

succeeded in areas where he had failed, and the inward self-loathing his ego must have felt as a consequence of those failures.

Based on what we know of his true motivational profile, we can safely and positively assert that in his guise as the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski committed murder as an act of retribution against a class of persons who represented the material successes which he himself could not attain.

Comparing Kaczynski's motivations as the Unabomber with those we have inferred in reference to Zodiac, we can clearly see a least-common-denominator of "*symbolic revenge against a class of individuals whose possessions or attainments were envied by the killer.*" At a bare minimum, both killers shared that quality. The difference is that, in the case of Kaczynski, the coveted attainment was success in the realm of technology, while Zodiac's source of envy appears to have been nothing more than a lack of sexual fulfillment.

Is the difference significant? Perhaps. But bear in mind that the analysis of Kaczynski's motivations as the Unabomber involves a period of time that is more than a decade removed from the crimes of Zodiac. People change with time, and for a true comparison between the motivations of the Unabomber and those of Zodiac we must go back farther in time and have a look at Kaczynski during the heyday of the Zodiac. The results may prove enlightening, to say the very least.

A veritable epigraph to the Unabomber's life may be written from the following quotation, taken from the Stephen Dubner interview of Kaczynski in 1999:

At Harvard, Ted felt socially isolated by other students. He recalls that "their speech, manners, and dress were so much more 'cultured' than mine." There was an even greater unease in Ted's life; he suffered from what he calls "acute sexual starvation." Sexual references run throughout his book, and although he never ties them into a knot, one cannot help wondering if sexual frustration was his main despair.⁵

Acute sexual starvation. The words are Kaczynski's own, and they conjure images of a psychological syndrome no less unpleasant for the fact that this is a coined term, and neither a theoretical nor a clinical diagnosis. It is, in fact, Kaczynski's personal assessment of a condition