

Male Capability of Care in Oz Series: Hiroe Suzuki

The "ethic of care" advocated by Carol Gilligan in the 1980s, as opposed to the "ethic of justice," has been used as an argument against patriarchy and neoliberalism, which underestimated care work such as housework, childcare, and nursing care. Suzuki will examine male characters in the Oz series who show care capability, and break free from machismo. In *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, three males' virtues are shown through wisdom and courage to save others and compassion for the weak, while Oz, a little man who tries to wield authority, doing nothing, is expelled. By analyzing male characters' gratuitous care in the Oz series, Suzuki will examine whether the series has contemporary respect for non-interested care and gender equality, leading to its enduring appeal.