

Film Critique: Miss Representation

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**1. What is the overall point/purpose/perspective/lesson of the film?**

The documentary's purpose was to introduce viewers to the way that the media contributes to misrepresenting women in modern-day society. The documentary gave viewers a chance to focus on the dreadful reality of how women are misrepresented, disempowered, and sexualized in the media. This documentary argues that women are not represented righteously in the media and because of that they are overlooked to be in positions of power. Instead, women are sexualized and objectified from these opportunities due to the false representation the media portrays on women. Furthermore, it identifies the issue of the gender of society plays in the media.

**2. What are all of the ways that it is relevant to the study of gender and society?**

The documentary title alone "Miss Representation " teaches us about how women and men are misrepresented in the media and today's culture and society. The study of gender and society also teaches us about these same complex issues that examine the social norms of what it means to be a woman or man in society and to be able to pursue justice and equality for all. Furthermore, this documentary also identifies that women were constantly subjected to portrayals for sale for all different types of products and services from commercials on television, music videos, front prints on magazines, etc. Women were and still are constantly being used to implement needs of the society and self-fulfillment.

**3. What are the three most important things that you learned while watching the film?**

The three most important things that I learned from watching this documentary are the importance of Standing firm, Self-love, and Sexism. The reason why I believe these things are important is that when you stand up for yourself you create boundaries and improve your self-esteem by not allowing others to walk all over you. Furthermore, as shown in the video many women were incapable of standing up for themselves because they were afraid of the consequences that would occur if they did something wrong. Next, practicing self-love allows you to put your physical, emotional, and mental well-being first to know not to be around an environment that constantly projects negative notions upon yourself. Lastly, sexism is an important factor to identify because it is prejudice, discrimination, and stereotyping typically

against women based on their sex as seen in the film. Because as shown in the documentary plenty of women who were in rap music videos, movies, magazines, etc were sexually objectified and overlooked in the forms of positions of power and influence due to this controversial issue.

**4. What kind of impact/influence do you think this film has on its viewers? (Include the impact it had on you).**

The influence that this documentary has to showcase to us viewers is a very powerful message that indicates what is still currently happening in today's society. I also believe that the film effectively demonstrated the issue of objectification that women constantly go through. It also shows how the media can very easily manipulate the public's opinion so that the portrayal can be attributed to women and create detrimental effects towards women's image and how we are valued in society.

**5. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the perspective/content/message?**

Overall, I agree with the message that was conveyed in the documentary about this misrepresentation that women face in the public eye, and as well as the fact that women are constantly objectified and belittled for being in positions of power. This documentary made me understand the media contributes to tremendous amounts of an outburst of wrong incentives being sent about women in society. This documentary also offers us, viewers, important insight into learning the necessities of promoting media literacy so that we can avoid these controversial issues that constantly happen in today's society.