

---

# Maycomb County: A Disgrace to Behold

Fair? Can Maycomb even spell the word "fair?" I believe that the way Maycomb is set up is horribly wrong. The Tom Robinson case? That shouldn't have been one to begin with. From everything that Maycomb does, they could not be considered a fair county. The adults in Maycomb are wicked, ignorant, and easily influenced. This is a disgrace. Children have more sense.

The adults in Maycomb county are wicked. These things they call human, are crazy. The individuals in Maycomb county are so unsophisticated. For example, that "man" they call Bob Ewell is a disgrace! The way he treats his children? That is not what you call a man. Bob Ewell takes everything that is GIVEN to him, and wastes it by drinking it away. In doing this, he leaves his children to starve, and work on their own. Being a father of many children, I know that you do not take care of children like that. For example, at the trial, Tom Robinson stated he was the only one to help Mayella out. If Bob Ewell was truly a man and a father, he would not have let laziness and drinking be in the way of taking care of his seeds. That being said, you know that Bob Ewell is rarely home and he is irresponsible.

The County is a disgrace. The way everyone in this town tries to label anyone they see, is unfair. Although this is true, we are able to have people like the upright man Mr. Finch and the gentle lady Miss Maudie. These two members of this community can be a model for those who are stupidious and stuck in the stereotypes. Their minds are like those of children. They see things as they really are. I overheard a conversation of the young lady Scout, and the young men, Jem and Dill. For example, when the jury delivered the verdict, they came running out crying. Why? Because, they knew what happened in that courtroom was unfair and unjust. They were questioning whether if the unspoken law, " negroes are under the white man", is a law or a rule to follow. This unspoken rule was displayed in the courtroom multiple times. For example, the

prosecutor, Mr. Gilmer, was bewildered when Mr. Robinson said, "I felt sorry for her." He could not swallow those words whatsoever. Why? Because he believes that it is supposed to be vice versa. Not only that, but Gilmer continued to call Tom, "boy," as if he were a child, and not a man. The children in Maycomb see people as who they are. Not their skin tone. This is what Maycomb does not do.

The adults in Maycomb are ignorant. The adults in Maycomb are uneducated on the social part of society. They treat individuals of different race, ethnic group, social level, and any other different status as if they were filth. They do not know how to accept people of anything else. If you are that ignorant to not accept people for who they are and respect their culture, then you are one hell of a closed minded person. For example, people like Mr. Gilmer, calls Tom a "boy" because he is a person of color. He has no reason to say such things. The *only* way to justify his actions, is to admit or recognize how stupid and ignorant he is.

Not only that, but that woman Miss Caroline. Where did she come from!? She is such a hypocrite. I was dropping my kid off at school and I overheard her say something like, "Hitler was wrong for what he did..." but in the next breath say, "Why are those people angry about what happened?" This is not word for word, but that is a summary. She was talking about how the negroes were upset and they needed to be put in their place. That is basically the same thing Hitler did! Our system is set up in just that way. Taking color folks out one by one, but doing it with our "justice system." Additionally, there is a man of no color who Maycomb treats as foul garbage. Why? Because he is married to a colored woman and has biracial babies. I find nothing wrong with that. Heck, if I found me a colored woman, I'd be right by her side. The way Maycomb treats people in general is despicable.

---

The adults in Maycomb are easily influenced. Not only are they easily influenced, but they are unaware of what they are doing. For example, the jury for the Tom Robinson case was out for a long time. They were because they wanted to make the right decision, but were influenced their society. Although the civilians were not in the decision room, their impressions and judgemental ways were. What I mean by this is that almost every individual in Maycomb is a racist. If they jury was to find Tom Robinson not guilty, each and every juror on the jury, would have become outcast. Since Maycomb is so small and everyone knows everybody, they would have nowhere to turn. Nobody in their right mind wants this to happen to them. So, instead of making the right decision, they all took the easy route and found an innocent man guilty. Although this is true, we have *children*, who know right from wrong! The adults in Maycomb should be ashamed and embarrassed that children can decipher and analyze a situation better than they can.

From all that I have said, Maycomb probably still does not see a problem wrong with what they're doing. Why? Because they are ignorant, easily influenced, and wicked. Not only that, but the children are able to better understand and see things in a light that the adults can not. The adults are not able to do that because of the society they live. A society full of people with hatred, venom, anger, and ignorance in which they created. The individuals in Maycomb are unable to change

their ways because they are so set on the fact that they were brought up to think that way and are unaware of any other possible way to treat others. They were all groomed based on the beliefs of their parents. This is a contagious disease is passed on from generation to generation. In case you have not picked up on the disease, it is the belief that anyone of color or difference from you, you are to then treat them a certain way. This is not only not right, it is despicable!! Anyone who can treat someone like this is very self conscious and uneducated. To add fuel to the fire, the children in Maycomb are able to detect what is wrong and right. They can do this because they are able to see as if they were color blind and innocent. This how Maycomb or any other society should be. Sadly to say, the county of Maycomb is not yet capable to see from this perspective. They are not able to do this because they wicked, easily influenced, and ignorant!

-Anonymous