Burning Man Festival

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**Introduction**

Burning man festival is a popular event held annually in the United States. It took place on August 25 to Sept 2, 2019. It is regarded as the iconic counterculture events, which brings many people from around the world together to celebrate the rich history of art. It occurred in the Black Rock Desert of the Northern Nevada. According to Christine (2019), the event was established in 1986, to coronate the burning wood figure of man in the beach of San Francisco. It is meant for the celebration of art, and therefore, it was attended by several artists from different sectors to mark the event special. The name of the game is expressed with artist exchange of ideas and music concepts. An interesting fact about the Burning Man is the gifting culture which is practice is the gifting culture. During the events everyone brings something to exchange with fellow event goers to make the occasions special and for the remembrance. People who attend the burning man events are called the “burners.” They stay the whole night awake and treated with credible sunrise with vibrant orange and pink. The man is the statue or image used during the event. The effigy gets burnt the night of Saturday to mark the event of the event. The 2019, the ‘Man” was crafted by Y Serge Beaulieu and Yelena Filipchuk. They place the winding walkout, which covered in cutout which is lit from within.

The Burning Man event is attended by artist and several people both local and international. Artists get a rare opportunity to showcase their talents and network with other senior artists. The primary attraction of the events is to learn the creativity in the United States. It symbolizes with unique clothing, which brings out the cultural practices on different people across the country. There are creatures made using unique technology and materials showing wild fashions. The attendees are dressed in hand sewed clothes and coats, which brings a unique art to the event. Everything which happens at the event are made citizens attended the Burning Man event. The goers do not regard Burning Man as a festival, it is known as a cit and a place where everything which happens there is design and created by people who actively participate in the process. It is graced by fascinating people, improbable structure and remarkable art installation, which bring out the concept of art in practice.

The event is also marked by burning huge fire, showcase of various arts structure and musical performance. It is approximated that over 70,000 from different countries and local attended the 7 days event in Nevada. There are several activities which marked the events such as croyoga, which is a mix of yoga and acrobat, music concert, and biking. The cars were not allowed at the event and the only mode of transport allowed was biking. This made the event very enjoyable and fun. The high and huge storms were witnessed in the evenings across the desert making the practice to be fun. As stated by Baliūnaitė and Grinevičius(2019 ), Burning Man is held in desert to symbolize the message it conveys to the burners or the people who graced the occasion. It shows the importance of art and the journey he artist have taken though to make achievement. Most of the art being showcase at the events are created using local materials are erected at the event for a period.

Besides art and music celebration which marked the occasions, the event is opportunity to highlight the consequences of gun related violence in the United States. The organizers of the event target proponents of gun ownership and control controller to bring sanity through the use of art to bring understanding on how the issue can be addressed. The United States has experienced constant gun related violence targeting various groups. The recent gun violence occurred in Texas and Alabama where over sixteen people lost their lives. Several studies have indicated that gun related violence is committed by people associated with various gangs in the country. It is has been estimated that every day one hundred people are getting killed with guns and many others shot and injured. The effects of gun violence are more than these casualties. According to Baliūnaitė and Grinevičius (2019, the gun violence has serious impact on the lives of millions of people who witnessed it, are aware of someone who was killed or live but in fear of the next shooting. The widespread of gun violence is due to America relation with gun. The United States is one of the unique countries where the right to own firearms are constitutionally protected. However, recent studies have concluded that gun violence are associated with psychological effect, racial profiling, poverty, drugs and other health related issues, therefore, it is a natural issues which need to be addressed. Most studies have established that gun related violence is common in underprivileged neighborhood in the United States. Among the states, California is the leading states in deaths resulting from gun violence. According to a report by federal bureau department, the highest number of deaths arising from gun violence is associated with criminal guns supported by various drugs cartel with link in Mexico and Columbia. The Burning Man event therefore, I meant to highlights some of the issues related to gun and act as the occasions to learn and highlight the dangers of the gun and urge for control and meaningful use of the gun across the country.

**Sociological concepts of the event**

**Culture**

The event is marked to celebrate the art culture, which has been integrated into the Nevada culture. Culture is regarded as the norms, beliefs or knowledge which makes the way of life for the people. It is make people to understand one’s own practice or way of life. The “Burning Man” is an occasion to create awareness of various arts across the world, and to showcase the cultural practices of the people of Nevada to the rest of the world. It is pointed that people are not supposed to attend using cars, and bikes are the only mode of transport used to the desert during the occasion. It create loves for the art, highlights some of the traditional practices in Nevada including gun practices as mode of traditions. The practice is cultural important to people of Nevada but it also used to send a message to people regarding the way guns were traditionally used.

**Power**

Beside expression of culture to the society, it is meant to show the power of art to the burners or participants. It is pointed that the event is market with unique clothes sewed by hand by the attendees. Bikes are also the mode of transportation used and this is meant to show the trend in the desert of Nevada and how far people can come together to celebrate. It is meant to connect each and every individual to his or her creativity power. It creates more relationship between people and social issues which affect the majority of people in the society and help in finding a lasting solution. The 2019, Burning Man focused on gun related violence to connect people to the important of gun control and help in reducing the rate of gun related violence in the society.

**Social integration or action**

The Burning Man has been practiced for decades to show cultural action and bring people together. It creates links and help in building relationship which can help people to prosper. In additional it is used to create social awareness. It helps in building art and connecting others to understand the creation and history of art from the perspective of the people of Nevada. Through the event the causes of some social issues such as rampant gin violence could be highlighted to bring some understanding to the people. It also increases communication among the stakeholders in the art industry, which is important for the growing of art in the country.

**Functional Integration**

The functional integration is described as the interdependence part of the system. It organized to support the development of art structure and music in the region. The event is graced by different images of art created by different artists and the attire is locally designed making it more related to the culture of the local people. Though the event is meant to mark the culture of the local people through the work of art, it is used to ensure that the importance of art is understood by the people from around the world.

In conclusion, Burning Man is art event organized to mark the importance of art in the society and convey a message on social issues which undermine the development of the society. It takes place yearly and graced by thousands of people from around the world. The theme is to bring art and its importance to the desert. Therefore, it used to link people and create a network for the growth of art in the country.

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