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Version :

Quand j'étais élève, je pensais que personne ne m'appréciait, et ce n'était pas si faux. J'avais une seule amie, Roxane Weaver, mais elle était si gentille de nature qu'on pouvait facilement ne pas prendre en compte son affection. Elle critiquait souvent les filles qui transpiraient ou avaient des cheveux gras, ou des tâches, mais cela venait plutôt du fait que sa mère déplorait tellement les personnes qui se laissent aller que de son propre dégoût. La mère de Roxane avait des oncles français. Ils remontaient à très loin mais elle les considérait comme proches spirituellement, d'où le prénom français qu'elle avait donné à sa fille.

Il y avait une autre personne à l'école qui m'aimait bien, ou en avait l'air : la directrice. J'étais flattée par l'intérêt qu'elle me portait, je prenais plaisir à lire les livres qu'elle me prêtait et elle m'impressionnait, mais j'étais hypercritique quand j'étais avec elle avec elle parce que je ne voulais pas lui ressembler. C'était une femme scrupuleuse et austère qui admirait l'enseignement pur et l'engagement dans les causes, et elle voulait que son école produise des filles qui accompliraient de grandes choses mais des choses altruistes. Je voyais qu'elle espérait voir en moi une de ces filles-là et je savais qu'elle avait tort.

Les faveurs que Mme Potter m'accordait ne m'aidaient point avec les autres filles, ni même avec les maîtresses, et je savais que les adjectifs qu'on associait le plus à mon nom étaient : "conne".

« supérieure » et « affectée ». C'est pour cela que Mme Fitzgerald me faisait du bien. Elle venait de Londres deux fois par semaine comme une splendide baleine, pour nous apprendre à peindre, et elle n'avait aucune connaissance des ressentiments courants dans l'école.

Thème:

As soon as she entered, Norah felt how empty the house was. It was now nighttime.

The large living room was dark {...}.

Norah recognized on the rugous-wallpapered walls, the framed photos of the holiday village her father had owned and managed and which had made his fortune.

A whole lot of people had always lived at this man's. He was selfishly proud of his success. Norah had always thought he was not that generous as he was proud to brag he was capable of _____

... taking care of his brothers and sisters, his cousins, his relatives and welcoming them under his roof, Norah had therefore never seen the big living room uncrowded, whatever the time of day she went in there.

On that evening, the room was empty and was rawly revealing the roughness of its materials, its gleaming floor and its concrete walls {...}.

"Your wife's not here?" Norah asked.

He moved two chairs from the big table, put them side by side, then changed his mind and put them back in place.

He turned on the TV and turned it off before any image had even had the time to appear.

He walked loitering his flip-flops on the floor, without lifting his feet.

His lip lips were slightly shaking.

"She went on a trip" he spilled at last

Oh, Norah worriedly said to herself, he probably won't admit she left him.

Expression

1/ In this editorial published in the American newspaper The New York Times on Nov 24th 2020, its author, Jamelle Bouie, is denouncing the entrenched effects of Republicans and "Trumpism" have on the American electoral process. Therefore, how do their actions affect the elections, according to the author?

Firstly, the 2020 elections have shown that Trump, not only has he nourished the political field with conspiracy theories, but he also makes a general case for a polarized society between the "true" Americans, worthy of voting and the "fake" ones, unworthy of voicing their opinion. The author highlights that the constant questioning of minorities' legitimacy invalidates the democratic electoral process, as shown by the recent fraud accusations.

However, although "Trumpism" has had a serious impact on the elections, the Republican party is as relevant to mention. According to Bouie, Republicans have always tried and will undoubtedly continue to circumvent the laws, ~~and~~ and mess with voting rights for the obvious goal of favoring their own supporters.

Furthermore, the writer points to the mental print their actions leave in the long term: challenging every electoral result empowers those who believe in the superiority of their claims and discourages the marginalized others to vote believing they will always be illegitimate.

Bouie concludes by putting in that the stubbornness of Republicans and "Trumpism" proponents bears new challenges for the American electoral process, since they have kept challenging its democratic core by putting a small part of the society on a pedestal.

Lastly, the author is indeed explaining the undemocratic and challenging effect Republicans and "Trumpism" had on the American electoral process.

264 words.

2/ Abraham Lincoln once said: "A nation that is divided cannot be a nation". The idea of a unified nation with only one political view is utopian and unreachable, particularly in democratic regimes, since individuals seek for their own happiness and interests. To what extent is preventing political polarization impossible and is it the duty of politicians to fight it?

It is quite logical for a diverse society to lean towards diverse ideologies. Each group of people sharing the same expectations will be attracted to the political party that responds best to its needs. For a country such as the United States, where social inequalities are the largest (the poverty rate is at 6% for Caucasians while it reaches 18% for Blacks), a political polarization is inevitable: whites may be less sensitive to social justice if they feel less concerned. Moreover, the richest groups that have benefitted from tax reforms are likely to be opposed to those who encourage raising taxes for the upper crust, leading to extreme polarization.

Politicians can therefore either use this divergence as a way to fuel the tensions instead of defusing them or try to level the playing field to bring together a polarized society. In the United Kingdom, Brexit has created a divided country between the Brexiters and the Remainers. However, both Theresa May and Boris Johnson have tried to address this polarization by negotiating the best deal for all. I believe it is the responsibility of politicians to promote social-togetherness, despite the divergence, and find a path suitable for a majority of people.

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To conclude, I think political polarization is inevitable most of the time and politicians bear the brunt of uniting the societies.

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