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A discussion about alleged incidents involving corruption of the San Jose State University Police Department was held by some SJSU students and faculty members advocated for abolishing armed police on campus.

The event was hosted on Zoom by the California Faculty Association (CFA) Anti-Racism Task Force, which is a task force within the University Transformation Committee on police.

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There have been numerous examples of celebrities being canceled throughout pop culture history but in the end, these individuals resurrect themselves from the grave and brush off the dust from any scandal.

Cancel culture refers to the popular practice of withholding support for (or canceling) public figures and companies after they have done or said something considered objectionable or offensive, according to Dictionary.com.

Cancel culture has become such a big movement recently that it has entered political discourse. This seems to be a major theme with Republican leaders including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz or Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley.

They talk about the “woke mob,” referring to liberals including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz or Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley.

Cancel culture actually is. Doesn’t consider himself victim of cancel culture but he is the internet’s latest victim of cancel culture and more to do with the fact that they were actual criminals who got caught.

Both Weinstein and Cosby were found guilty in a court of law and are now convicted criminals who are only now paying for their crimes.

Although justice was served, the men were effectively canceled by the internet long before court charges stuck.

Another recent case is “The Mandalorian” actress Gina Carano, who was fired by Lucasfilm over posts in which, among other things, she compared Republicans to Jews in the Holocaust, according to a Feb 16 article in The Hollywood Reporter. Though Carano had opportunities to apologize, she made it out to be a really stupid thing to use as a copyscape.

So who has cancel culture actually hurt? People found to have committed sexual assault.

Everyone else seems to get off scot-free. So much for being canceled.

If cancel culture was the behemoth ruining careers left and right, as some have made it out to be, it might be an issue.

But at best, it can call attention to some legitimately bad people and at worst, a really stupid thing to use as a copyscape.

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Thompson crucial for Dubs’ success

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Despite being a dominant team in past years, the Golden State Warriors faced some time before they’ll be challenged to keep up with the successful contenders again.

The Warriors haven’t won a championship title since 2018, the end of their four-year reign in the NBA. In those four years, they were an unrelenting force that had three superstars at one point: Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and Kevin Durant.

The only time they were beaten during their reign was against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Warriors beat him 3-1 in the seven-game series but even with that setback they were in force to be reckoned with and are most definitely due for another title. But it won’t be from this season.

This current season is a bit different than it was during the Warriors’ dynasty. After a terrible 2019-2020 season, they ended up placing last in the Western Conference with a 15-50 record, according to an official NBA recap. For the Warriors, it had been said that the only thing they were a force to be reckoned with was Thompson and with so many strong teams this season, I don’t think they’ll be contenders this year.

The team this 2020-21 season is also different from the previous one. From watching the Warriors this year, it seems like they’re an overall good team that works well together. But without Thompson playing a bulk of his injury and with stronger teams to face, it would be a very difficult task.

Thompson is one half of the “Splash Brothers” so of course he’s an important asset to the team and their success. Thompson, like Curry, is a superstar and with him being out for the remainder of the season with a torn Achilles tendon, it sets the team way back.

Thompson is one of the best shooters on the Warriors with an average of 21 points per game according to the official NBA stats. That equates to a lot of points that Thompson’s points without him playing.

The NBA website shows Thompson’s field goal percentage for the 2019-19 at 46.7%, his 3-point percentage at 39.9% and free throw percentage at 81.6%. It’s clear that just by having Thompson in the mix it’s almost an offensive force.

From watching the playoffs, the court puts the Warriors at a good advantage, so without him it’ll be difficult to make it far in the playoffs.

Not only that but him and Curry are the perfect pair. Their rhythm on the court together makes it challenging for opposing teams to contain them. If teams focus too much just on Thompson, then Curry is left open to make shots and vice versa.

Without Thompson, Curry is easily isolated compared to when both of the Splash Brothers play.

The Warriors have a good shot at playing a decent regular season by playing a different team every night and opposing teams don’t have to focus on strategies for specific teams. But when it comes down to the playoffs, it’s completely different. Instead of a different team every night, teams are put in a best-of-seven series where they play best of four wins.

With a seven game series, teams are able to strategize how to defeat specific opponents. Without Thompson on the roster, opposing teams can play to isolate Curry which will make it hard for the Warriors to score.

In addition, the Warriors have strong teams to face in their Western Conference including the Los Angeles Lakers and Utah Jazz. Both teams have notable players including LeBron and Anthony Davis on the Lakers, and Donovan Mitchell and Rudy Gobert on the Jazz. I have been a Warriors fan since I was 6 years old. I love the team and I think due to another championship title. Unfortunately without Thompson and with so many strong teams this season, I don’t think they’ll be contenders this year.

Give them a year or two and they’ll be back to bring home the title.