



Netflix's animated revival seems calculated to offend : NPR

Description

Netflix has sparked controversy with its revival of the 70s classic TV series, Good Times, though this version is an animated show. Critics have been quick to point out the stark differences between the original and the new series, with some arguing that negative stereotypes abound in the latter. The NAACP's Kyle Bowser has gone as far as to say the show presents an "otherized" experience of Black life, replete with abhorrent beliefs and behaviours. This is far from the realistic representation of a low-income Black family living in Chicago that the original series was celebrated for.

Despite the controversies, the animated series does offer moments of depth, tackling issues like medication use for mental focus in school and overcoming patriarchal shame during menstruation. The talent behind the show is also noteworthy, with Seth MacFarlane and Steph Curry as executive producers and Wanda Sykes in the voice cast. Still, former fans of the Good Times series may argue that the new rendition lost much of what made the OG series a landmark - its mission, pride, and the realistic depiction of a Black working-class family.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Controversy** // (noun): Disagreement typically when prolonged public and heated.
2. **Revival** // (noun): The act or process of bringing back to life or consciousness.
3. **Animated** // (adjective): Having the qualities or appearance of being alive or moving.
4. **Stereotypes** // (noun): Oversimplified generalizations about groups of people.
5. **Abound** // (verb): To exist in large numbers or amounts.
6. **Otherized** // (adjective): Treated as fundamentally different or alien.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word describes someone or something famous for a negative reason?
Option: Secure
Option: Infamous
Option: Sartorial
Option: Passionate
2. Which word means to be remembered or celebrated indefinitely?
Option: Reprised
Option: Secure
Option: Immortalized
Option: Revival
3. Which word is related to clothing or style of dress?
Option: Controversy
Option: Flair
Option: Sartorial
Option: Expedition
4. Which word means eagerly expected or looked forward to?
Option: Renowned
Option: Anticipated
Option: Displayed
Option: Otherized
5. Which adjective describes phenomena that is beyond scientific explanation?
Option: Passionate



- Option: Infamous
- Option: Supernatural
- Option: Opulent

6. Which word denotes intense or fervent emotions?

- Option: Expeditious
- Option: Animated
- Option: Passionate
- Option: Array

7. Which term refers to great wealth or luxuriousness?

- Option: Stereotypes
- Option: Opulence
- Option: Dramatized
- Option: Reprised

8. Which word is used to describe a prolonged public dispute or debate?

- Option: Critical
- Option: Tense
- Option: Controversy
- Option: Secure

9. Which term means being full of life or excitement?

- Option: Array
- Option: Infamous
- Option: Animated
- Option: Shenanigans

10. Which word refers to a large or impressive group or number of things?

- Option: Stereotypes
- Option: Array
- Option: Revival
- Option: Immortalized

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. People want to feel _____ in their homes.

12. The band decided to _____ their greatest hits for the encore performance.

13. When he hit his thumb with the hammer he let out a colorful _____.



14. The artist was _____ for his realistic portraits.
15. The rare artifact was prominently _____ in the museum.
16. The ancient documents were carefully _____ to protect them from decay.
17. The hurricane had a _____ impact on the coastal town.
18. There has been a _____ of interest in traditional crafts in recent years.
19. The movie aimed to challenge common _____ about different cultures.
20. People often feel isolated and marginalized when they are _____ by society.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The atmosphere in the room became palpably charged and strained as the argument grew more heated.
22. She had a natural and effortless sense of style and elegance in everything she did.
23. The group of friends always found themselves in silly and mischievous antics during their outings.
24. The discovery of the ancient manuscript was truly important and meaningful in the study of history.
25. The image of the revolutionary raising the flag has become a symbol of freedom and defiance.
26. His attention to detail in his clothing and accessories showcased his impeccable taste in fashion.
27. The movie portrayed characters in a way that reinforced common but oversimplified beliefs about certain groups.
28. The store offered a wide and varied selection of goods to cater to every customer's needs.
29. Having a solid foundation in mathematics was a for taking advanced physics courses.
30. The palace was adorned with extravagant decor and fine luxuries that symbolized wealth and power.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Infamous 2. Immortalized 3. Sartorial 4. Anticipated 5. Supernatural 6. Passionate
7. Opulence



8. Controversy 9. Animated 10. Array

Gap-Fill: 11. Secure 12. Reprise 13. Expletive 14. Renowned 15. Displayed 16. Preserved 17. Catastrophic
18. Revival 19. Stereotypes 20. Otherized

Matching sentence: 1. Tense 2. Flair 3. Shenanigans 4. Significant 5. Iconic 6. Sartorial 7. Stereotypes 8. Array
9. Prerequisite 10. Opulence

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