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Pink The film " Pleasantville" portrays a period in American history where everyone is wholesome and happy. It's a picture-perfect scene for those who lived in 1950, where everyone knew their place in society and life was ignorantly blissful and less complicated. However, everything changes when David and Jennifer find themselves transported into the old sitcom where their influence begins to affect the residents of Pleasantville causing profound changes in their world. A series of conflicts occur within the movie over family matters, government control, race and censorship as the residents of Pleasantville find something new about themselves.

One of the themes that stands out to me is the racism that is experienced in the film for those who become technicolor as the people still in black and white have a strong dislike for their appearance as it begins to threaten their way of life. The metaphors displayed in the film are still relevant today as race and equality are still being fought by those who feel oppressed by the status quo. The film follows two young siblings who get teleported into a 1950s sitcom. They assume the roles of Bud and Mary Sue, the son and daughter of the Parker family. Things begin to change as David and Jennifer bring new ideas and a sense of freedom to the residence of Pleasantville. Their presence incites changes to their classmates causing them to change from black and white to color.

At first, the other residents of Pleasantville ignore it hoping it will go away but soon discover that it's threatening their simple way of life. This eventually causes the populace to become confused, scared and then angry as the changes are now affecting them and some members of their household. In a

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later scene in the film shop owners and placing signs in their windows stating, "No Colored's Allowed". This event that takes place is just a metaphor for things that occurred during the Civil Rights movement. Stores placed signs outside their business to segregate colored people from whites as they didn't want them around them. This caused more resentment towards colored people for wanting equal rights and privilege as it threatened the white people quality of life. In today's world, people are still being ostracized based on their color. A good example is President Trump labeling the Mexican people as illegal immigrants while excluding other illegal immigrants from other countries such as Russia, Europe, and Norway.

These unfortunate events in our history can be seen occurring in Pleasantville as the black and white inhabitants become reluctant to accept the change that occurs. Eventually, this causes the mayor to start a campaign to eliminate these changes through strict rules and regulation specifically targeting the people of color. The strict legislation that occurred in Pleasantville could be found in our modern day. Alabama tried to suppress black voters during the Senate election by trying to limit people who could vote with literacy test.