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# DOCUMENTARY FILM: BOUNDLESS

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## **Synopsis**



"Boundless" (Grenzenlos) tells the story of three couples living in Berlin. What they have in common, apart from the city they live in, is that they are binational couples: German-Ghanaian, German-Korean and German-Turkish.

The film comes at a time of an identity crisis in Europe and the rise of nationalist ideas. Also, the often negative media coverage about migrants leads to stigma.

But: In Germany, according to the Association of Binational Families and Relationships, every third child has one parent with migration background. Germany is thus already a diverse society. The often negative media coverage and public discourse about migrants diverges from this reality.

The film follows the daily life of the families, who answer questions like: What culture do we live at home? What language do we pass on to our children? How do our parents accept our partner? We see members of the three families at their workplaces, at home, or at school.

The story is told in form of a family album. We look into the everyday life of these families. They share their stories, family photos and thoughts. The idea is to show, that these families are just like "you and I". We all have similar problems, worries, pleasures and similar feelings.

#### Migration/Integration, Intercultural Education, Diversity

The film advocates meaningful social interaction from people of different backgrounds. It also promotes learning from each other by exposing the audience to something "unknown" or "foreign". Those talking about the film can overcome their own prejudices about the "other" and the "unknown" by analyzing differences and similarities, comparing their lives with the lives of the film's protagonists or the ones of their discussion partners.

The film strengthens the notion that diversity is powerful in a positive sense.

For more information and to see a short trailer check out: www.kas.de/boundless-screenings

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