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**Response to Question 1**

 Detailed consideration of John Hinckley Jr. helps me to disagree with the argument developed by his parents. The statement delivered by Hinckley’s parents can never be considered right because comedians make jokes about everything without any specific judgment. It is an established fact that comedians are inclined to make fun of anything to create humor for the audience. Additionally, there are many examples when comics make jokes about people suffering from issues like mental illness. The reality is that Robin Williams was making jokes about John Hinckley Jr. due to his attempt to killing President of the country to attain some form of fame. Hinckley Jr. pushed himself in the political arena that ultimately provided opportunity for people to talk about it. The scenario of John Hinckley Jr. is different from the normal perspective of the mental illness because it involves his approach of endeavoring crime at the national level.

**Response to Question 2**

 It is one harsh reality of our society that some form of stigma and discrimination is particularly associated in the case of people with mental illness as compared to people with physical illness. There is need for changing the way society understands the prospect of mental illness. There are many misconceptions involved in case of mental complications faced by individuals. The explicit difference can be observed in terms of care for both the approaches of physical illness and mental illness. It is observed that families and friends show more care for the individual who is suffering from physical ailments as compare to the one who is diagnosed with mental disorder (Angermeyer & Matschinger, 2003). People with mental illness have to face the problem of double standards in society. Undoubtedly, there is need for reducing the stigma of psychological illness and providing better living conditions to all citizens without any partiality.

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