

Movie Analysis

For this assignment, you will need to type up a paper (2 to 3 pages) detailing your findings and analysis of the following:

1. Watch your favorite movie (try not to pick a documentary or other "real life" film, you want one with actors).
2. While watching your movie take note of the following things:
 - What proportion (calculate a percent) of the characters with speaking roles are: males, whites, and heterosexuals (i.e. a percentage for each majority identity group).
 - How are the whites, the males and the heterosexual characters portrayed?
 - Mannerisms, occupations, socioeconomic status, appearance (clothes, foods, cars, etc.).
 - What do these characters tend to talk about (look for a few themes)?
3. Analyze and write up your observations:
 - What are the messages communicated by whiteness, maleness and heterosexuality in this film? Are there any patterns of behavior that are common among these characters?
 - What do you conclude, based on your observations, about the relationship between power, invisibility (lack of being in a "named group) and media imagery?
 - Do you feel that this assignment would have been easier if you were to have observed women, minorities and homosexuals instead? Why do you think this?

You may either post your paper directly to the discussion thread, or attach a file to it. While you are not required to post a response to a classmate, you are highly encouraged to do so. This might help to clear up some questions that will no doubt arise during this assignment (which is tricky by design). Good luck and let me know if you have any questions.