for someone with a strong opinion all roll with it being their own.

As just talked about all societies will have a very strong opinioned person who is only doing something for their own good not others. This is the oppressor or enforcer. In Fahrenheit this is Captain Beatty. Beatty, the top most fireman in his city spends his days burning books a preaching about not having books. It is believed that the reason books are banned is to keep people from having their own opinions and ~~beliefs~~ beliefs, Beatty even says at one point "If you don't want a man politically unhappy, don't give him ~~so~~ two sides to a story; give him one. Better yet give him none" ~~which~~ which proves that he is only doing this to keep everyone in his society under his control as he loves the power of telling everyone what to do. This is also human nature to have an oppressor because without this a society will never change for the better as the rebel will have no reason to rebel.

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Beatty loves the attention so much that he was willing to kill one of his friends and co-workers, Guy, just so he would get broadcasted on the TV. He had no real care for those in his city and would kill any of them at the drop of a hat. Previously talked about was Donald Trump who fits perfectly in this character of being an oppressor. Trump had no care for his own country when the coronavirus started to intensify. He was telling all his supporters it was a hoax and nothing to worry about while hundreds of people were dying. This ignorant behaviour is mostly what caused his downfall which is what is hoped to happen in the Fahrenheit Society after Guy took his stand against Beatty.

This book has been a great insight into how our world may look in the not so distant future. It proved to the reader that there will always be sides to each story and those characters

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are always going to have major influences on the others actions as when there is oppression there is always rebellion, it's human nature to want your own opinion and to think for yourself. I think Guy Montag partly portrayed this message perfectly when contrasted with Mildred and Beatty.

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