Cincinnati Art Museum *Hank Willis Thomas: All Things Being Equal…* Workshop

Donna Wyatt - *15,580* Response Transcript

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So what did you think?

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This enormous American-looking flag right because of its tiny

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white embroidered stars all over

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it. Um, is spilling to the floor at your feet

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like a pool of blood.

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And it's a flag, and it's
supposed to be waving proudly in

00:00:23,446 --> 00:00:24,918
the wind and sunshine.

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But instead we can see because of the 15,580 stars,

00:00:33,110 --> 00:00:38,654
representing gun deaths in 2017, that it's too heavy to fly.

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So I think that the artist was
saying this should look like an

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American flag. Because gun
violence is a uniquely American

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problem. For example, if you

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were to look at a chart of gun deaths linear chart.

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In United States gun deaths
compared to other high income

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countries. Here's us and here are those other countries.

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So another example is in
2016 we had more gun deaths

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for 100,000 people than war
torn Afghanistan.

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But we don't have to live like
this. Well, there are solutions

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and I know that

00:01:27,820 --> 00:01:31,060
we can come together and find those solutions and

00:01:31,060 --> 00:01:31,780
implement them.

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So I want to thank Hank Willis
Thomas for creating this amazing

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visual. To help lead us into

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good conversations. That will
also lead us to solutions.

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Thank you Hank and thank you
for coming to Cincinnati.