**Critical Review: Gossip Girl**
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Gossip Girl, based on wealthy elite families, particularly teenagers, are living on the Upper East Side of New York. The rich versus the middle class the upper east side versus the top west side. The show is full of drama, and everyone is a snake, nobody can be trusted. Everyone does so much for their status. They always have secrets to hide but somehow find a way to forgive but not forget. Their secrets are continually exposed by an anonymous blogger who goes by the name "Gossip Girl." Expect the unexpected as gossip girl is right under their noses.

Gossip Girl is a teen drama series, which had lots of humor, darkness, romance, and a lot of sexual activities and people exploring their sexuality. Gossip Girl is based on a novel. The show has received great reviews and thus has gotten many awards. The show won 18 Teen Choice Awards, but in total has won 24 awards and 41 nominations.

Gossip girl has taken the career of the actors to the next level. What is good is that unlike most old shows, the fact that they started with social media in it interests people to watch it as it is not too far from today's technology. They knew it was coming up to date. Gossip girl is also very relatable to those watching the show, especially teenagers. It has popularized social media networks and mobile communication, becoming "a pioneer in its use of mobile." It attracted lots of people, especially since they are watching attractive people doing attractive things. Exceptionally crafted in-episode scandals It is a good mockery of the things that extremely rich New Yorkers care about. Although it did not have a broad audience, the show was very influential on culture; it impacted the economy of New York and more tourists because of the way people viewed the city through the show. It inspired network choices of tv shows (90210). When the show first aired, it is viewers increased from 42-50% as it was trendy. Because of its popularity and youth relatability, it had adaptations of different countries producing versions of it fitting their culture, like in Mexico and Turkey.

Gossip girl poke to the fashion sense of the timeline. Fashion was so important that it became a trendsetter. It was on-trend and had a reflection on each of the characters' fashion sense. It also Inspired fashion lines to pay to have their clothing on roles so that they can reach audiences to buy their clothing. Gossip girl was very Influential in fashion teenagers and young adults.

The problem with gossip girl is that the music featured in it is not the kind that people listen to nowadays, it is outdated. The show would not be as successful if it were to run now as every time a blast was to come out, it would ruin the title of the website "Gossip Girl" due to the intro sound being too loud and annoying. The plotline of the show is an absurd web of nonsense, and it has no reality, no continuity, and no rationality. Relationships are forgotten from episode to episode. No part of it makes sense, and it is illogical and ridiculous. Nature and content were not accepted by parents who did not approve for their children to watch a show this much inappropriate content.

(Sherman, 2017),(Verdier, 2017),(Van Damme, & Van Bauwel,2013),(Pressler & Rovzar, 2008),(Morris, 2008),(Faruqi, 2017),(Cultural Influences, 2009),(Bohanon, 2017)

Since Gossip Girl is a whirlwind of drama, it grabs the attention of a specific audience as they can relate to what is happening. It is a very unpredictable show, always exciting, and it leaves you wanting more, and very curious for the next episode.  I would rate this show a 7.5/10 just from how much I enjoy it. I feel that the drama is really good but to an extent as it gets repetitive.

However, it had some mistakes in the directing and some which were a bit too obvious. I would recommend this show to teenagers and young adults, although it is not applicable for children as the content is too inappropriate for anyone younger. I believe that children will not understand Gossip Girl at a young age, but at the age of 12, they may be able to understand it more.

Although, I would recommend they turn their screen the other way whenever there is any inappropriate scene as there are lots of sexual scenes, drugs, alcohol, and more inappropriate content in it. I would also recommend Gossip Girl for anyone who has watched any of the following: The Carrie Diaries, The Vampire Diaries, The Originals, One Tree Hill, Pretty Little Liars, 90210, Make It Or Break It, The 100, Teen Wolf, Heroes, The Secret Circle, and The O.C as it is very close to the concept of the show and will really grab the attention of the viewers. Gossip Girl is mainly a show for girls because from my personal experience most guys do not enjoy dramatic series and find it girly, therefore I would mostly recommend it to teenage girls and young adults gender wise.

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