**HIST 1120**

**Reading Log #8**

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In today’s reading log the idea of charivari was discussed, this topic is one that I had not heard of before. The idea of charivari to me is a very challenging and disappointing thing, your marriage, regardless to whom you are is supposed to be a wonderful and happy day. Your wedding night being one for you and your spouse to spend together and not be intruded by anyone. In the readings, one person says “I have known many fatal accidents arise out of an imprudent refusal to satisfy the demands of the assailants. People have even lost their lives in the fray:” I think that this is such a terrible thing to happen to someone who is ideally supposed to be celebrating their new life with their significant other. I especially think that when they spoke about how there was a man whom was black, and because he married a white woman, he was tormented so much that it resulted in his death, the idea of charivari had been used to do more than just demean a married couple, but had actually caused harm. In that case I think that race should never had caused any interference with a marriage. Charivari could have been nothing more than a ridiculous act, caused by people who are not friends with married couple and was just used to bug or annoy the couple. However, it was taken to an extreme extent and was used as a method of torture to these people, this could defiantly have led to less marriages happening to people who were not in the most ideal relationship. Such as a couple with one older spouse or two older peoples together, basically anything that was not a perfect young couple.

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