

We Learn Together: Portrayal and Representation of Disabilities in Popular Culture

This presentation examines the term and subject of disabilities in popular culture. It takes a look at how disabilities are misrepresented in film, book, tv, and theater.

Associated learning concepts: (Disability misrepresentation)

Disability misrepresentation - When people with disabilities are not shown correctly in film, book, tv, or theater and it causes poor stereotypes to be created. These stereotypes bring stigma to disability and people that have them. Because there are not many disabled actors, the problem when representation is made on the screen, it is sometimes incorrect.

Travis Andrews from the Chicago Tribune said "But more than a decade after Muha's game-show appearance [2007 in a wheelchair], people with disabilities remain the most proportionally underrepresented group on screen."

Where to find information from this presentation:

These news stories, academic thesis, and articles were found at:

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/movies/ct-ent-disabled-actors-films-20190125-story.html>

https://www.cab-acr.ca/english/research/05/sub_sep1605.htm

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