## **Disney is Cancelled**

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Hotel Room. Reneea sits in the front room of a timeshare suit. She is on her phone face timing with her boyfriend, Kyle while her parents are still sleeping in the bedroom area. Sorry to bother you so early, but I needed to talk. I am so annoyed with my parents and this trip. I am 15 years old and I don't know why they would think I would want to go to Epcot. The rides at Universal Studios were cool, but Epcot is so boring. Why would I want to walk around through fake exhibits of different countries? We not actually there so what's the point? No rides; just walking around. Also, I heard Disney was racist, sizest, homophobic, genderist, just all around wrong. (reacting to Kyle laughing, so Reneea goes harder) I'm serious! Why are we at Disney World?! Think about The Little Mermaid! Why did Ariel have to lose her voice to gain legs? She literally silences herself to be with a man. Princess Frog?1 Come on! All the other princesses just get to relax and ask everyone to respect them and their prince charmings just come to them. Like *Sleeping Beauty*...she literally SLEEPS for the entire movie and her prince just has to kiss her so she can wake up and live a great life. Cinderella, yeah she's the stepchild and that's unfortunate, but the shoe literally has to just fit and she gets her prince charming. Mulan. Think about it; she gets to pretend to be a man and fight in the army, she gets found out, and DOESN'T get beheaded and gets to be with the man of her dreams. The black princess has to run her own business, so she works. She's already working class, unlike the other princesses with the exception of Mulan, who is Asian, which we know nothing about that culture as Americans, so it don't count. I would even go so far as to say the "geisha" culture is glamorized in that film with the girls being in white faces and forced into skinny waists, so STILL a pampering of the girls. When has Disney EVER shown black girls being pampered?! Anyway, first black princess works really hard to own her own restaurant. She has no father because he died. She cooks. She cooks! The audacity of writing in an ACTUAL stereotype! She cooks, she becomes a frog for most of the movie, her best friend is a mosquito with missing teeth! Mind you Cinderella's advocate is a super fly fairy god mother. The villain of the Princess Frog movie is a "voodoo" master...it's full of stereotypes. I don't know how my parents can support this company. Disney should be cancelled...or at least called out!



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