

Popular Culture & Pop Art

What is *Popular Culture*?

- Ideas, perspectives, attitudes, images, etc. found within mainstream culture
- Heavily influenced by mass media, this collection of ideas permeates the everyday lives of our society
- Can often be viewed as being “trivial”

What Is Pop Art?

- The term first appeared in Britain during the **1950s** and referred to the interest of a number of artists in the **images from their mainstream popular culture at the time**
- Artists aimed at broadening public taste into **more popular, less academic art.**

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Subject Matter

Images of...

- Celebrities
- Consumer goods
- Advertisements
- Comics
- Anything considered part of mainstream culture and everyday things

Examples of Pop Art

Subject Matter in the 1950's

Images of...

- Campbell's soup cans
- Marilyn Monroe
- Comic Art
- The American Flag
- Coca-Cola
- Elvis Presley

Brainstorm as a Table...

What ideas, perspectives, attitudes, images, mass media, advertisements, consumer goods, celebrities, etc. would you consider part of your generations mainstreamed popular culture today...?

A few Notable Pop Artists...

- Andy Warhol
- Roy Lichtenstein
- Jasper Johns
- Shepard Fairey

Andy Warhol



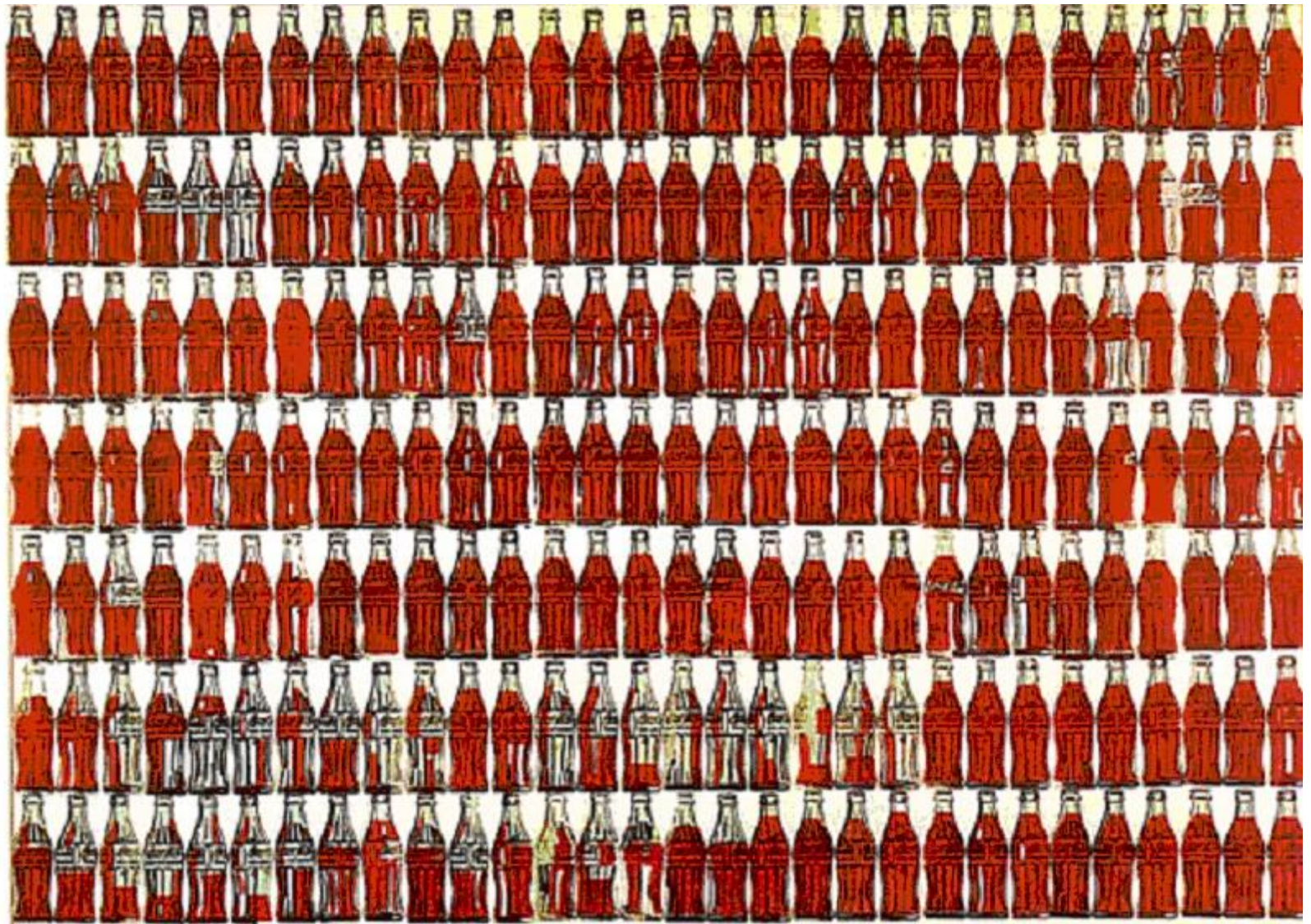


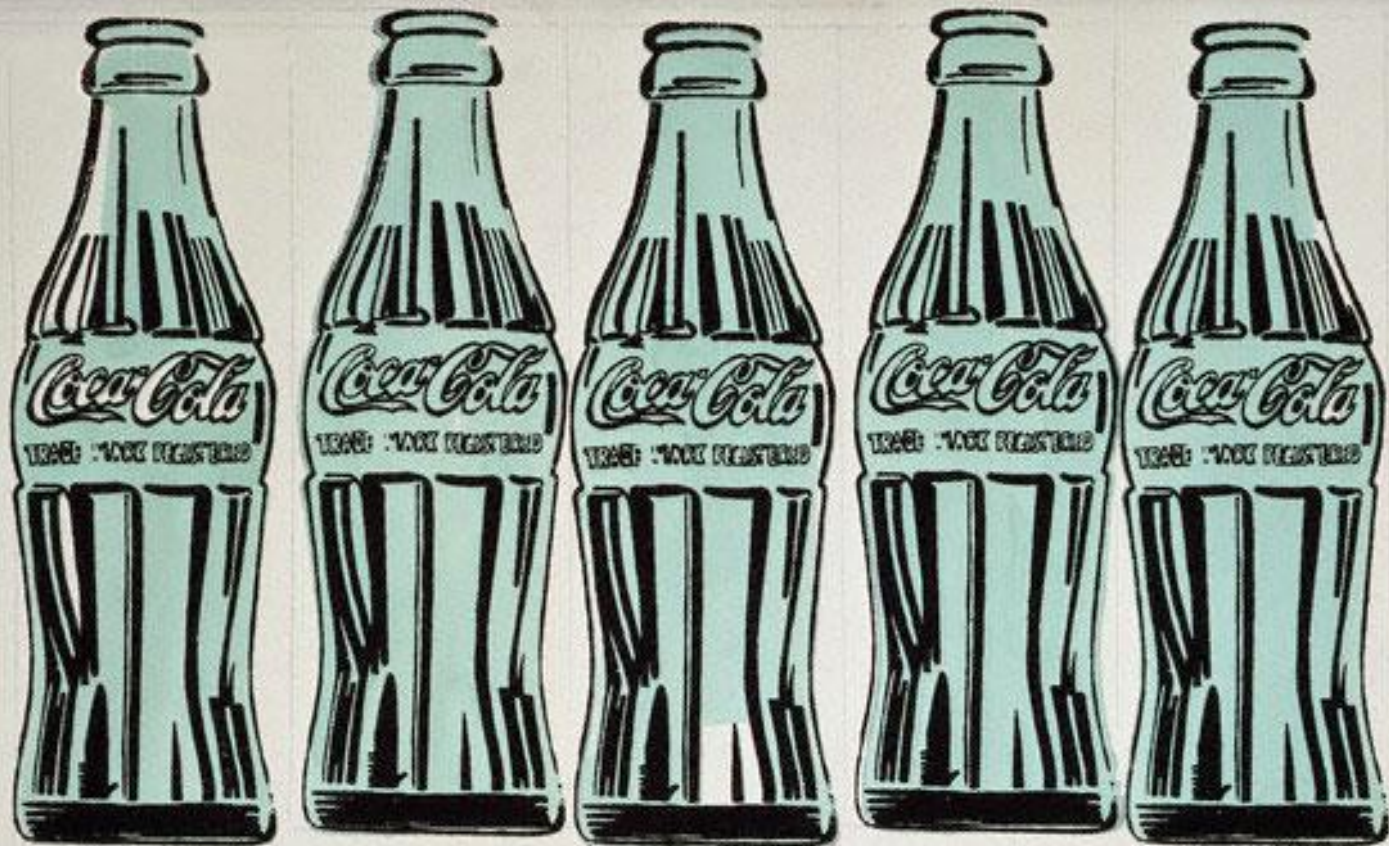












Coca-Cola

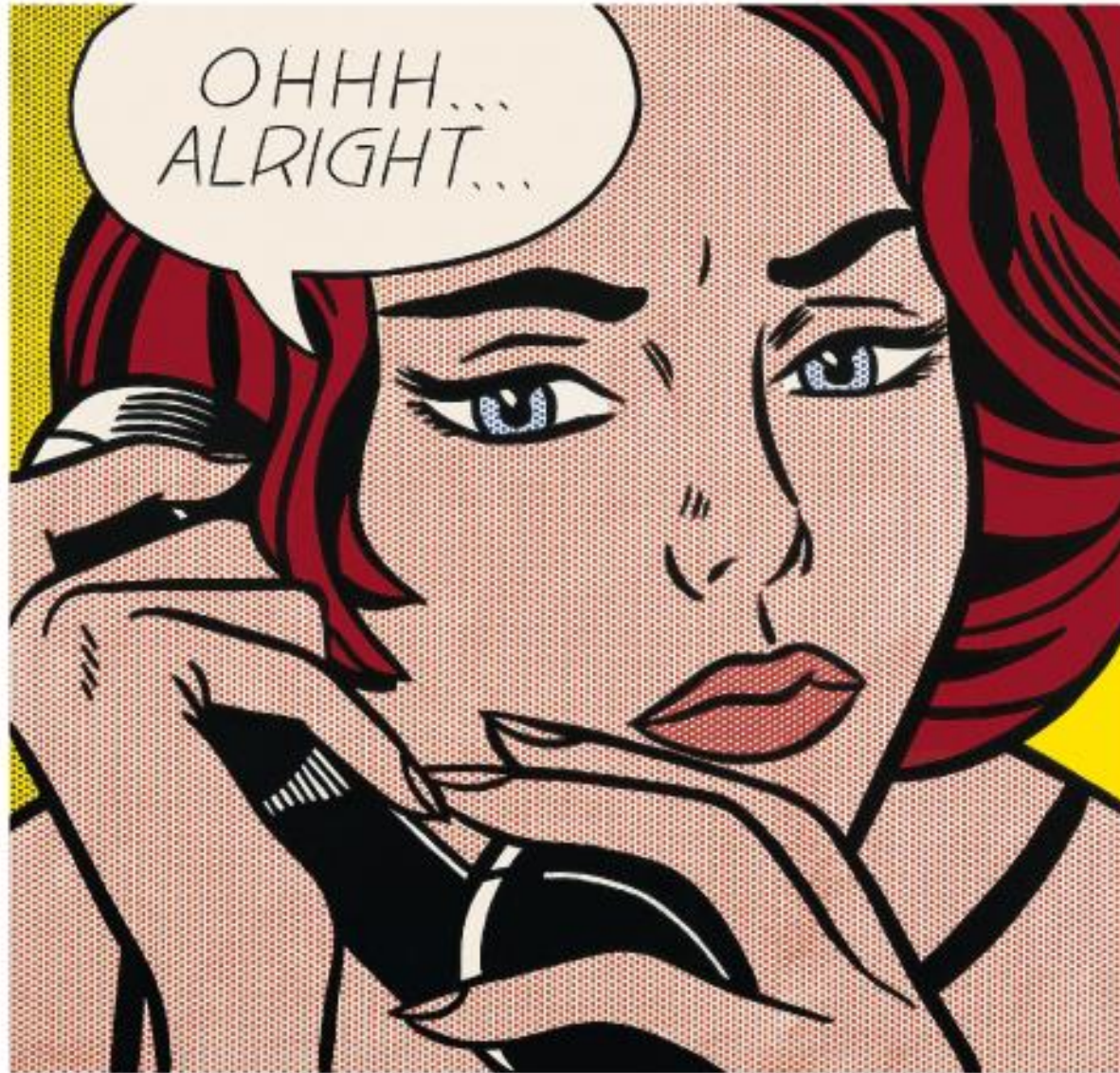
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Roy Lichenstein



