

# Disability in the Media: Film and Television

## Questions to ask:

- Are there disabilities being depicted stereotypically? (e.g., pitiable, pathetic, heroic, better-off dead)
- How might the portrayal of characters seem representative or unrepresentative of individuals with disabilities?
- Is the film industry hiring disabled actors to portray disabilities or are they casting able-bodied individuals?
- Does the director/cast make an effort to educate themselves about disability, and is this evident in the film/show?

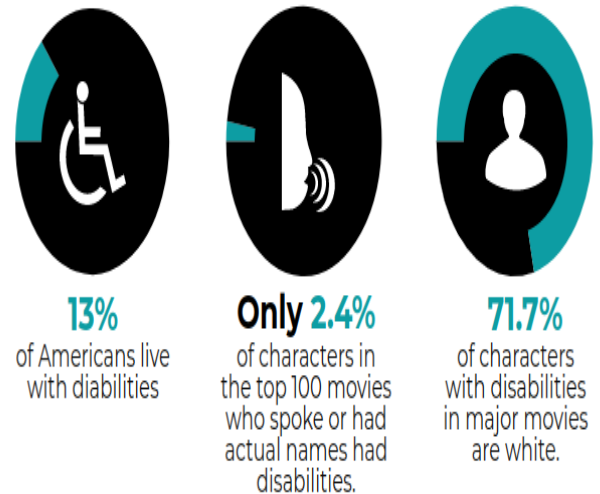
## Film Recommendations:

- CODA (2021)
- Loop: A Disney Short (2020)
- Peanut Butter Falcon (2019)
- Hearts of Glass (2016)

## Other Resources:

- Stella Young TedTalk: "I am not your inspiration, thank you very much"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8K9Gg164Bsw>
- Models of Disability: A Brief Overview  
<http://www.scielo.org.za/pdf/hts/v74n1/06.pdf>
- "Road Map for Inclusion: Changing the Face of Disability in the Media"  
[https://www.fordfoundation.org/media/4276/judyheumann\\_report\\_2019\\_final.pdf](https://www.fordfoundation.org/media/4276/judyheumann_report_2019_final.pdf)

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES *representation in the media*



Stats from Pew Research Center, the Washington Post and Disability Planet