

Film-Based Argument

Often, we hear about security measures as a way to prevent violence, threats, or attacks. In American society, it is typical to use force to meet force. History has shown, however that active writing and the exchange of ideas can be more transformative and can create more of a barrier against evil. The impact of writing can change the world by playing an important role in influencing society just like the main character's role in the film, "Survivor", can influence society. Abbot is the main character in the movie, Survivor. Abbott was a security agent within the U.S. Embassy located in London, England. Her job was to watch for any potential danger in terrorist activity at customs. One day she prevents a supposed doctor from being approved in a timely manner at a booth in customs by questioning his reasoning for traveling to The United States. She then becomes targeted by a terrorist organization who finds her to be too much of an expert in her field. The terrorist organization plots to kill her and use one of Abbott's unknowingly corrupted colleagues to assist in the murder. The attempt to assassinate her fails when a planted bomb goes off in a restaurant-hangout without her in it due to a last-minute decision to buy her corrupted colleague, Bill, a birthday gift at a shop nearby. Abbott flees and gets away from a member of the organization, The Watchmaker, that caught her not being in the restaurant when the bomb went off. Later, she meets up with Bill at a park as protocol. Bill attempts to shoot Abbott, but fails by having the gun that he had in his hand turned on him. Bill being shot dead in public, people who were there at the time gasped in shock of what they witnessed and many recorded her looking at Bill fall to his death and Abbott

with a gun in her hand. With video evidence showing the end result, Abbott was made looking as if she killed Bill in the act of evil. She flees from the scene and this time is running from both the law and the terrorist organization. She looks up to a couple of colleagues, Sally, Sam Parker, and a friend, Lisa to assist her escape and help her prevent the organization from making a profit by bombing New York City in the U.S. She eventually escapes London and makes her way to New York City to prevent the terrorist organization from sniping the gaseous-filled, 700-pound ball that was hanging over Time Square to celebrate New Year's Day. As The Watchmaker is about to shoot the 700-pound ball, he kills his partner to have the money he plans to make for himself. Then, the last second, Abbott finds The Watchmaker and throws him off the rooftop after physically fighting with him. Finally, after her success, police show up and she is recognized as a hero who saved millions that day. In the entire film, she was just doing what she felt was the right thing to do for her job as a security agent. Her role played a very important role in changing society just like a writer's role can change society.

As a security agent who works for the U.S. embassy, partakes in the prevention in terrorism and as the main character in the film, she is a big influence on making the world a better place in terms of safety. Her job holds a high ground in the status of one of the most important roles on Earth. Preventing terrorism makes a big impact on economical safety and individual security. Depending on the job position that is held within the embassy, Zachary Bromer's article on salary.com says, "[Senior foreign service officials can make over \\$100,000 per year.](#)" This shows the significance of the role. On the government website, [state.gov](#), the authors provide the responsibilities of a security agent working for the U.S. Embassy,

[a security agent is] more dedicated than ever to its mission of providing a secure living and working environment for our Foreign Service colleagues as they implement foreign policy and promote U.S. interests around the world. Nearly 800 DS special agents serve in regional security offices at over 250 posts worldwide. The DS special agents, also called regional security officers (RSOs) when serving abroad, manage security programs and also provide the first line of defense for our personnel, their families, U.S. diplomatic missions, and national security information. RSOs serve as the primary advisor to the COM on all security matters by developing and implementing security programs that shield U.S. missions and residences overseas from physical and technical attack.

As you can see, Abbott's responsibilities are of great importance to the people she serves and to the security of everyone else. As a writer, it is very important to express the inner thoughts of yourself and convey your message to the world. A powerful enough message can spread and become a huge influence on people. A book called, "The Bible" was put together, written, then rewritten so many times according to the author, John Blake, that all of the [New Testament books, with the exception of 2 Peter, can be traced back to a very small group of literate Christians, some of whom were eyewitnesses to the lives of Jesus and Paul.](#) This was of course, over the scale of 2,000 years. If a book with such a long history has gone through that much editing and gone through that much influence, then this shows how important this text has been to many people. Over that course, according to an article on [washingtontimes.com](#), "[it]...[is the central and foundational book of Western culture, including American culture](#)" (Leland Ryken). So even though The Bible is many centuries old, it is still influenced by society in the Western world as of today. It has changed the way society perceives the world which has

both good and bad influences. For example, the religious text persuades readers to be caring towards others around them even if they are their enemies. However, the text misleads worshippers of false information about evolution. In the first book of The Bible, Genesis, it talks about how the main character, God directly created all the animals on Earth leading many people to believe that the evolution of how humans and animals have evolved is a lie. However, modern scientific proof contradicts the book's narrative and leads people to completely ignore evidence. This influential text has lead millions of people to be regressive when it comes to this important fact about evolution. [According to an American research company, GALLUP, over 1,000 Americans from 50 different States participated in a survey in 2014 about their belief in the evolution humans. Almost half believed in the literal creation from the religious text, The Bible.](#) Other books with religious texts, scientific documentation, and stories have all made different influences around the world and have made diverse civilizations. Hence the reason we have so many different cultures, beliefs, governments, and many different ways we see the world. This shows on a huge level, that writing has a big impact on the world.

As In comparing a writer's role in the influence of the world vs. Abbott's role in the film of changing the world, one may argue that the influence from these totally different roles cannot compete. They are two totally different things. A writer just creates texts that are published for people to read and Abbott's job was to ensure people's safety and security. Abbott's position held high importance in societal role, but a writer is confined in whatever little space they occupy and write/type on pieces of paper (or computer screen) to publish pieces of writing. These are two different kinds of positions career wise and can be seen as holding no ground to stand on when it comes to similarities in importance. This, I find to be

true, but to a certain extent. Although, I do agree with that alternate position to an extent, this rebuttal only can hold so much water before it drowns in lack of nuance. Since both roles have been shown to have great influence on the world in which society interacts with, these two very important roles can compare in terms of importance.

In conclusion, both knowledge and the physical world that we interact with is interweaved in reality. What we think and how we think, governs how we interact with each other and the environment in which we live in. Whether if we are talking about a writer or a high positioned staff member in the movie's world, they are both very important jobs because they can both be very impactful in the sphere of influence. Both compare to being a big role in yesterday's and today's society. Because of the power that a person can have when it comes to writing and being in a high position, it is important to be careful when it comes to actions that are taken because the world is dependent on people like them. Both writing has and will continue to influence society and Abbott's role has and will influence society. We know now that the impact of writing can change the world by playing an important role in influencing society just like the main character's role in the film, "Survivor", can influence society.