Movie review “the lottery”

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Introduction

Many people agree that every child has a right to education. However, people tend to disagree on the means used to give children education. In this movie, various sides of education are exhibited something that brings about many questions on the nature and type of education the modern day kids are acquiring.

Body

In this movie, Harlem Success Academy offers students living in that area quality education which is exhibited in their high test scores and higher literacy levels compared to students from other schools in that area. However, the technique that this school is using to educate its students is causing havoc many people. For instance, the school increases the school year and the school days in order to maintain its performance. To justify the injustice being done on students, Eva Moskowitz who is the school founder says that the results can show that the school is doing very well.

 Since the school has limited spaces, it uses lottery to select students who join it annually at the kindergarten level. When a kid’s name is chosen, he or she joins the school and is on the path of receiving quality primary school which will eventually enable him or her to get a good high school and even college. The fascinating this about this school is that the lotteries are usually held in a gymnasium where students participants come to try their luck. If a kids name is selected, he or she picks the certificate and celebrates with the school’s faculty. If on the other hand a kid’s name is not chosen he or she is forced to watch as other celebrate while his or her dreams fades away (Goobie, 2011).

 This movie resembles the story “The Lottery” as it shows the negativities of following things established by our predecessors blindly. In the movie, the charter schools are killing children dreams by using a very poor method to enroll students. This method ends up denying deserving kids opportunity to be enrolled in these schools. In the story on the other hand, villagers kill people in a bizarre ritual which they do not know its meaning or significance. According to the author of this story, the villagers are not aware of the origin of this ritual but are determined to preserve it. The same happens in the movie whereby the founder of the charter school does not know the origin of these schools and neither does she understand the purpose of these schools. According to the founder, the school is aimed at ensuring that students pass their exams without considering the fate of the kids who are not admitted to this school.

 The theme in this movie that is compelling is people’s selfish nature. For instance, the kids who are chosen to join the school celebrate with the school’s faculty whereas those that were unlucky are left crying alone. This is a clear indication that the members of the society are very selfish and only prioritize their interests.

Conclusion

The actors of this movie are very compelling something that makes them to bring out the people’s selfish nature clearly. Since it is an interesting movie, it is good if a person recommends it to his or her friend. For instance, the effects used make it very interesting as they capture a person’s attention to keep watching it. Through the actors, one is able to understand the dangers associated with embracing something that its origin is not known (Goobie, 2011). The society therefore needs to critically look at various activities it undertakes in order to ascertain their significance and role to their lives.

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