Case #3: My paper; I can do what I want

Bonnie Brown has to write a short persuasive essay about a contemporary issue and she’s chosen to argue that teen culture has become over-sexualized and misogynistic. She finds an interesting opinion article online and she likes the way it presents the issue. Bonnie knows she can’t just copy from the online article, so she decides to just use the same general structure. Here’s Bonnie’s introduction on the left with the blog post that inspired her on the right:

Lately, the media has been up in arms over Miley Cyrus’ sexually charged performance at the MTV Video Music Awards. In my opinion, the people who criticize Cyrus are unfairly judgmental and even misogynistic.

There is no denying that Cyrus’ performance was overtly sexual. The revealing costume, the “twerking,” and the bizarre use of a giant foam finger all were scandalous, to be sure. But, few have criticized performer Robin Thicke in the same manner, even though he was just as much a part of the performance. Not only are the lyrics to his song blatantly sexist, but the official “Blurred Lines” video features several nude models actually being objectified. Of course, for all the similarities, there is one key difference that describes why the media is scandalized by Cyrus, but not by Thicke: men are expected to be misogynistic.

Has Bonnie plagiarized?

The Misogynistic Judging of Miley Cyrus

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