

We Learn Together: Asians and Whitewashing in the Media

This presentation examines the term, whitewashing and analyzes how Asians are defined by Hollywood and the misrepresentation that has taken place as a result.

Associated learning concepts: (Social Justice, Cultural Identity, Critical Race Theory)

Social Justice: “fair treatment of all people in a society, including respect for the rights of minorities and equitable distribution of resources among members of a community.”

(Dictionary.com)

Cultural Identity: “can be understood as the experience, enactment, and negotiation of dynamic social identifications by group members within particular settings.” (oxfordre.com)

Critical Race Theory: “the view that the law and legal institutions are inherently racist and that race itself, instead of being biologically grounded and natural, is a socially constructed concept that is used by white people to further their economic and political interests at the expense of people of colour.” (britannica.com)

Where to Find Information from This Presentation:

- White Washed Out: Asian American Representation in Media by Helen Yang:
https://sites.duke.edu/bakerscholars/files/2017/02/Yang_AsianAmericanMediaRepresentation.pdf
- Hollywood's Whitewashing Habits:
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/hollywood-whitewashing_n_5515919
- Wall Street Journal Mickey Rooney Article:
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/BL-SEB-80668>