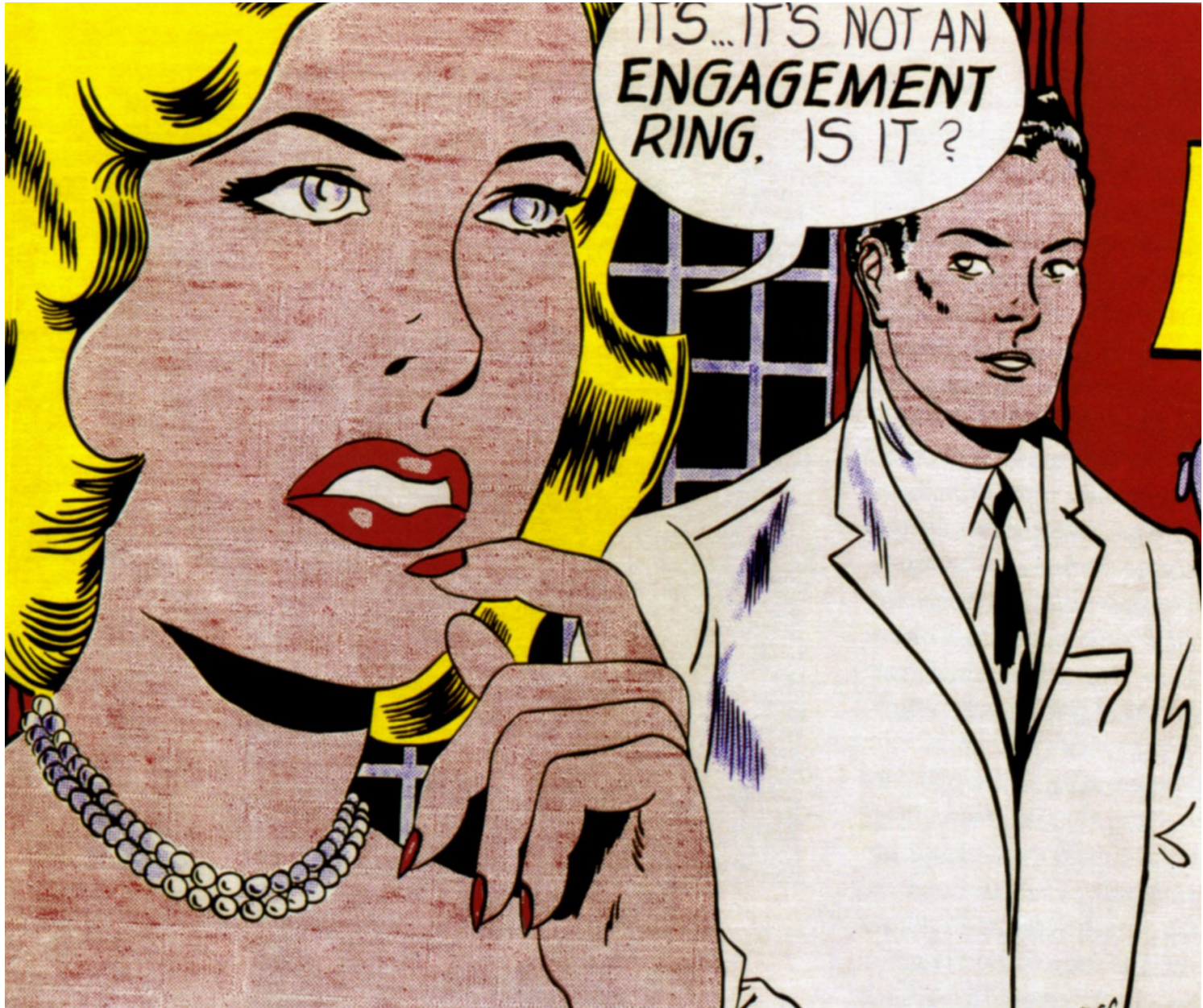




Roy Lichtenstein. *Ohhh...Alright...*, 1964. © Estate of Roy Lichtenstein. Private Collection.







