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## Homelessness-Is it a problem?

By: Riley Leavitt

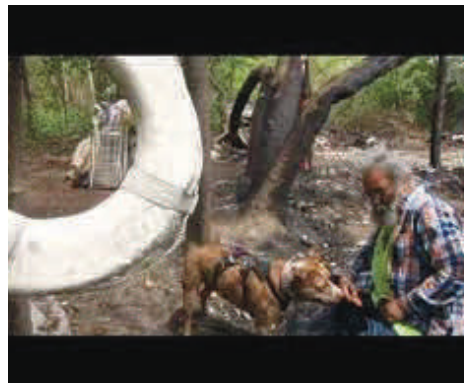
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if it's cold. There are 6 shelters in Lowell. Not all shelters accept children. One that accepts children is Milly's place but men are not allowed. Right now Lowell has a 10 year plan in place. The first paragraph states, "In January of 2007, the City of Lowell joined hundreds of cities and small towns across the nation in announcing that the City



Shelters overflow, tents on rivers edge. Is homelessness getting better or worse.

Homeless people have been on the streets of Lowell since 1640. There are many reasons for homelessness. One of the most recent reasons are a growing shortage of affordable rental housing and a simultaneous increase in poverty. In an interview with Kathy Clark, she responded to the question "Do you think there is enough support for homelessness in Lowell?" Clark said,



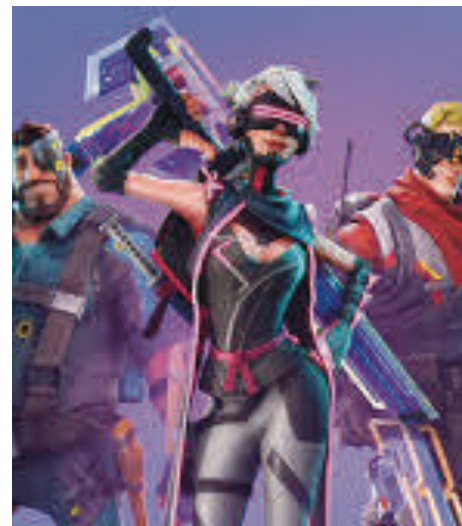
"No. There are some places that the homeless can access, like the transition center, however you have to be 18." One solution is the homeless people form tent camps. This is one of the first options for homeless people but what

would begin the process of creating a 10-year plan designed to end homelessness in our community." This is a next step to solve homelessness. With this plan in place we will hopefully have solved homelessness.

## Is Fortnite affecting your child?

### Lack of sleep, Academic motivation, attendance, grades reducing, etc.

By: Luis Serrano



Students nationwide have been playing this extremely popular game, Fortnite. For the past two years since this came out on, July 25, 2017 this game has been consuming students lives and they are spending too much time on this game.

Luis Serrano, father of a 10 year old boy that plays this game says, " It's consuming their life." There is a lack of kids wanting to do their homework because their life is being taken over by this game. Edweek talks about how kids are coming into class half asleep because they have stayed up nearly all night playing this game.

Shannon Ferreli, social worker at Dr. An Wang middle school says, "I've seen this title so many times often when I'm

talking to parents about attendance" This game is so caught up in students lives they are too tired to go to school the next day. Kids absences are going higher because of the students staying up too late playing it.

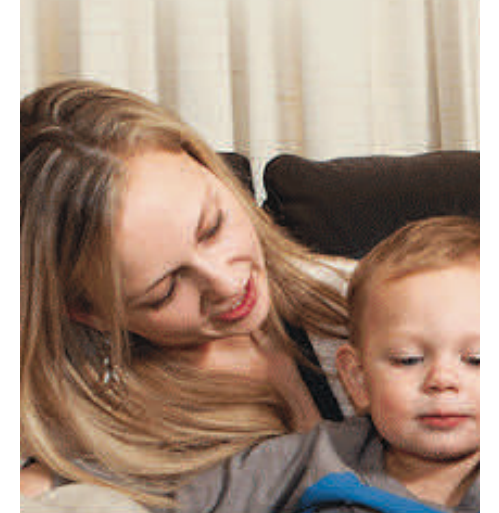
Lynsay Roy, Guidance Counselor at Dr. An Wang middle school says, " staying up very late playing it which is causing problems the next day" Kids are not passing in their classwork/homework because they were to focused on Fortnite. Dobie News says that this game takes up so much time that they miss their classwork cause if it. That would lead to students grades reducing rapidly.

Let's hope for future reference kids play this game effectively.

Do you think that your child is being affected/is affected by Fortnite?

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# These celebrities have gotten into scandals again?!!

