



Decoding the Meaning of a “Terrible” Show

Description

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are facing backlash for their new Netflix series "Polo," which critics have called dull and tone-deaf. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have distanced themselves from the show, with reports suggesting they barely appear in it and have not promoted it. The couple reportedly wanted the show to be more serious, but Netflix pushed for a reality TV approach, focusing on the lives of polo players and their partners.

The series follows male polo players competing in the U.S. Open Polo Championship, showcasing the wealth and exclusivity of the sport. Despite Harry and Meghan's involvement as executive producers, the show has received negative reviews for its portrayal of the privileged world of polo. Critics have critiqued the sport itself, highlighting its inaccessibility and treatment of horses.

Despite hopes for a successful show, "Polo" has been widely panned, with marketing experts labeling Harry and Meghan as "box office poison." The couple's attempt to create engaging content for audiences seems to have missed the mark, with little interest from viewers. This setback raises questions about their future projects and their impact in the media industry. Published on December 14, 2024.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Backlash** /'bæk.læʃ/ (noun): A strong negative reaction to something.
2. **Dull** /dʌl/ (adjective): Lacking interest or excitement.
3. **Critics** /'krɪt.ɪks/ (noun): Persons who express unfavorable opinions about something.
4. **Portrayal** /pɔ:'treɪ.əl/ (noun): The act of depicting or representing something.
5. **Inaccessibility** /,ɪn.æk.ses.ə'bɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The quality of being difficult to reach or use.
6. **Engaging** /ɪn'geɪ.dʒɪŋ/ (adjective): Attractive or pleasing in a way that holds attention.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who are facing backlash for their new Netflix series "Polo"?

Option: Prince William and Kate Middleton

Option: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle



Option: Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles

Option: Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

2. What did critics call the new Netflix series "Polo"?

Option: Exciting and engaging

Option: Dull and tone-deaf

Option: Educational and informative

Option: Thrilling and suspenseful

3. What type of approach did Netflix push for in the series "Polo"?

Option: Documentary style

Option: Reality TV approach

Option: Historical drama approach

Option: Action-packed approach

4. What aspect of the sport did critics critique in "Polo"?

Option: The competition format

Option: The viewership ratings

Option: The portrayal of the privileged world

Option: The sponsorship deals

5. What have marketing experts labeled Prince Harry and Meghan as due to "Polo"?

Option: Media moguls

Option: Entertainment icons

Option: Network influencers

Option: Box office poison

6. What is the result of the lack of interest from viewers in "Polo"?

Option: Renewed interest in polo as a sport

Option: Increased popularity of the show

Option: Little engagement from audiences

Option: Positive critical acclaim

True-False

7. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle heavily promoted the series "Polo."

8. Critics praised the portrayal of polo in the series "Polo."



9. Marketing experts have positive predictions for Harry and Meghan in the media industry after "Polo."
10. The Netflix series "Polo" focuses on female polo players.
11. Prince Harry and Meghan produced the show "Polo" to highlight the accessibility of the sport.
12. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex wanted "Polo" to be a reality TV show focusing on polo players.

Gap-Fill

13. The series "Polo" follows male polo players competing in the U.S. Open Polo Championship, showcasing the wealth and _____ of the sport.
14. According to reports, Prince Harry and Meghan barely _____ in the show "Polo."
15. The couple reportedly wanted the show "Polo" to be more _____.
16. Despite Harry and Meghan's involvement as executive producers, the show "Polo" has received _____ reviews.
17. Critics have highlighted the inaccessibility and treatment of _____ in the sport of polo.
18. The setback of the show "Polo" raises questions about Harry and Meghan's future _____ in the media industry.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle 2. Dull and tone-deaf 3. Reality TV approach 4. The portrayal of the privileged world 5. Box office poison 6. Little engagement from audiences

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. exclusivity 14. appear 15. serious 16. negative 17. horses 18. projects

Answer

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