Quincy on Brent Staples

Black men can affect the attitudes of those around him

Chief Kief / O-Block and Staples’ portraits matched.

Gave Staples ethos / biography.

Provided an explanation of the ironic language in the opening, “My first victim was a woman.”

“Even if you’re not dangerous…” explained the danger / hazard of assumptions. **Read from the slides, but spoke extemporaneously very well**.

Shared anecdote about his brother… quotes the book “My Negro Problem—And Ours”: Stereotype of vicious blacks lacking remorse. Presented with an idea of intimidation. Extremely prevalent among poor, powerless young men, especially those who are black.

Coping mechanisms… shared the closing… **was the closing cheeky?** (my question… )

Ethos: Black man, experience of the “negative” effect he’s had on public space. Not a criminal… Formal, scholarly, mocking tone…

You’ve all seen people get skittish around blacks…

First line = slightly mocking… also recognizes that this isn’t offensive—young women are open to violence, young black men are more open to this.

Claim of Fact: “Young blacks are feared when they share the same public space as other races… [thus] they negatively impact public space.”

Claim of Policy: “In order to limit this negative effect, make yourself unimposing”

Eble: So… closing? Cheeky?

Quincy: A hazard being black… end is cheeky, but a reality…

Gave questions…

1. First line of essay. What impact is he acknowledging
2. Does the first paragraph effectively draw in interest?
3. Should young black men be feared in public spaces?
4. Have you experienced this?
5. Have you ever felt that you intimidated other people while in a public place with a group?

Eble: Where to start…

Evan read the first line.

Fritz: I was mad at the author, then the publishers.

* Zimmerman: Burst in with a Shaffer anecdote…

Fritz / Quincy: Draws in the reader…

Kyle: I read the biography…

Evan: Safe haven… outside = ghetto areas…

Bruns: I considered that he wasn’t a rapist when his diction changed…

Eble: Whose perspective do we get?

* Kyle: The white woman…
* Evan: Acted like a white woman…
* Kyle: A bit satirical…
* Nick: I’ve experienced people flipping out…
* Kyle: Called out Quincy…shared an anecdote about Cincinnati Shakespeare Company…
* Evan: Clifton anecdote… twentysomething black dude follows us… shared confusion about his perceptions…
* Quincy: I had this with Mexicans… afraid when I was a child… went to the cause of the riots… fight or flight, parasympathetic response, stereotypes are what you depend on to make decisions. Can you call Officer Roach a racist? Yes. Led to Cincinnati riots…
* Evan: So… what he trying to mug us?
* Bugada: Prepare for the worst-case scenario?
* Zimmerman: So…asked a question? I’m going to be most worried.
* Verrilli: Impetus to cross the street.
* Quincy: Referenced the “hunch posture.” Thus… demonstrated understanding of people / stereotypes.
* Schlueter: Stereotypes = survival technique. Thus… run away? So…when you walk around downtown, you expect something to happen…
* Quincy: I’m afraid of bums…
* Bruns: Race isn’t the primary issue?
* Himes: Sketchy part of town… (Kyle interrupted)… regardless of race…
* Tory: Not so much a problem of race… a matter of discomfort, confusion… changed the context.
* Eble: So… what?
* Kyle / Danny: Lifetime fitness = the United Nations…
* Quincy: Indian / Asian people work out in polos…
* Schlueter: Blanket statement… women, rape…
* Kyle: Availability bias… rape is always in the news…

Eble Read from *The New Jim Crow*… paragraph about crime versus whites / blacks…

* Quincy: Discussed housing projects… disrupting the family unit… nuclear family destroyed… economic disparity… primary disciplinarian = gone. Housing projects… Once drugs are introduced, they are catastrophic…
* Danny Bruns: Asked for clarification…
* Quincy explained…
* Bruns: Asked me for clarification… violence?
* Eble: Talked…
* Schlueter: Statistics… based on Moeller...

Tory: Victims, guys versus women… if females were the aggressor? What if Staples was a black woman?

* Kyle: I wouldn’t fight anyone… I’m not worried about a black woman…
* Quincy: North College Hill lady pizza thefts…
* Bruns: Cyclones game… shared an anecdote. I was nervous about three homeless guys. If they were all women, I wouldn’t’ be as afraid. If I was a lady, I would have been terrified.
* Eble: Asked for clarity…
* Zimmerman: Statistics show that minorities aren’t the first to commit crimes. Shared the anecdote about the Mason drug dealer.
* Quincy: The same thing goes with the rhetoric of… Republicans / welfare… put on the shoulder of
* Schlueter: Many rural white people.
* Quincy: Hood rich…
* Eble: Filter bubbles… information
* Quincy: Duh…it’s the information age.

Bugada: Guns, our views of violence… cousins in Canada who ask about guns. (Kyle assented). So…when we go downtown, do we have that perception?

* Quincy: The unknown causes a lack of familiarity and fear.
* Tyler: More inclined to assume that people have guns…
* Quincy: Situation with Ikeem… if whites without ethnic looks robbed a store, the clerk may question more easily…
* Kyle: Perception with … (needed to provide clarity)… the aftermath…
* Quincy: There’s a narrative that we want this to fit into… rape / black women = promiscuity, according to many narratives. School shooters who are white = troubled; black student = monetary…
* Kyle
* Quincy: Basis in fact…
* Kyle: Staples even said this.
* Quincy: Reporting in general = lazy.
* Evan: Environment = all of it. Context = all of it.
* Quincy: The power of the picture = juxtaposition… explained the quiz answer. You see the people in their clothes… without time for thought, you think them dumb, violent. Seeing them in that garb… definite juxtaposition here…
* Tory: Question two… compare the way that the clothes that they wear create a certain identity of a thug…
* Eble: Markedness comes into play…
* Williams: Gangsta stereotype… doesn’t fit Tannen’s claim.
* Eble: Other attributions?
* Bugada: Horse…elevated… but also diminishes the man on the horse.
* Verrilli: I sort of assumed that the people in the image were out of context.

Discussion followed about the picture…

* Rieger: I thought that you had to be black to play professional sports.
* Zimmerman: Anecdote…
* Verrilli: Anecdote…