**Are Bill Cosby and many others are causing massive outrage with these scandals?**

By: **Christy Lopez** January 30th, 2019

With the news of many celebrities being claimed to have done immoral acts, the public is acting in separate ways. Some are defending these celebrities while some are angry towards them and wish they pay if they have actually committed these scandals.

Bill Cosby, loved by so many- to the extent where he was known as America's Dad, had his reputation destroyed when it was heard that he had done something disgusting. Many people were outraged-disgusted knowing this person they trusted had been a bad man the whole time and that they bought his nice guy act.

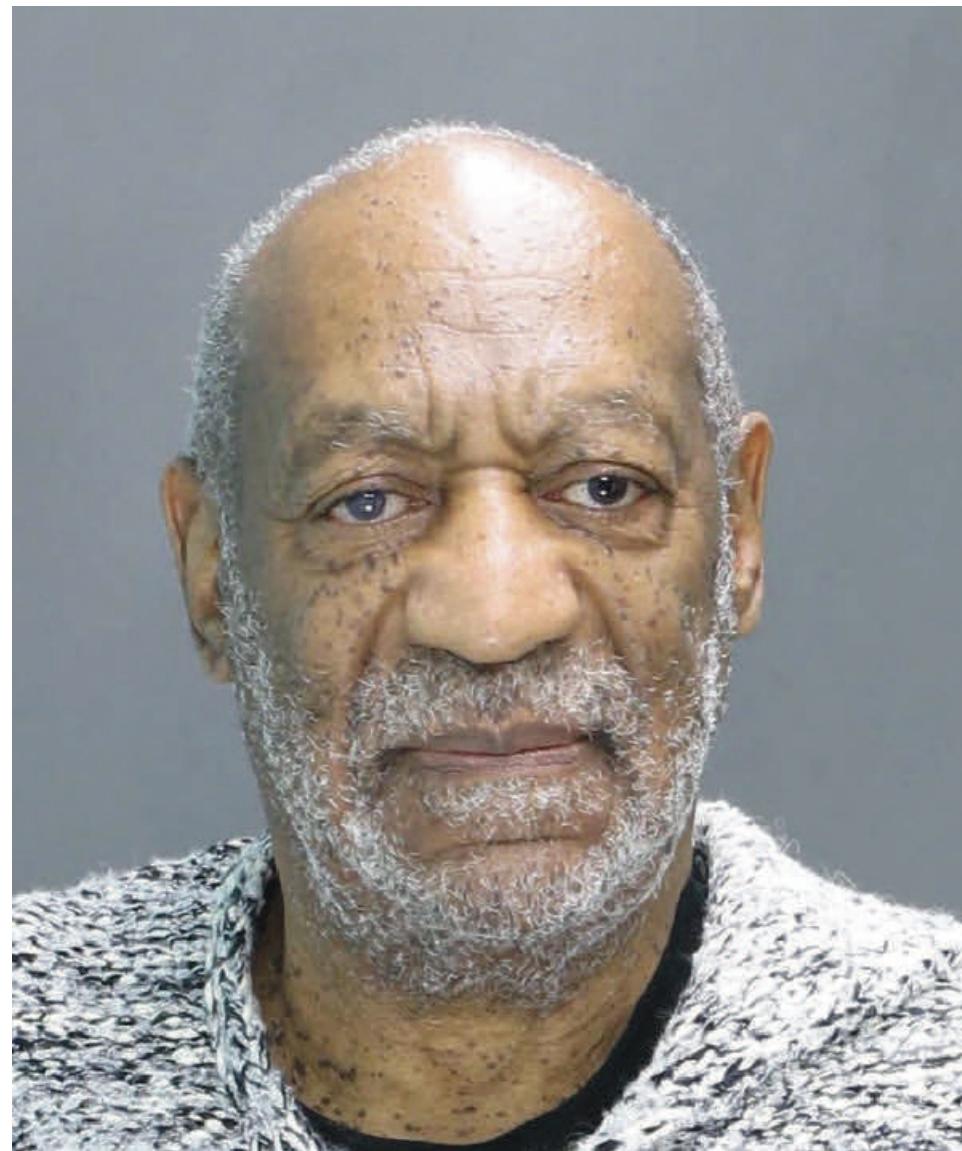
He was sentenced to 3 to 10 years of jail time for sexually assaulting Andrea Constand at his home 14 years ago. A decade later, dozens of women came forward to say Bill Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted them over the years. This proceeded to kick start the #MeToo movement. Cosby was convicted of three counts of aggravated indecent assault for drugging and assaulting Constand.

