

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?

I think their way of living is actually nice and unusual. Everybody is close to each other. When I was small me and my family used to live in trailer when we were going on road trips and stayed at trailer parks. I liked the atmosphere around, because everybody was friendly and every evening there was smell of bbq. But I guess this social group is a little bit different.

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?

I never saw this social group in real life, but by looking on a pictures in internet the first impression what I got is that people there doesn't look friendly and I guess they don't welcome other people who are not a part of their group. They might be aggressive, but I don't know if it's true. I can't judge, because I have never met them personally.

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

People often gathering in the backyard to drink, eat together. A lot of smoking. Kids playing around.

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

Tattoos, bald head, short hair, chains, sunglasses, dogs, drugs, police.

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

Google.

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

Media, news and people.

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

They are not paying taxes. They are called outsiders because they don't fit to society we live in. People probably think they are criminals, because there is often police around and media always shows only the negative side.

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 if you would get to know those people in person you would think differently, because I believe that they are actually kind and friendly and just want to live in peace. They have their own lifestyle which is different from the one we have, but we can't judge or roast them because of that. Just because they are not like us. And we also don't have to believe everything what media says. Its not always true.