

## Ilja Sprenger (group 9)

### 1. "Everyone creates stereotypes. We cannot function in the world without them." (S. Gilman)

1.1 Write down your personal interest in this group? What are you curious about? How do you relate to this group (positive or negative); do you want to be part of it, do you admire them, are you more negative about them?

This group is very close with each other and watch each others back. But when it comes to outsiders they don't seem so social. I don't want to be part of them but that is because I didn't grow up with them. Personally I am not negative about this group because I don't judge that fast. But I think other people do and the media also. I am interested in this group because I think they are very unique and have their own way of life and their own habits.

1.2 What are the assumptions you have (or had) about the 'social group'? Where did you get these from? How were they debunked or confirmed?

Because what I saw in real life and a little bit from the media.

### 2. Signifiers that stereotype: Objects and their meaning 2.1 Which existing stereotypes have you found about your group? Describe them.

I think you can divide them in generation groups: the kids, the young people, the older the people and the elderly.

2.2 *Fragmentation* and *Fetishized*: Which objects (e.g. food, products, clothes, part of the body) are used to stereotype with?

Hairspray, caps, tracksuits, tattoos, statues, big cars, shiny stuff, gold, fences, dialect, bbq, trailers, dogs,

2.3 Where did you find them? In which shape, form or media (jokes, sayings, news, tv, politics, shops, education,...)

In the news, in my neighborhood, documentary and reality shows.

### 3. The effect of stereotypes: Power and discrimination 3.1 Who spreads these stereotypes? What's their intention?

The news and mouth to mouth.

3.2 Did you find examples of discrimination, ongoing conflicts, historic events or other injustices where stereotypes are used to control or overpower you 'social group'? Describe/show what happened?

Trailers that are burned down, kids from this group are outsiders at school, in the supermarket people think they will steal, they don't pay taxes, they are called criminals.

3.3 Have you found examples where your 'social group' is reversing the stereotype; using the known stereotypes and appropriating them for their own cause? (see more Hall, 5.1: Reversing the stereotype).

I think when you know this group they are very kind and also between themselves. I saw this in the video in the link below where they are getting roasted by a comedian and they also show them how they live.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q42zS1O9wwM>