

Gender Roles on Television- HW #12

HW Assignment: Due Class 17 (about one and a half pg.) Note: You don't have to be a regular TV viewer for this assignment.

Write about one and a half pg. on gender roles/representation in a fictional TV series (no "reality TV"; animated series, e.g., *Family Guy*, are fine) that you have watched, currently watch or find interesting. Comment critically on the portrayal of gender in one or two regular or occasional characters on the series; you might center on the representation of male and/or female characters or characters who identify as LGBTQ+ or nonbinary. In addition, you might also look at the ways that gender intersects with race/ethnicity/age/sexuality/sexual orientation/religion in the portrayal of a particular character(s) – their occupational roles, relationship and family roles, etc. Integrate one or more of this week's readings or film into your analysis.

Some issues to consider when analyzing characters:

*roles (leading, secondary?) and occupations within the series and genre (e.g., crime, medical, family sitcom, etc.); relation to other characters;

*age and physical appearance/attention to appearance;

*intersectionality of race/ethnicity/gender/neurodiversity;

* depiction of sexuality/sexual relationships;

*representation of friendship;

*parenthood/family-work dynamics;

*education/school issues;

* explicit discussion of gender issues

(You can write about a single episode as typical of the series or write about the series as a whole.)

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