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LABELING AND ATTITUDES REGARDING DISABILITIES

Abstract. Pamela Charleson will be presenting on Ableism and the portrayal of individuals with disabilities in today’s media. How does society and our media, including newspapers, magazines, books, television and film, portray individuals with disabilities? The presentation will discuss how the negative depiction of disability continues to shape societal views and attitudes regarding individuals with disabilities. Society’s perceptions of disabilities impose additional barriers that individuals with disabilities must break through and “overcome”. What can we, as educators, do to teach others the true representation of individuals with disabilities and change the stigma of disability generated by the media and society.