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# SHAMED

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Shamed is a dark comedy loosely based on the true story of “slut shaming” at George Washington High School that created controversy in Charleston, West Virginia in April and May 2013. This screenplay focuses on the lives of Megan Hooper and George Westfall, the student body vice-president and principal of the fictional William Sherman High School. A coming of age story, this thesis project explores the psychological and metaphysical nature of growing up in a rural, conservative community. Although the film’s subject matter is the political divisiveness caused by sex education in Charleston, West Virginia, the screenplay also serves as a critique of the aggressive bipartisanship in contemporary American politics. Magical realism is used throughout to establish visual metaphors and to assert a tone of cynical shōck towards the events depicted.