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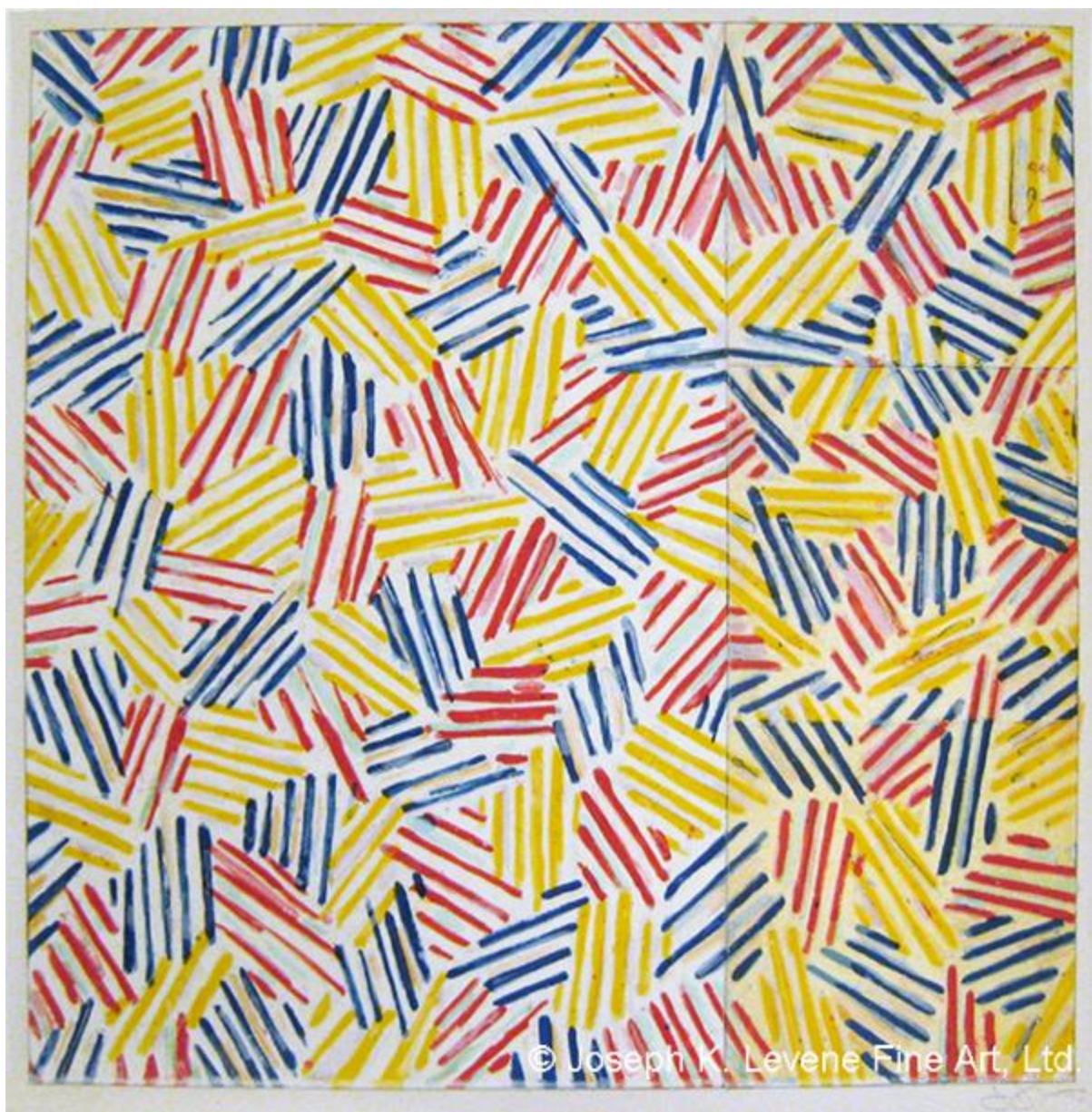
Jasper Johns











