

## Week 5 Discussion 1

### Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 9, 10
- Minimum of 1 primary source (from artist)
- Minimum of 1 scholarly source (in addition to the textbook – from critic)

### Initial Post Instructions

Choose **one** of the music or dance movements that you read about this week **and at least one work** from that movement. Then, address the following:

- Examine the movement and specific work in relation to historical and political influences of the movement.
- Identify characteristics of the movement and how the work reflects these characteristics.
- Include a statement from the artist and one from a critic.
- Include a link to the lyrics and/or video depending on your choice.

The music movement I choose is the Pop Punk genre that became a huge mainstream success in the mid 90's to late 2000's. The musical movement actually began around the mid-70's along with the genre Punk Rock before the differences were established. Pop Punk can now best be described as Punk Rock music that includes the musical elements common to the genre Pop. It fuses the punk style of fast tempos, chord changes, and prominent electric guitars with the Pop style of catchy melodies and musical/vocal hooks that are repeated in songs which typically followed lyrical themes of rebellion, teenage romance, politics and more (Rock My World, 2019). Perhaps one of the most well-known and influential Pop Punk bands of the era was Green Day.

Green Day created the album "American Idiot" which was released in 2004 during the time of George W. Bush's presidential re-election campaign. Within the album included a song also titled *American Idiot* that was created as a politically charged statement that threw shots towards the media and the government. It accused them of using propaganda to stir up paranoia and hysteria to sell the American public on the Iraq War following the 9/11 terrorist attack.

"Don't wanna be and American Idiot  
One Nation controlled by the media  
Information age of hysteria  
It's calling out to idiot America"