

## ABSTRACT

### **FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FEMALE CHARACTERS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER IN A KOREAN DRAMA SERIES (Qualitative Content Analysis of the Character Woo Young Woo in the drama series Extraordinary Attorney Woo)**

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*Drama series Extraordinary Attorney Woo is a Korean drama series that tells the story of the life of a lawyer with an autism spectrum. This drama series caused controversy among the public because the portrayal of autistic people was considered unrealistic. This form of discrimination occurs because people think that people with autism need to be treated and are considered useless in society. These forms of discrimination are analyzed based on Villines' forms of discrimination which consist of Hostile Ableism, Benevolent Ableism, and Ambivalent Ableism. The purpose of this study is to find out how the forms of discrimination against women with autism spectrum characters in drama series. This study uses a post-positivistic paradigm, with a qualitative approach. The results of this study indicate that almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-quarters) of the total episodes show forms of discrimination, both in the form of Hostile Ableism, Benevolent Ableism, and Ambivalent Ableism. These findings can mean that the form of discrimination depicted is the director's attempt to provide an understanding to the public that there are forms of discrimination against persons with the autism spectrum in the context of the main character's profession as a lawyer.*

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