




"When they came for me- there was no one left to speak for me". The lack of social responsibility prevalent in our society is well described in the poet 'First they came' by Martin Niemöller.

Similarly, passage (C) defines social responsibility, and the case described in passage (A) shows what happens if members of community are not equipped with such notion. On the other hand, passage (B) elaborates on how not choosing can be the safe option for us, while the very case in passage (A) clearly shows the predicted result. The dominating notion that taking responsibility is unsafe and silly is a social challenge we have to overcome.

Evidently, the case of Kitty Genovese is an example of the concept 'avoiding making choices' being applied to real life situation. Making choices are followed by taking responsibilities.

Nevertheless, people would not have to if they make others to choose for them. Passage (B) is mainly focused on how it can be safer for people to do that; being the sheep in the herd. The act of avoiding making choices, however, can bring about catastrophes when taken in the community level. It took 30 minute for anyone to report the case of Kitty Genovese to the police, making the incident the specimen of the bystander effect. People in the nearby apartments, although they heard the screaming and crying out for help, chose to 'avoid making choices', letting others to decide for them. This is also an example of people not carrying out their social responsibility in relation to the definition given in the passage (C). The passage describes social responsibility as behaving ethically, engaging to the community, taking part and being connected to the community. In the perspective, the people in the nearby apartments not only gave up to choose anything but failed to carry out their responsibility.

As our society grew more complicated and competitive, many of us inherently follow to be a sheep in the herd, because it is easier. However, as described in the aforementioned poet, there could be no one left to help me when I become the next Kitty Genovese. In order for our society to grow better, not only for my sake but for all, the prevalent notion of not making decision is safer should be demolished. We can start with homes, schools educating the next generation how




to be socially responsible and the importance of it. Changing for the better could be scary at first, but it is for ourselves at the end of the day.

To conclude, the tragic incident in passage (A) is an example for both avoiding making choices and discarding social responsibility. Moreover, the trend should be altered through education.