

The **BACHELOR** **WILL YOU ACCEPT THIS ROSE?**

No

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For those who are trying to wrap your head around the insanity that is “The Bachelor”, it is a show about a group of over 20 women from the ages of 20 to 30 and their quest to vie for the attention of a single man, ironically named the Bachelor, within a six week period. Throughout this time, each woman attempts to woo the bachelor. Each week, contestants are sent home with broken hearts until the bachelor narrows his choice down to two women before he decides who to propose to.

I do not know about anyone else, but in my opinion, this show is revolting. While I do consider myself a romantic, I hate the idea of watching a guy date over 20 women at once and convince each that he loves them, only to send them packing their bags the next week.

“The Bachelor” promotes horrible ideals. The show revolves around the drama created by the women throughout the show. With no access to technology and nothing to do, they must either sit in the ‘Bachelor Mansion’ and wait for a date card from the only eligible man in a 10 mile radius, or talk about him to other women. It is no wonder that the women create drama! The show is also very harshly edited to show each person in the worst light possible for the sake of entertainment. I love watching an occasional catfight as much as the next girl, but pitting women against one another in the name of vain entertainment is wrong no matter what.

The show also promotes many unrealistic body expectations. While the show has recently included more racial variety, all of the contestants have textbook ‘runway ready bodies’: tiny waists and flat stomachs, while every male contestant for “The Bachelorette” has huge muscles and washboard abs. These unrealistic body expectations are toxic for youth audiences. What are we teaching young teens that watch every week? That they are ‘only worthy of love and adoration if they look beach ready’? This is ridiculous!

For a reality show that prides itself on its ‘love finding abilities,’ the relationship success rate from the whopping 49 total seasons (including “The Bachelor”, “The Bachelorette”, “Bachelor in Paradise”, and “Bachelor Pad”) that have been produced is disturbingly low. According to the Middlebury Site Network, only two-thirds of the seasons end with proposals. In fact, less than half of all relationships that have been produced through Bachelor Nation have survived to this day.

Ultimately, men and women should not be subjected to the toxic and dramatic atmospheres that “The Bachelor” artificially creates.

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A lot of people look forward to the new year for a fresh start, more opportunities, and achieving resolutions. However, I look forward to the new year because that means another season of “The Bachelor” will soon be starting.

For those who are unfamiliar with the show, 25 women are chosen to compete for one man’s heart, the Bachelor, over a short span of time. At the end, the Bachelor has to choose between two women to either propose to, or just be in a relationship with outside of the show.

There are many people like me who watch it religiously every Monday night. And then there are those who absolutely despise it and think it is the dumbest thing ever.

I’m here to say that it is not the dumbest thing ever. It’s a way for people to find love, along with it being a source of extreme entertainment. There is nothing better than watching 25 women fight over one guy and seeing the drama payout.

Although I do not support cheating, I fully support the idea that it gives people a chance to find love. Contestants know what they are getting themselves into when applying for the show, therefore they know that 25 women are fighting for one guy.

Some say that it is too producer driven, which it may be, but it only adds to the entertainment factor. Even with the involvement of the producers, many still find love at the end. Also, if someone does not find love on “The Bachelor”, they have other opportunities in “The Bachelor” franchise. For example, “The Bachelorette” or “Bachelor in Paradise”.

Much more comes out of being on “The Bachelor” even if one does not win. Many contestants have made lifelong friendships, have started businesses, and met their spouses through it, even if not on the show directly. It is overall a great opportunity to meet new people.

Also, while on the show they travel to many different places. After a few weeks, they begin to travel around the world which gives the contestants a chance to see different places. The dates they go on are also cool experiences and often push the girls step out of their comfort zones.

Overall, The Bachelor is the best show ever and there is no denying that it is extremely entertaining and there is no changing my mind.

