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~~why you agree or disagree with the writer.~~

I agree with the writer that fear today is a valid concern for me and my generation.

The writer states that fear are now cultivated through the media and are less and less the outcome of direct experience as implied from paragraph 3. This can be observed in the modern societies around us, where the fact that we are now living in an age where perlious dangers are minimised through established systems and institutions from paved walkways to a well defined justice system, which mitigates dangers of tripping to being a victim of crime respectively. However, the media does not potray such a reality through fictitious potrayals in movies, book and even sensationalised news articles. As we know more about the happenings of dangerous events, despite such happenings taking place continents away, we will be more fearful of the situation.

However, this view would discount the fact that individual are able to discern reality from fictions as we move to find out about the discrepancies that were propagated by the media and are able to think critically about such issues. As such, we are able to seive through the sensationalising of the media and determine the adequate response to such events which is not out of fear but caution.

The writer argues that society is more fearful than it was in the past as seen in paragraph 5. He substanciates this view by showing that our fear of crime is greater and disproportionate to the threat it is to us. Such responses and reaction are to be expected considering that fear is ingrained in our primal psyche as the fight or flight responce. Dangerous events are usually random and temporary and due to this unpredictability, we humans have no choice but to be reactionary and the feeling of fear remains as we remain cautious. Combined with the surge of information proliferated by new media, it is only expected that we remain constantly fearful and under threat as reports of fateful events flow in.

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Yet, such a view is superficial and does not take into account how much more educated and knowledgeable people are now. People no longer cower at the sight of lightening, knowing that modern marvels such as the lightning rod keeps us safe. In a similar vein, we have institutions and systems to keep us safe from dangers such as the police force and firefighters who are just a call away. As such, we are no longer ~~slaves~~ slaves to our primal fears.

Fear could be a valid concern for me and my generation as the sensibility of fear is internalised in a isolated fashion such that we develop a rather 'ambient' fear towards life in general as argue by the author in paragraph 4. The social, economic and political development has created a sense of insecurity about the future that will affect us in a subtle but intensive manner. We are consecutively pressurised by a more competitive ethos, intensified by globalisation where events occuring in another nation can affect us. In Singapore, the recent election has exposed the underlying xenophobia in our society through increasing calls for stricter border controls and immigration policies