

Argument Essay Outline

1 “Herd Behavior” and “The Party” illustrate that the actions of others affect the way people view things.

To begin, the article, “Herd Behavior” shows the actions of others affect the way people view things.

The article explains the way animals and people follow each other to stay safe. In fact, psychologists state, “...a “group mind” can overtake a mob and embolden people to act in ways they would not individually, increasing the likelihood that situations become violent” (CommonLit Staff 2).

“Herd behavior in humans is frequently observed at times of danger and panic; for example, a fire in a building often causes herd behavior, with people often suspending their individual reasoning and fleeing together in a pack” (CommonLit Staff 1).

People think differently in a group. They are influenced by the group and are more likely to turn violent.

Alone people think about their own personal thoughts. But in a group, people see what others think or do and are likely to follow that. This could be bad news if people are doing something wrong or dangerous.

The way people look at others in a group and change their own behavior shows the actions of others impacts the way people view things.

Also, the article, the short story “The Party” shows the actions of others affect the way people view things. In “The Party” a middle school girl wants to go to a party, but isn't invited. When the narrator is wondering why she is not included, she thinks back the feedback she once received. A classmate suggested she didn't smile much. So she thought,

“I need to smile more” (Munoz Ryan 4)

The narrator needs to show more positive emotion. The narrator is listening to others who told her to smile more because she wants to be a part of the crowd and fit in. The way the narrator doubts herself and worries about very small things shows that people are affected by the actions of others.

1 In conclusion, "Herd Behavior" and "The Party" illustrate that the actions of others affect the way people view things. As famous scientist Albert Einstein said, "What is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right. Other people's opinions are often not as important as an individual's own opinion. If a large group of people is going together to do something wrong and one person goes their own way, it's probably because the one person is willing to take a risk. If people are overly influenced by others, it can be hazardous to their physical and/or mental health. Just because there's a large crowd doesn't mean they have the right answer. So it's better to think for oneself rather than blindly follow.

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