

Equality on trial

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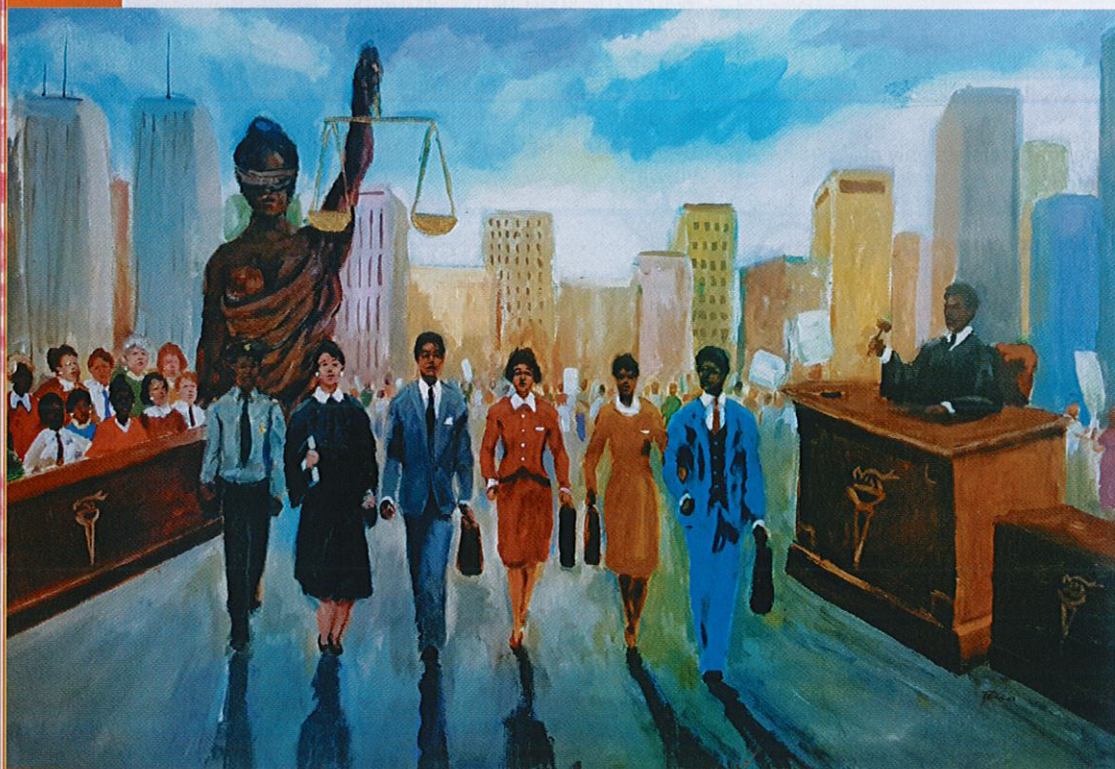
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Doc 1. Champions of justice



