

Beast

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“Beast” is identify as “An animal, especially a large or dangerous four - footed one” or “an animal under human control”. In many disability cases, people uses the word Beast to describe a human being that may have characteristic of an animal or get aggressive as an animal unlike others. Also, some human can be born or get in a accident and get deformed, which cause ignorant people to judge, laugh and criticized these people look. Society takes control of the vulnerable people and make them to a side because they are different from others. Moreover, society creates barriers between disable people who have different appearances and physical and refer to them as a beast. In the propaganda, it demonstrates people with different kind of discapacity, however, in a way for society to feel sorry, fear, guilty, upset and pitiful. For this reason, disability people are look in the street by others with sorry, abnormal, nonhuman and not as “regular” people. Any type of disability people get treated completely different by society and special which makes these people feel more weak, abnormal and disabled. Demonstrating sorry for a person and treat them different from others to frequently is not giving them the strength and enthusiasm, it cause for the person to feel useless. Furthermore, others that have to look forward a disability person with learning, physical or mental health difficulties aren’t patient nor capacity in changing their lives and push them forward to a positive attitude and accomplishment. In the article “The Elephant Man” by Sir Frederick Treves, the Film”Miracle Worker” by Helen Keller, the theory “Screening Stereotypes by Paul K. Longmore and the new york time article “hiring people with disabilities Isn't Just the right thing to do - it’s good for business” by Elizabeth Picciuto shares the same interpretation of a “Beast” in a disability person.

To be blind and deaf doesn't mean a human can't learn or is dead in live. Every children have the capacity to learn. Some might have difficulties to learn the same way as others but time

and dedication makes improvements and perfection. Children are smart, as they grow older their brain is developing and increasing with knowledge as they learn the language. Despite, if the child have difficulties in learning, they can still learn and accomplish anything is in their hand as others. In the story “Miracle Worker” demonstrates a person can be deaf-blind, still can learn, communicate, feel and interact with others. The brain controls all functions of the body, represent the essence of the soul and mind and interprets information from the outside world. Helen have lack of communication and interaction with others. Before, Anne came to her life and be her teacher of language, she had difficulty talking. Helen was growing without talking and having the capacity to express her feeling, emotion and worries. Anne came to her life to teach her the language , which is the key to success. As Annie mention in the story , “ Language is more important to the mind than the light to the eye” .

Helen mother love her a lot. If there was anything she can do for her child education and performances, she was willing to do was best for Helen. However, Helen mother please her with anything she wants and didn't teach her how to communicate with them. She let Helen misbehave and act out. For example, at dinner she ate from everyone plates and didn't sat down still. Helen was being raise on her own without anyone attention and learning the basic skills and manners. Helen mother wasn't checking the consequences and error she was creating in Helen life because to keep her under control she would please Helen by giving her a cookie. Helen didn't know what it was obediences, manners and respect until Anne came to her life and taught her the meaning of everything. Helen mentally and performances was being raised as a “Beast” because even if she did something wrong, she didn't get punished , instead get reward with a cookie to calm her aggression, loudness and anxiety down. Her mother had her under control by

rewarding her with a cookie every time Helen dislike something and act out. That was the daily routine. A person only do that to an animal, since animal doesn't talk and is hard for human to communicate with animal.

Anne kept Helen far from her family to teach her obediences, the language and manners. At first, Helen try to avoid Anne help of teaching her the correct thing. When Helen began learning the language, she began feeling the meaning of each thing. Helen was lost in her own sense of mind. Also felt despair which cause her to be aggressive and not care. Moreover, Helen might have felt the distance and differences between her family and herself which makes her act invulnerable and innocent. Her aggression was an act of catching her family attention , since she didn't know how to communicate with her family , she uses her body language. However, this behavior made her look as a “beast” towards society image.

