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While the *Bachelor* franchise is certainly not made up of the best shows on television, they are certainly not the worst, either. The empire that is *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette*, and *Bachelor in Paradise* take over pop culture and the internet with its controversy, "stars," and, of course, drama. Often, events of last night's episode are the break room and classroom buzz the next morning, bringing strangers and friends together to bond over and discuss the hot goss'. Fans look forward to watch parties and wine with their friends and loved ones once per week, rooting for their favorite couples and booing off the villains. Also, to the inner romantic, watching one person fall in love with beautiful people in beautiful places is so fun and butterfly-inducing, even if the romance is scripted or doomed to fail. It may be "trashy" television, but ask any member of Bachelor Nation and they will say it is not always the content of the show that they love so much, but the social currency it possesses.