Always Think Twice

This article by Richard Fausset and Campbell Robertson revealed the racist tradition that occurred in Southern America of people dressing up as African Americans and covering their face in black paint (blackface). I was interested to read further because I remember reading about the blackface scandal last year, so I was curious to discover more about this topic. The author gives an insightful look into this racist tradition that still lingers to this day. Just last year at the California Polytechnic State University, students were suspended for dressing up as gang members and with one person in blackface. What used to be “acceptable” in the 1980s is clearly still an issue in the US. I believe the article is trying to inform people on this racist act to raise awareness and stop these ridiculous acts before it gets out of hand. They blame College fraternities and sororities for the common behaviour, but I believe the colleges should incorporate the history of racism into their curriculum to educate the younger generation on this sensitive topic. It will reinforce their knowledge of racism and how this affected many lives in the past. We often think certain acts are acceptable when several others are doing the same act, and without thought we decide to perform those acts without thinking about the consequences. The same idea with the blackface, people often join in because their peers were doing it and that minimized the guilt they felt. We should all think about the consequences that will occur after making a good/bad decision.

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