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Homework - 10 points

DUE: Friday, 12/5

Identifying Stereotypes in the Media

Over the next couple days, as you watch television programs, news, commercials, or films, note what stereotypes you find. Use the following questions to lead you through your analysis:

- Are the members of one group playing similar roles over and over again?
- Can you find certain similarities between the people who are portrayed as the "bad guys"; and those who are the "good guys"?
- Who plays the lead roles and who plays supporting roles?
- How does language, such as different languages or accents, shape your feelings about different characters?
- What groups are not portrayed in the media? *(non examples are ok.)*

TV Show, Movie, or Product Advertised	Group Stereotyped	Stereotype Portrayed	Thoughts

Vocabulary:

assumption
Definition: An idea that is taken for granted but not necessarily proven.
Context: Non-Asians often make the assumption that Asians are smart.

bias
Definition: Attitudes or behaviors based on stereotypes of people.
Context: When we omit people of color in our history lessons, we display a bias that suggests that their contributions are not important.

ethnicity
Definition: A categorization of people according to shared culture, language, or geographic region.
Context: The terms "Italian" and "Irish" describe two distinct ethnic groups.

race
Definition: A categorization of people based on shared biological traits such as skin color, hair texture, and eye shape.
Context: One function of the U.S. Census is to count the citizens by race, which is categorized as Black, White, Latino, or Native American.

stereotype
Definition: A generalized picture of a person, created without taking the whole person into account; to make such a generalization.
Context: When we stereotype a group of people, we depict all of the individuals within that group as having the same characteristics.

GROUPS

age
race
ethnicity
gender
appearance
religion

sexual orientation
interests/sports
nationality
weight
culture

status
politics
disability
geography