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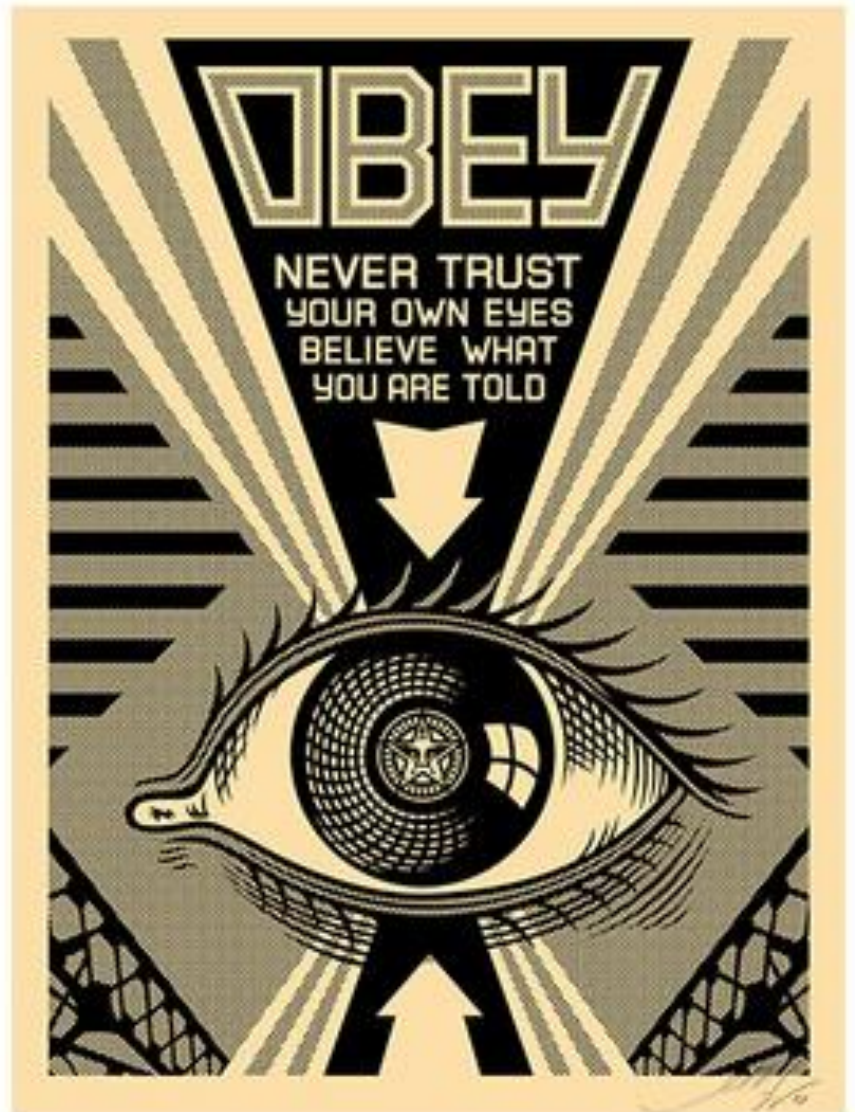


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