

# 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. Members of the organization fail to kill her and she flees from them and the police in almost the entire movie. During her whole escape journey, she had to make difficult decisions that put many people at risk, even her close friends. In the end, she manages to escape and prevent the terrorists from shooting a 700-pound ball that was going to kill millions of people in New York City. The movie ends with her success to stop them and she is recognized as a hero who saved millions that day. Her hard effort rewarded her with earned respect and dignity. 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. Without the safety of individuals, many societies would live in fear then fear would lead into chaos and destruction. Instability would occur and that would result in economical disorder and the breakdown of society itself. This is why jobs in these fields are very important to many of us. 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 also 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. An example of this can be seen from a book called, "The Bible". It 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 and is taken very seriously. It has changed the way society perceives the world because millions of people who have read it, follow what it says as truth. This 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, which is a good thing. In the book of John from The Bible, Jesus, God's son from the book, commands his followers to love one another. However, a bad thing is, is that the text misleads many worshippers to take false information about evolution as reality. In the first book of The Bible, Genesis, it talks about how the main character, God directly created all of 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 become regressive when it comes to the important fact that evolution is a real, well-documented natural occasion. [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 world in terms of knowledge and safe interaction.

When it comes to 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 two 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. Antiterrorist, governmental positions help provide safety for people. Also, in a way, writing has a role of providing safety for people as well. Knowledge does provide a psychological haven because it is a bridge that closes the gap of ignorance and the understanding of human nature. It helps bring us together because it shows that we can live in harmony through the collaboration of a collective human society.

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.