“Football and Foie Gras: How Taste Makes Groups” - Reading Assessment

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“This even happens when the group is enthusiastically countercultural! Punks, goths, juggalos, and other subcultures all have their own distinct styles and tastes that shape who they are as a group. “Let’s be against the normal! (Yet, hold very strong feelings about what ‘normal’ is within our community!)” ” Humans enjoy patterns or consistency. This can be demonstrated in subcultures and how they constantly enjoy a piece whatever subculture they are a part of. Like it mentions in the article humans will come together when they share the same pattern and stray away from anyone who has a different pattern. However, what the article doesn’t mention is that people can be a part of multiple subcultures, they don’t have to pick just one. As a matter of fact, people, nowadays, are probably a part of multiple subcultures now more than ever. Which can be seen as a good and bad thing. A good thing because people aren’t as excluded from groups as much as they once were and it’s much easier to find clicks or groups that you fit in well with. However, why would it be considered bad? Well because people are good at changing or ruining, depending on your perspective, traditions. What used to be one subculture 20 years ago could be something completely different now. Again, for better or worse, it could have been a good change that allowed people to join and become closer to the culture a lot easier, or it could have completely destroyed what the subculture once was. A prime example of this is the videogame community, decades ago it was mostly males that played. However, now it’s pretty even in male and female gamers. Although, a lot of female gamers still receive a bit of backlash and toxicity. Though, eventually, that will dicapate and more and more people will feel comfortable in the community.