



## The Diversity Gap in the Academy Awards in Infographic Form



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We've all seen the statistics about the diversity gap at the Oscars before, but they are still shocking and worth repeating. Amazingly, since the Academy Awards began 85 years ago, only one woman of color has ever won the Academy Award for Best Actress (Halle Berry) and only one woman has ever won the Academy Award for Best Director (Kathryn Bigelow). Men of color haven't fared much better with only six of them having ever won the Academy Award for Best Actor and none winning the Academy Award for Best Director. A recent post over at [Lee & Low Books](#) addressed the issue with an infographic (below) as well as interviews with independent filmmakers about the state of diversity in film.

"The numbers do not surprise me because very few Academy Award level films with non-white leads are being greenlit," independent filmmaker Gina Prince-Bythewood ("Love and Basketball," "The Secret Life of Bees") [told Lee & Low Books](#). "Until this changes, the abysmal numbers will not change. The box office drives which films get greenlit. The hope is that with this year's success of a variety of films with African American leads, Hollywood will be more open to taking chances." See the original post [here](#).

Meanwhile, [Newsweek.com](#) delves further into Oscar's "woman problem" and concludes that "Films with meaty roles for women are, by and large, considered lower caliber by the Academy." Could Oscar break that curse this

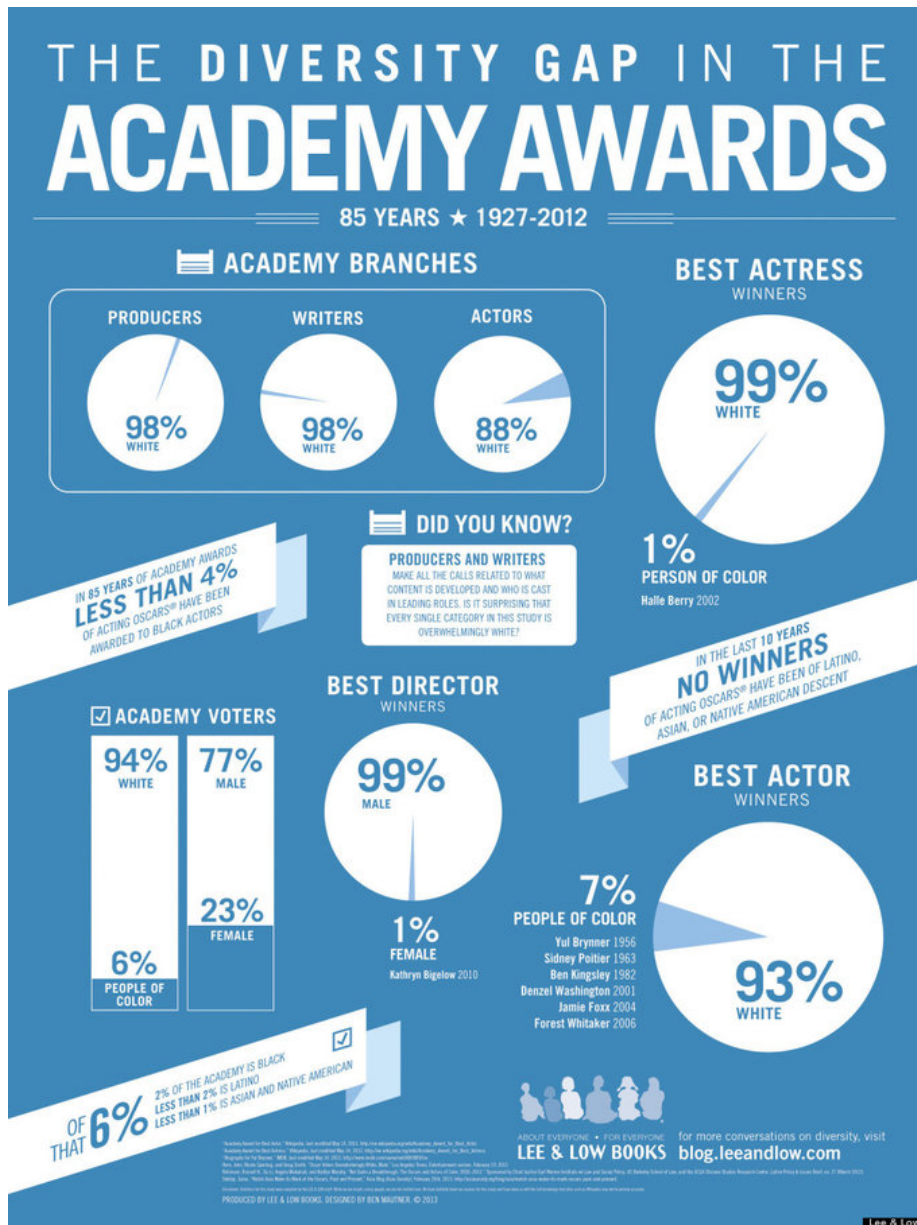
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*So what?? Give me names and then we can decide whether or not someone else deserved to win. But these statistics mean absolutely nothing. The day academy voters see race is the day the academy loses whatever integrity it has left.*



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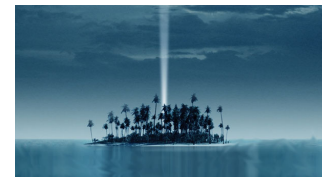


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