

A Review of 'Truth or Dare'

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Where to start with 'Truth or Dare?' The whole time I was watching this film, I could see the potential for good ideas within the scenes, but ultimately they wasted the opportunity to execute them well. While I liked how well-crafted the set-ups were, there were huge problems with the direction and execution. In fact, that first point I made really was the only thing I can positively say about this movie. There are just so many terrible and awful small things that ultimately annoyed me in this film that it just ruined the end result.

A prime example of this is the characters in this movie. None of them are interesting; in fact they're all unlikable! Their motives and desires don't make sense and they all just become really cheesy. Additionally, the acting in this movie is laughably bad. For example, in the confrontation scene towards the final act, you really want to feel some sense of sympathy for these characters, especially considering what they are going through, but every time, the acting just ruins it!

Throughout the movie, it also frustrated me how so many of the big plot points, which were being built up, just fell flat. It felt like the writers were being totally lazy and completely giving up on them. There was literally nothing interesting or unique about a lot of the plot points, and the ones that were intriguing were just given up on.

The last aspect of this movie that infuriated me was the editing and the pacing. It is arguably the worst pacing for a movie I have seen in my entire life! You never get a chance for a character to actually breathe for a second and acknowledge what has just happened to them. Instead, they're always moving to the next big thing and the runtime is way too short. In my opinion, there should have been at

least 40 more minutes added to the movie. But the thing about this movie that makes most people hate it is the awful CGI creepy smiley face saying ‘truth or dare.’ It’s just so shocking to me that it’s actually supposed to be scary as they use it so many times, leading to no shock value. It feels to me like a mix between a Snapchat filter and that CGI rubber- face scene from the live action Scooby Doo movie!

In summary, while there was minor potential, ‘Truth or Dare’ definitely fails to have any deliver. I would give it a 2 out of 10.