AGENDA Media Literacy, Social Movements, and Activism



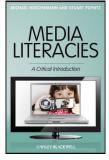
What is your definition of media literacy?



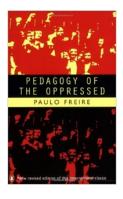
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- 1. Radical media education
- 2. Ideology in media
- 3. Oppression in media
- 4. Review, reflect, and revise

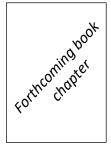
SCHOLARSHIP Distinguishing Terms



Critical Media Literacy "... is a set of competencies that enable us to interpret media texts and institutions, to make media of our own, and to recognize and engage with the social and political influence of media in everyday life" (Hoechsmann & Poyntz, 2012).



Media Literacy of the Oppressed "... reframes existing concepts and competencies, engages local communities in the reinvention of media literacy, integrates media literacy critical reading and writing/production as well as participatory activism, prioritizes problems of the oppressed communities...." (Melki, 2017).



Radical Media Education "... moves beyond critique to raise awareness of and practice forms of social movement media, including learning tactics for disrupting hegemonic media practices" (King, *forthcoming*).

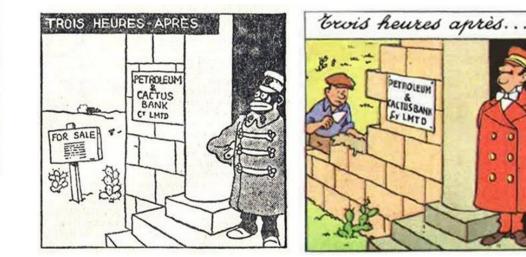
HALL Ideology in the Media Constructs Race and ...



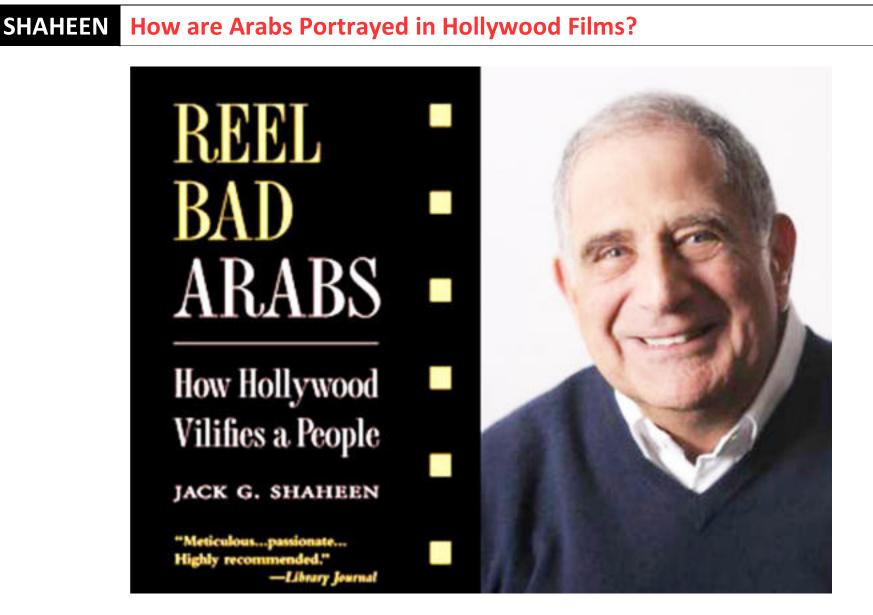
Why does Hall (1990) say racism is one of the most **profoundly naturalized** of existing ideologies?



Can you think of any media representations that is **overtly** or **inferentially** racist?



Race, gender, glass: the politics of news (Stuart Hall, *Media Theorized Series*): <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWP_N_FoW-I</u>



Planet of the Arabs (Jacqueline Salloum, 2014): https://vimeo.com/100777821

ZAATARI Patriarchal Representations of Gender and Sexuality



Patriarchy is represented within *Bab el-Hara* in various ways. Zeina Zaatari distinguishes between:

- Undesirable masculinity
- Militarized masculinity
- Antimodern masculinity



Violence as Romantic in Lebanese Music Videos – The other face of patriarchal violence (Nizar Hassan, 2014): <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QB-IH_YY1wU</u>

BARNES Disabling Imagery

The Undateables – Airing for 10 years on BBC



DISABLING IMAGERY AND THE MEDIA

An Exploration of the Principles for Media Representations of Disabled People

the First in a Series of Reports

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- Pitiable and Pathetic
- Object of Violence
- Sinister and Evil
- Atmosphere or Curio
- Super Cripple
- Object of Ridicule
- Their Own Worst and Only Enemy
- Burden
- Sexually Abnormal
- Incapable of Participating Fully in Community Life
- Normal

GINSBURG & BAGGS Politics of Participation

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In My Language (Amanda Baggs, 2007) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnylM1hI2jc

QUESTIONS:

 How is this an example of firstperson presentation?
Is this visual activism?
Does the film offer the audience aesthetic reprogramming experiences?

MANDOUR Potential Change in Media Discourse on Sexuality in Lebanon

July 2012, according to Sahar Mandour (2013), was "a turning point in the **discourse on sexuality** ... moving in the course of one week from **shaming homosexuality** to **shaming institutional homophobia**."

- Media discourse on sexuality
- Representation of sexuality
- Policing of sexuality



Videos from HELEM:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Grn86Xo2gOY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bPKrXCk4AY

ACTIVITY Oppression in Media: Activism and self-representation

Work in groups of 3-4 people and prepare the following to share:

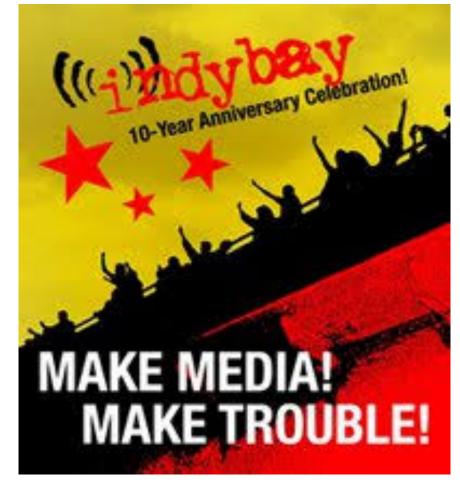
- What **media oppression** (racism, patriarchy, ableism, homophobia) do you want to resist?
- Are your proposing a **campaign**? Define your message, target audience(s), and online/offline tactics (with at least three activities).
- Are you proposing a media **production**? Define your medium, what is the message, and include at least three details about the proposed production.



Radio Free Palestine: http://RadioFreePalestine.org/

LAST WORD Review, Reflect, and Revise

FIRST – **Review, reflect, and revise** your definition of media literacy.



SECOND – Prepare to share your revision.

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