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Diagnostic Essay

Lazarus’s argument is that Disney has made a movie with African animals that are really setting a stereotype about basically whites, blacks and gays. She believes that Disney has made gays and blacks to be the ones who ruin everything. She also believes that Disney has made this to be the hidden massage for everyone.

I do not agree with Lazarus’s argument. Although society seems to put gays, Blacks and Latinos to be the bad guys, I don’t believe that Disney intended this movie to do that. Whenever one thinks of a color to represent good and bad, one almost always thinks of white for good and black for with. This is not referring to color of skin Whites and Blacks. All of my life I have been faced with racist people on both sides. They are those who will treat you different because the color of your skin. Then there are those who expect to be differently because of the color of skin. For example I am one who likes get along with everyone. But one time at work a co-worker (black) had had an argument with another co-worker (white) told me (Latino) once that we minorities need to stick together. I know that society has to us to be minorities but not once have I actually thought myself as one. I don’t expect special treatment only fare.

The other thing from Lazarus’s argument is that women are weak and subordinate. Again, this is just someone that has been through so much and has been told that women are expected to be that way. As a Latino I have faced something similar to this. I use to get mad when would go to an “American” restaurant and get a Hispanic waiter and they would start talking to me in Spanish. In my mind I would always think “what they think I don’t speak English or what”. My wife tried to convince me for a long time that maybe it was because they felt relief that they were able to speak their own language, and it felt more natural. It was not until one day at my own work that a truck driver came in and was having a hard time communicating with the office and they called me in that I heard a sigh of relief when I spoke to him in Spanish. Then I thought maybe my wife has been right.

I just think that people that are always on the defensive will always see thing in an offensive way. Disney did not intend to portray the movie as Lazarus viewed it. We have to remember that there were more animals there as well. This movie to me just shows how people respect the line of authority or I should say a king and the royal family. Just like in England, you have Prince William and his brother Prince Harry. We know that they are the heirs to the thrown and nobody questions that.