

## Community: Alternative History of the German Invasion

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Since 2009, *Community* has brought their fanatical audience laughter and a strong connection with their favorite characters. However, this season, the season that fans fought so hard to get, has fallen flat.

The last episode, "Alternative History of the German Invasion," relied more heavily on past jokes than it did on what was happening in the episode. The episode revisited concepts present in season 3. The main concept being the study group's blatant disregard for the rules and everybody else. As usual, after a few good deeds, the balance within Greendale is restored. The study group gets their room back, and everyone else on campus is left their scraps.



This episode also revisited the plots of past episodes. While it was fun to see what the rest of the library was doing when Annie lost her pen or when the group was playing *Dungeons and Dragons*, the joke depended heavily on the audience remembering how good those episodes were. The purpose of the episodes should not be reminiscing about *Community's* glory days, but rather to bring the glory days back.

Pierce as a character has also been cheapened in this season. In the episode, he got a joke about how he wanted to be Hitler, but other than that, he has faded into the background as a character. Even in "Paranormal Parentage," which took place in Pierce's mansion, left Pierce as a way to get in a few one-liners. The character has effectively come to a stand-still, developmentally.



So far, while each episode has improved upon the last, *Community* is beginning to become a one-trick pony. Rather than having the smart humor that attracted the fans to the show, the plot lines are beginning to revolve around "hey, remember when..." There is still hope for this little show-that-could. Let's hope that

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remembers that their viewers haven't developed Changnesia. The fans remember why they came to the show. What

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needs is to make more memories.