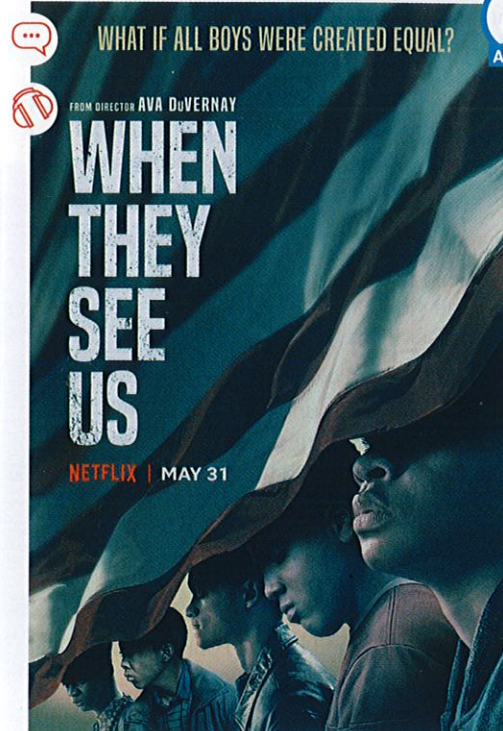
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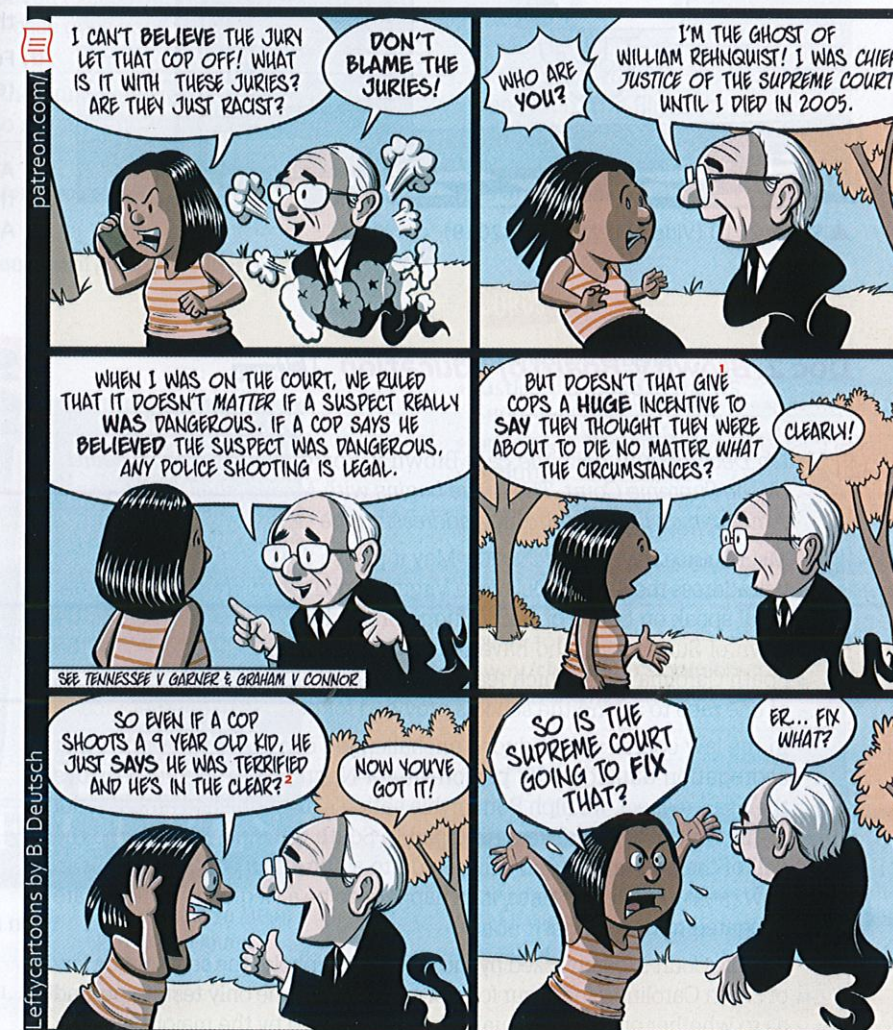
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Doc 2. Wrongful convictions



▲ Ava DuVERNAY, *When They See Us*, 2019
(Audio: NPR, 2019)

Doc 3. A controversial case



▲ Barry DEUTSCH, 2017

1. encouragement 2. not guilty of a crime

- Read the cartoon and identify the topic of the characters' discussion.
- Explain why the police officer was acquitted.
- Comment on the woman's reaction to William Rehnquist's arguments.

🏠 **AT HOME** Search the Internet and explain how the cases *Tennessee v. Garner* and *Graham v. Connor* defined the legal frame for police use of force in the USA.

✍ **YOUR TASK** The woman in the cartoon writes a letter to the White House to denounce the situation. Imagine the contents of her letter.

BOOST YOUR SKILLS!

Dénoncer une situation

- Expose les faits : These black and Latino men **were coerced** by... • Someone else **confessed** to... • **If a cop says** he believes the suspect was dangerous...
- Commente la situation : This is **despite the fact that**... • I think **the difficulty of watching**... • This comes at a time when **we're talking about**...
- Mets l'accent sur les idées clés : Doesn't that give cops a **huge incentive** to say...?

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