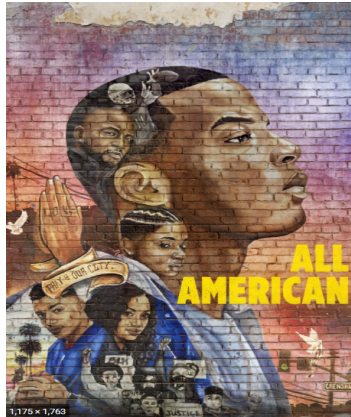


Can television shows based on true events help us understand how diversity affects our students?

“We get to talk about the spectrum of Black experiences as opposed to just one particular Black experience” - Nkechi Okoro Carroll



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The captivating tv series is based on the true story of Spencer Paysinger growing up and becoming an All American football player. The series balances the good and the bad of Black youth experiences. "It's the Black boy's joy and then the slap back to reality when they have a run-in with a police officer," Carroll explains.

This show has truly changed the way I look at the world. You come to love the characters and feel like they are your friends. So when they feel joy, so do you, when they feel dehumanized you feel angry. It gives the viewers insight on what Black youth truly has to conquer through their lifetime. The series focuses on authentic and real life events that happen on a daily basis.

One scene that really was eye opening for me and actually made me cry was a scene with Spencer and Jordan, two senior Black males. They were driving down the road when they got pulled over. Spencer without argument got out of the car and down on the ground, whereas Jordan talked back to the police officer causing chaos. Spencer asked Jordan's dad why he never had "the talk" with Jordan. My heart hurt so bad during this scene. Why do they feel obligated to have to have "the talk" about doing as an officer says and not resisting just because of their color? This series has made me open my eyes so much to what they experience in their lifetime.