

“The Godfather” of TV Shows: The Sopranos

Internet, globalization and the change in TV series culture:

The modern time has received numerous gifts from the idea called “globalization” and through the medium known as “internet”. Globalization and the internet have taken over the world and all the cultures in such a way in the last decade that a new idea has been established which can be called “The Global Culture”. The idea and impact of the entertainment business have changed too. The 70s and 80s TV shows and comics are still classic, but the impact of the most popular TV show of the recent times called “Game of Thrones” is such that another famous classic TV show of the 80s named “MacGyver” do not have any chance to compete with it when impact is considered because MacGyver never had this much viewers as “Game of Thrones” and this just happened because of the internet. The phrase “Netflix and chill” has become a verb just like “google it” instead of “search it” and that is how the internet has taken over the world and its cultures.

The transition period and the emergence of “The Sopranos”:

A very easy thing to recognize is the fact that, it is really tough to maintain quality and quantity together. This is why the old TV shows can be called classic as they had spread all around the world based upon their quality, without which viewers back then would not have watched the shows. The same thing cannot be said about all the new TV shows, as all of us have understood that from our experiences from watching various shows which start with a promising story but fail to hold the attention of the viewers after some time. But we have TV show like “The Sopranos” which was released and aired in between somewhere of this transition from the classical era to the modern era and in that sense “The Sopranos” had faced the most challenging environment in the TV show culture and had surely overcome all the odds.

The secret behind the success:

The only question that can be asked about the success of “The Sopranos” is that in what possible way it overcame that challenge. The answer is probably pretty easy for the fans of that show. It is perhaps the most “down to earth” show ever. Throughout the entire story, it has shown only the least needed exaggeration of unnecessary fiction, dramatic changes or romanticism. Which is why it is tough for the viewers to compare between the seasons of the show. It presented the viewers with the experience of a journey through the eyes of the lead character named Tony Soprano.

The after-effect:

It is quite easy to attract the attention of the lovers of TV shows even without presenting any spoilers by only mentioning the idea of the journey that the show has to offer and by making one understand about the challenging environment it had overcome. The idea of the mixture of perfect quality and quantity is so close to accurate of the show that after “The Sopranos” every single quality TV show all around the globe measures its success rate by comparing itself to “The Sopranos” as if it has become the standard. There were, are and will be TV shows which are mind-blowing but to touch the level where “The Sopranos” stands, is a tough job to do. Of course, shows like The Sopranos, MacGyver and GOT have paved the way for the future. Shows with quality story and representation and with the perfect quantity of episodes and seasons can overcome all

the odds more easily now as globalization and the internet will surely provide the needed wind to their sails if they want and try to put their names on the history books.