Many time tv shows uses disability people as a images to create attention, fame, drama, and sympathy. For some reason, a deformed person easily can caught others attention because is unbelievable a person can look closer to a “Beast” rather than a “human”. Others, may just feel sad for their case, however, sadness will not make the deformed person feels any better. “The Elephant Man” by Sir Frederick describe the physical and appearances of a man name John having several characteristic of an Elephant rather than a human. This a base on a real story. A guy name Joseph, is an intelligent and friendly man but he is hated by society because of his look. He is saved from his life in a freak show when he was discovered by a doctor, and later on be treated like a human being.

In a person mind, when they see a human having part of their physical not “normal” as the rest of society, they began comparing these human being as any type of animal they can

similize. John was treated as a gigantic size, unintelligent, imbecile, creature and enormous. John have several physical deformities, including an oversized and disfigured right shoulder and oversize and disfigured skull. People view this creations and defined the Elephant Man as a beast and creature. “There was still more of the man than of the Beast”. Meaning, even though the man have several physical appearance of an Elephant, he still look as a man somehow, which also doesn’t characterize fully as a beast. “The hand was large and clumsy a fin or paddle rather than a hand”. The man have hand of a “animal” or Beast that are demonstrate in tv shows, because it didn't look as much as a human hand supposed to look.

The Doctor change John look. John was economically use by Treves for a freak show, Treves was his “owner”. He believe John didn't have any cure. Later on , John became famous and change his physical. People began to treat him as a human when his physical began to look more as a human. Is hard to fit in a society full of critizyme, hate, jealousy, judgmental, and ignorant people. No body, should be treat different because of a physical differences.

“More than one male character with a disability refers to himself as “only half a man”. So if he’s only half a man, the other half what is it? A beast? The theory “Screening Stereotype” by Paul, shows many movie they uses disability person as a description of a non-human, dangerous, creatures, beast and innocent. Being a disability person, they get treated as a half person because they are not “complete” as the majority group of people. Is either there are mentally ill, activity limitation, problem with developmental, intellectual, cognitive, and sensory. People that have a disability are being treated differently from society as if having these type of problem makes them less, innocent, vulnerable and half human. If a person body is a exaggeration for society they consider the person a beast. Why? Because society have create an image in tv shows, a

beast looks like. If someone is disabled it doesn't not make them less. The person may need more help than others doing their personal things but this doesn't make them less or half human.



In the article “Hiring People with Disabilities Isn’t Just the Right Thing to Do - It’s Good for business” by Elizabeth Picciuto explains, hiring people with IDD offers specific benefits to their workplace. “More than three - quarters of employers surveyed ranked their employees with IDD as a good or very good on work quality, motivation, engagement, integration, with co - workers, dependability, and attendances. This is a great opportunity for people with IDD because they are also being paid minimum wage or higher. Also, translate to a better image in the community. Society can learn from these people and interact with them. Make them feel part of the community. “ young people today have grown up in an era of increasing inclusion in school, and are far more likely to be familiar with people with ADD”. This is beneficial because people with IDD can be look as a hard working people.

Autism can often be compared to a beast because people uses this form of describing some else reaccion towards simple things. For example, in a Autism school, kids get frustrated

because they doesn't have the words available to explain their emotion, feeling and worries. People can use beast as a way of describing the interior of a person not only the exterior. Sometime when a person see someone getting crazy and aggressive they compared them to a beast. Autism children sometimes can lose their mind and act out. Is hard for others to comprehend their thoughts and feeling. My friends works in a school with Autism children and sometimes she comes home with scratches in her neck because is hard for others to respond to them since they can hardly communicates.

Overall, "Beast" can be identify as an animal due to their physical, aggression and having them under control. Also, people that aren't able to communicate with others. In the film "Miracle Worker" Helen mother treated her as a beast, as an animal because she was being raise without able to communicate and when helen got aggressive, the mother calm her down by rewarding her with a cookie. The cookie kept her under control. These story and article, demonstrates people with a discapacity are some treated as a Beast and half human.