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„To what extent did the hippie movement have an impact on equality, social awareness, drugs and fashion in United States in 1960s”

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The research question investigated was to what extent did the hippie movement have an impact on equality, social awareness, drugs and fashion in United States in 1960s.

The investigation will focus on American society and how it was affected by the existence of hippie movement in 1960s with reference to the further changes caused by flower-children. To be able to show the correlation as good as it is possible, the investigation was supported with various books of different opinions, mostly concerning the secondary sources, which than were compared and contrasted in order to pull out the conclusions. Firstly, in the essay there was a brief description of the hippie movement by their ideology and characteristics. Then there was an analysis of different factors on which hippies could had an impact on. These areas are approximately, equality of woman, black people and homosexuals, the social awareness about hippies approach to government on the example of the Vietnam War, the drugs and fashion.

To examine to what extent hippie movement actually influenced social changes it depends on sphere, as it comes to fashion, drugs they definitely had change it, while as it comes to the minorities, the blacks and homosexuals, they support was rather slight and had almost no significance, the same was with the situation of women. In this case the biggest hippies success can be seen in somehow changing the perception of women from the one caring household to the more independent women wearing mini-skirts and bikini, but as it comes to equality in social life they were rather passive and theirs action did not had any big influence.