THE BEAUTY AND IMPACT OF DIVERISTY IN MEDIA

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The purpose of this film was to explain the cultural phenomenon that representation in media has had on our social norms. The world is slowly gravitating towards a future where all countries have become a melting pot of cultures – so, representation in media has never been more important. Being able to normalize and represent the struggles of many different backgrounds can help us empathize and feel heard in a world that is constantly growing. Although we can see the beginnings of this representation-renascence, it clearly should not become a dying trend in the following decades to come. This film provides several examples of diversity's effectiveness through its presentation and analysis of several films/television shows spanning over several socio-cultural themes: race, sexuality, wealth/poverty, trauma and, mental health. Based on the examples given, the impact that media has on shaping our present and future is powerful.