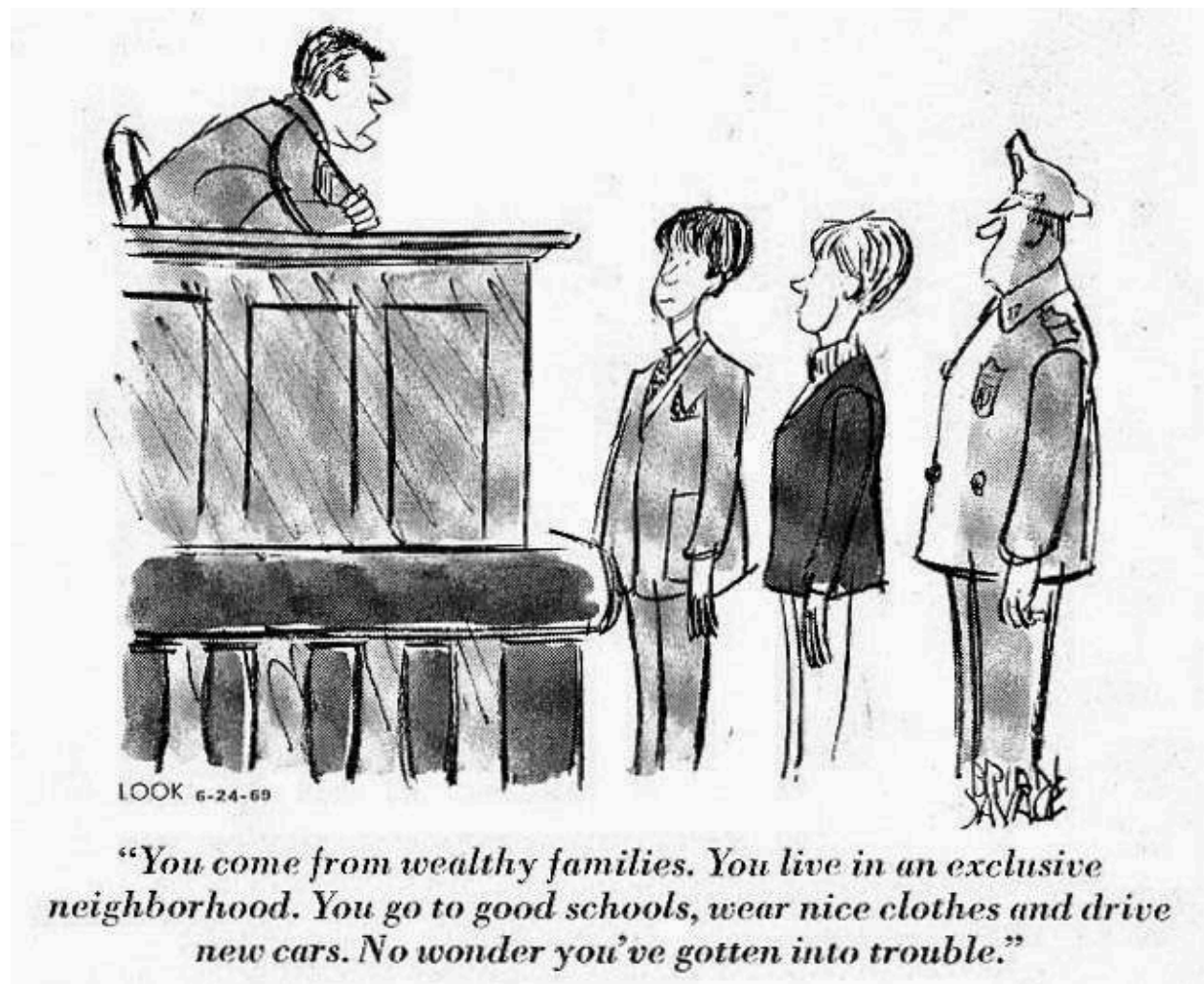


Argumentative Essay
Affluenza in America

Since the trial of Ethan Couch, the debate regarding affluenza has become a topic of discussion across America. Some feel that it is a legitimate disorder plaguing the world's children, while others feel that it is just an excuse for bad behavior. You are to read all of the articles below related to the topic then take a stand on the issue. Compose a well-developed multi-paragraph response to the following question:

Should affluenza be considered a legitimate means of defense in juvenile court cases?

Be sure to provide textual evidence from the articles to support your claim. You must use at least **four sources** in your essay. Remember to properly **cite all quoted and paraphrased** information. Failure to do so will be considered **plagiarism** and will result in a grade of zero. Be sure to format your paper according to **MLA** formatting guidelines. Papers not correctly formatted will receive a **10-point deduction**. All papers must be uploaded to Turnitin.com by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. A printed copy of the paper must be brought to class on Thursday, September 8, 2016.



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