**Season 7 of The Circle is the worst season yet…**

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I have been a long time fan of The Circle, and while not agreeing with every decision on the show, Netflix has ultimately done a great job with it, being that it is constantly in the Top 10 TV Shows in the U.S. Today. However, season 7 changes that. The Circle has characters that stay loyal to one another, characters that backstab and betray one another and even some characters that fall in love, but most of these characters have a common ground, likeability. Even though characters in past seasons have made bad decisions, their thought process and actions were rational in their own mind, which is expressed to anyone watching. Season 7 however provides none of that, which I fear isn't a reflection on Netflix, but on the characters. Characters like Darian, Jadejha, Heather, Savannah and Garret have personalities that jump off the screen, they have depth and while their actions might not have all been smart gameplay wise, when you put yourself in their shoes, they become likable characters, and it makes them endearing. You want to see these characters bond, you want to see them win challenges and games, and you want to see them become influencers. Characters like Madelyn, Kevin and even Jojo/Nicky have the opposite effect. These characters have no rational thought, no loyalty, no gameplay, but somehow are always the highest voted. Madelyn has proven time and time again to be a compulsive liar, but still has trust in the game. Kevin has been starstruck by Madelyn ever since “Andy” left the game, and Madelyn was ready to get rid of him at any point. Jojo/Nicky as “Gianna” has zero backbone, and loves to talk about loyalty, but folds at any chance they have of standing on business. Every other character in the show has their small moments, but mostly play the middle game. I find myself constantly getting frustrated at players' gameplay moves and conversations, to the point where I think these conversations have to be scripted because these characters can not be as dense as they give off. Watching seasons 1-6 of The Circle made me want to be on the show for the experience, the experience and the love of the game, but season 7 makes me want to get on the show to show these characters how to actually play the game.