

QOTD (Question of the Day)

Conversation Starter

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ON AIR

Do Reality TV Shows represent and influence society's culture and perception?

BIG BROTHER 1ST BLACK
WOMAN WINNER SEASON 24



BIG BROTHER 1ST BLACK MALE
WINNER SEASON 23



BIG BROTHER SEASONS 23
& 24 MADE HISTORY



I recently watched a few seasons of Big Brother Television show with amazement because the stereotypical outcomes in these season did not occur. What happened was [people of color](#) storylines were presented in ways that broke typical “stereotypes” and celebrated diversity ([IRL](#)).

What I find is interesting are all [the Virtual Water Cooler Comments](#) that occurred without the contestants knowing until after the show ended with the winner being announced.

And the winner is (Drum Roll)... [Taylor Hale!](#)

This season a woman of color broke [the barrier](#) and became the 1st African American woman winner on the Reality TV Show.

Additionally, she took home the largest prize ever received by a contestant ([\\$750K](#)).

Furthermore, she also made history by being the only winner to be voted [America's Favorite Player](#) that awarded her an additional \$50K with a cruise.

'Big Brother' Champion Taylor Hale on Historic Season 24 Win: 'It Doesn't Feel Real' (Exclusive) By Zach Seemayer 3:46 PM PDT, September 26, 2022

“Hale, 27, went from being one of the most unreasonably disliked houseguests of the season -- and almost got evicted after the first week -- to becoming both the first Black woman to ever win the show and the first champion to also be voted by fans as America's Favorite Player.”



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"I think it's a testament to the mechanics of the game over 24 seasons. We have had Black women play this game over and over and they have been bullied many times, they have been ostracized in other ways and evicted very early," she continued. "It's a very big deal. And it's not just because I was a woman who was a comp beast. It's not because I was a Black woman who was well liked -- because I was not well liked in this house. It's that I was a Black woman who took on a lot of the pain and burden and stereotypes that have happened over and over again in the show and I still made it to the end."

Taylor Hale, “If there is one word that is going to describe this season, it is resiliency.”



As a woman of color of a certain age, it was nice to have a visible portrait of another woman of color’s journey in maneuvering society’s preconceived bias. Her viewpoint was passionately and eloquently shared in her eventual [winner’s speech](#) (the speech given before the jury votes) where she emphasized being resilient and a victor through her experiences, “I am not a victim, I am a victor. If there is one word that is going to describe the season, it is resiliency. And if you were to ask yourself who was the most resilient person of the season, it was me.”

Through Taylor’s journey & winner’s story; stereotypes and gender bias were further exposed, discussed, and created opportunity for changes!



The Commentary that ensued from Big Brother's Social Experiment brought debates and arguments.

More importantly it allowed conversations on [stereotypes and perceptions](#) to be explored. So, let's talk about it ourselves.

Do these types of shows create a “[false narrative](#)” or allow for an “[inclusive narrative](#)” to be portrayed?

Let us ask ourselves this question:

Do you watch any Reality TV Shows?

If Yes, what is your take on the QOTD:

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