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Subject: How equal are we?

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I read the short story last year, and I found it quite interesting.

Basically in the US everybody has to be "average". Meaning the C's are the best grade you can get, and handicaps are placed on those who are smarter or stronger. For example, a 40-pound handicap bag can be placed on the arms and legs of baseball players and ballerinas, while the smart people wear headbands or headphones that distract them, not allowing them to concentrate.

What Kurt Vonnegut tries to tell us is that there is a limit to how equal society can be. I noticed in the movie that even though it was 21XX, people were dressed like they belonged in the Fifties. Perhaps this was to show how far humans have digressed in their search for ultimate equality?

Another thing that you must take into consideration is when the author wrote this short story. It was written in the Sixties, a time of cultural revolution. Perhaps all the events going on in America inspire this author to write a story about ultimate equality.

Nevertheless, I believe that ultimate equality can never be achievable. There will ALWAYS be at least one individual who will stand superior to all the others. Now matter how much they try, that civilization shown in Harrison Bergeron is doomed to fail.

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