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Guilty or Innocent

**Differences between the Two Sources**

The two sources are different in their portrayal of the characters of the five boys. The movie showed different accounts and narratives of the case, but the YouTube source was really well researched, and upon reflection, it was saddening to know that truth is always buried under a boulder of propaganda.

**Guilty or innocent of the Crime of Rape**

After viewing both the videos, it can be established that the quintet labeled ‘Central Park Five’ are innocent. Apart from these two sources, several press releases and media reports have confirmed that the crime was in fact committed by Marias Reyes, a serial murderer and rapist, who confessed to this crime on his own, 13 years after the incident. The Netflix show portrays the boys as the perfect embodiment of naivety and innocence which further strengthens our belief that these boys were targeted as scapegoats, randomly by the persecution, in an attempt to save face.

**Emotions aroused by watching the Netflix movie**

After watching ‘When They See Us’, I remember feeling emotionally upset, numb, disturbed, and chiefly angry with the criminal justice program. Although it is a highly recommended show, it is harrowing and enraging at the same time. These emotions were aroused in me because of the emotional impact resulting from the indictment of the American society, which is based on the ideals of equality and diversity.

**Responsibility of the crime**

The responsibility of this untoward event can be accredited upon the police officers, who falsely charged the five boys and coerced them into wrongfully confessing the crime (Davies). The dominant segments in the hierarchy of society can also be deemed responsible for this crime and wrongful accusations on the boys. In 2007, Donald Trump was nearly convinced by his interpretation of the facts that the five boys are guilty (Weber).

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