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TiS, *Oleanna* beliefs (prompt 17)

Group #1: Riley, Lexia, Lindsay, Rachel, Rebekah, Jessica

- Sexual inequality exists.
 - We've been raised this way, always believing this. Princes and the "damsel in distress." Women get used for sex appeal. Men are better paid, etc...
- There is a power struggle between the sexes.
 - Men are higher in the workplace. Bribery and blackmail exists b/w the sexes and having to do with power.
- Sexual assault means different things to different people.
 - The entire play reflects this. John thought it was a misunderstanding on her part. Depends on your past and what you were raised to believe. Being male and being female depends on how you feel about certain situations.
- You can't judge someone by a single incident.
 - Need to have proof (such as the multiple incidents that Carol accumulated re: John)

Not chosen:

- Violence is never okay and can never be justified.
 - Capital punishment is deserved in some instances.
 - Spanking your kids is justifiable violence (in some instances)

Group #2: Abby, Erin, Victoria, Kayla, Haile, Ryan

- Gender and personality play an important role in situations.
- Group influences can influence your decisions and perceptions of the situation.
- You can't take things at face value, there is always a hidden agenda behind a situation.

Not chosen:

- Harassment is for the victim to define

Group #3: Alannah, Cylin, Schae, Paige, Blaine

- You can never trust a woman, you always have to be careful of who you trust.
- Feminists are out to get men.
- People typically believe a woman over a man in certain situations.
- Stress can push a person to do things they would not normally do.

Not chosen:

- One person's interpretation of a physical action or exchange can be entirely different from another person's. (same action/exchange)
 - o E.g. John comforting Carol, Carol feeling assaulted
 - o The physical space a person was in during the play would affect one's perceptions of the action and what "really" happened
- A person that is backed by the power of a group tends to be more confident and powerful than a lone individual.
 - o Carol had people reassuring her position, people to exchange ideas with, solidifying his stance. John was on his own with no one to refer to, go back with, etc... John thus lost all of his momentum/power and Carol gained it.

Group #4: Doug, Jeremy, Libby, Catherine, Erica

- Your perception of an event can be altered by someone else or by a group of people.
- There isn't always a good and bad guy.
- Someone would tell someone right away if they were sexually assaulted.