Popular Culture and Revolutionary Theory: Understanding Punk Rock

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**Introduction**

Popular culture has many different meaning in different parts of the world. Popular culture refers to a state in which there are numerous fluctuation between the narrative, actors and the practices. A popular culture can also be a subject that is never ending an academic discourse. It is clear that every behavior that every human being does is mainly aimed at expressing feelings. This directly relates to a show or a film. Every film has a specific information to convey a message. Most of the time the behavior that is based on learned traditions is not a bad thing at all. Most people all over the world want to live their lives in a free manner such that their lives will not be disrupted in any way. Social classes in the society mainly occur because of very many factors. There are majorly three social classes that are present in every society. These are the upper class, the middle class and the working class. The upper class is also known as the capitalist class and this group make money with money so that they can earn a living. The second class is the middle class and they earn money by using the skills which they have acquired. The last group is the working class. This group earn a living by toiling very hard so that they can get a living (Rodman et al., 2017).

##### **Ideology and Culture**

Culture is directly related to ideology. According to Louis he argues that art and culture are not at one time any part of the ideological instance in the society. It is therefore important for us to understand how the ideology functions. This will help us to understand the difference between the culture and ideology. Ideology normally refers to the human perception of the lived experience and this normally refers to the real life itself. Illusion also means any illusion of the concrete reality. The people in the different parts of the world normally express themselves through the different ideologies. The main function of the ideology is that it helps to produce the relationships between people and what they are doing to earn a living. This clearly indicate that different people have different social classes. This is mainly determined by what they are doing to earn a living. For instance, the upper class people use money to make money. A given social class in the society will struggle to take a specific place within the level of the ideology. The conceptual class struggle is mainly the process of either strengthening or weakening the different elements in the dominant ideologies. Each period normally represents the strength and the weakness of the social classes that exist in the society. According to the Gramsci’s Conception of Hegemony the process of either weakening or strengthening the different classes that exist in the society is usually a series of compromises that a dominant class in the society makes the subordinate classes so that they can be able to maintain the political or the economic power. This means that the capitalist group is able to remain in power. The ideology of the capitalist class is most of the time expressed through the intellectuals and the many different institutions. According to Gramsci these institutions can either be parties, churches, schools and mainly the press. Gramsci’s theory of hegemony also suggests the possibility of the crises occurring to the ruling class. One of the most common crisis is the product which normally occurs when the class struggles (Agurto et al., 2014).

##### ***The Complex Relationship Between Ideology and Culture***

It is clear that the whole process of the cultural relationship has a direct relationship with the ideology. Most of the time culture cannot be reduced into a simple expression of the ideology. Culture is important because it helps to structure the social relationships between the people. culture helps to represent ways in which the structure in the society are understood and interpreted. For example, a painter or a musician can propose new ways of perfuming an act which will in turn be accepted by the different people in society. cultural expression is a practice which normally occurs among the different people in the society according to their social classes. Cultural expression in this modern generation has become a material force in which people use it for the development of the society as a whole. For example, the men and the women are able to form themselves through the different cultures that exists in the society. politics and the ideology have some close relationships even though these terms re completely different. Ideology according to gramci is the thought behind every action that happens. Politics on the other hand is the joint decision of a group so that they can solve a particular problem. Both the politics and the ideologies share the attitude of a person. political ideology is mainly concerned with the allocation of powers and it has two dimension. The first dimension indicates how the society should be organized so that it can function properly while the second dimension helps to indicate the most appropriate way of achieving a given goal. According to gramci there are many political ideologies and some of them are: anarchism, communism and the capitalism (Lemieux et al., 2013).

**Religion and culture**

Different religion and culture affects the social classes that normally exists in the society. according to gramci he defines religion as a collection of many symbols which mainly act to establish a powerful supreme being. Religion can also create social classes in the society. For instance, the people from the upper class can attend churches which are mainly establishes to be for the rich people while the poor people will normally go to the local churches. Religion most of the time uses the ritual to celebrate the different cultures that exists in the different parts of the world. Religion is a powerful symbol in practice and it is also very important to understand how these symbols are important when building the different cultures. Religion can also be used to indicate nationalism. For example, in the present world generation the Muslims mostly come from the middle east. This can directly create the existence of the social classes that normally exists in the society (Rodman et al., 2017).

##### **Rock Against Racism**

The British Neo-Nazi came up with the deportation strategy so that they could weaken the policies of the national front. Many musicians at this time were singing rock which was mainly aimed at criticizing the numerous number of deportation in the country. These was according to Enoch Powell. The rock against the deportation was successful and more than 100,000 people were freed. Rock against racism had a strong support and their main slogan was “Nazis are not fun”. The emphasis by the musicians helped to save more people since they were fighting for the rights of the people who were oppressed. The RAR (Rock Against Racism) had their own magazine which was known as the Temporary Hoarding. RAR mainly took place between 1978 -1982. During this time Rock Against Racism mainly used many mediums of concerts which mainly future both the black and the white musicians and they aimed mainly at reducing racism which was rampant (Barton et al., 2018).

**Conclusion.**

In most cases social classes mostly exist because of some factors. First of all, social classes exist between the different religious groups in the society and this has mainly contributed this factor to be a global phenomenon. A popular culture can also be a subject that is never ending an academic discourse. It is clear that every behavior that every human being does is mainly aimed at expressing feelings. This directly relates to a show or a film. It is clear that the whole process of the cultural relationship has a direct relationship with the ideology. Most of the time culture cannot be reduced into a simple expression of the ideology. Cultural expression in this modern generation has become a material force in which people use it for the development of the society as a whole. Culture is important because it helps to structure the social relationships between the people. culture helps to represent ways in which the structure in the society are understood and interpreted. Religion can also be used to indicate nationalism. In the present world generation, the Muslims mostly come from the middle east. This can directly create the existence of the social classes that normally exists in the society. The first dimension indicates how the society should be organized so that it can function properly while the second dimension helps to indicate the most appropriate way of achieving a given goal. According to gramci there are many political ideologies and some of them are: anarchism, communism and the capitalism.

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