

# BLACK MIRROR



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**HYPERREALITY:** a situation that has conquered all of us, is a term coined long ago by Jean Baudrillard where he described that media can now create an idealistic representation of reality that outperforms actual reality and leave the audience depressed as their own life doesn't live up to that artificial reality.

### HYPERREAL WORLD

In today's scenario hyperreality covers a great part of our life. We all are living an artificial life where we don't even know ourselves or what we truly feel? We just want to peep in the life of others through the window of social media which blurs the line b/w reality and hyperreality as everyone in this world wants others to believe that our life is way more beautiful than others. But is it true? Are we really living a life? Many of us don't even have a single person to talk with or share our experiences of the day with. We always seek attention and therefore try to impress the community and increase our likes and followers by posting our pics with #travelgoals #couplegoals #chef etc. But are we really enjoying the time while we go out with our partner or friends or are we dressing up and going to a great place with great ambience just to have some fabulous clicks to post on the social platform?

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Somehow, we all are the victims as well as the perpetrator of this change as either we judge others or are being judged by them. We have become sadistic and thus we feel happy by trolling others, by hurting others. When Carry Minati was roasting Amir Siddiqui in the name of Tik Tok did we understand how his words can affect the latter? None of us did, on the contrary the trend of roasting and hurting someone's feelings became a trend. Why is it so?

### ADORE IMPERFECTIONS

Eventually, all of our lives are caught in the mesh of this hyper real, ornamented world where everything seems to be perfect and beautiful except our life which leads to anxiety, frustration and later suicides. We all have forgotten that beauty is not a physical thing but an abstract idea which can be felt and is in the eye of the beholder, it is something that comes from inside and radiates outside. The virtual world is fooling youngsters by cultivating the ideas of perfection which don't exist in the real world, life is imperfect and is adorable in that sense. Hence, we should understand that the biggest challenge that our generation is facing is that we are not kind to each other but are judging by getting envious of others on the basis of their clothes, style, dialect etc. Cease judging others or comparing yourself with the world and appreciate the imperfections in yourself and in your surroundings. Let's just come out of this fake world and enjoy the beauty of the present moment just for ourselves and not for only posting it on social media. By Garima Sikri (TGT English).

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