He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25,000 plus other costs for things such as prosecution. Cosby begin his crimes during 2004. He gave Constand some pills, and then sexual assaulted her which she reported in 2005. However, prosecutors proceeded to decline the charges. The case would be settled a year later.

Other celebrities have been assumed to have done similar things and cause similar outrage as Cosby. The most recent example of this was Robert Sylvester Kelly, more commonly known

as R.Kelly. He has been caught up in an awful situation. The singer/producer was in big trouble in 2002 when he was caught in a sex tape with a 14 year old girl. He has also been in multiple relationships- 16 to be exact. His biggest known immoral act was the Aaliyah scandal. He had married her when she was only 15. He met Aaliyah Dana Haughton when she was 12 years old. The marriage was annulled a year later. Kelly was also accused of imprisoning women in a sex cult.

Chris Brown, another celebrity known to have messed up many times, had as-



saulted Robyn Rihanna Fenty, better known by her middle name Rihanna, in his car in 2009. The assaulted was described as him punching her numerous times while he put her in a headlock, restricting her breathing and causing her to start to lose consciousness. He verbally threatened to "beat the s\*\*\*\*" out of her. He also threatened to kill her, according to the statement, also biting her ear and her fingers.

Brown has also been accused of rape in Paris, where he was then arrested for aggravated rape and drug violations but was later released without charges. The most recent incident of his was in July 2017, where he was arrested for reportedly punching a man who photographed him without his permission in April of the same year.

O.J Simpson was accused of murdering his ex-wife in 1994, who was found dead- stabbed to death- outside her apartment in Los Angeles with a friend. He was the prime suspect for the case, but on June 17, police were notified when Simpson hid in the back of a sports vehicle with his friend A.C. Cowlings. This lead into a car chase, with law enforcement officers followed the vehicle at low speeds for more than an hour.

Simpson was called to court on July 22, 1994, stating a plea of not being guilty, The Los Angeles district attorney's of-

Some interviews were taken in order to get some opinions on if celebrities should be held accountable for their mistakes. Shannon Ferrelli, the Social worker at Dr. An Wang Middle School, was asked some questions. she was asked if they didn't acknowledge their mistakes, and if it does affect people. She said, "... It would send a negative impact if they don't..." Another interview, with questions asked to Matthew Santy, Assistant Principal of the Dr. An Wang Middle School, was asked if the celebrities should be held accountable for it. He said, "... They are people, and anybody that makes a mistake should be held accountable...". The last interview was with the Guardian Counselor of the Dr. An Wang Middle School, Lindsay Roy, was asked if it does it affect people. She said, "... I think so because a lot of people are involved by celebrities... "

Some of these people mentioned are facing jail time, while some are free, running around, but being called out by thousands everyday. Simpson has been released from jail, and seems to be living his life as happily as he can. Brown has recently been in the spotlight because of more of his mischievous and awful acts resurging. Cosby is still in jail, paying the time for the crimes he's committed. People are making sure that, if they commit these horrible acts, that they are getting the consequences than non-celebrities would receive. They want them to be able to repent for what horrid things they've done.

"Bill Cosby took my beautiful, healthy young spirit and crushed it. He robbed me of my health and vitality, my open nature, and my trust in myself and others. ...We may never know the full extent of his double life as a sexual predator but his decades-long reign of terror as a serial rapist is over." - Andrea Constand, in her victim impact statement.

vice, led by Marcia Clark and Christopher Darden, emphasized the domestic violence that had occurred prior to and after the Simpsons' 1992 divorce as a motive for the murders. Simpson's team's defense was based largely on the grounds that evidence had been mishandled and that many members of the Los Angeles police department were racist, especially Mark Fuhrman, a detective who allegedly found a bloody leather glove at Simpson's home. They argued it couldn't be his due to the fact the glove was too small on his hand. But on October 3, Simpson was found not guilty of the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. In 1996, Simpson was sued by the victim's family and not even 4 months later he was found guilty of the murders despite the previous case, and payed the family \$33.3 million in damages.





## Is the gaming audience in trouble?

By Daniel Decarvalho

Children around the world might lose their favorite games if they were to make the video game age limit stricter.

A question that's going around worldwide at the current moment is if the video game age limit should exist. This could affect teens and kids worldwide in present day. The reason it is discussed so much is because many kids today play games over the age limit, and many people today think that this is a bad thing. In a survey done in the Dr. An Wang middle school shows that out of 14 people, only six wanted to keep the age limit.

There are two sides to this argument: the people who think that the video game age limit should not exist and that they could give you benefits. The people that say that the video game age limit should exist argue that if it didn't, that it can affect you in a bad way, let's look at the evidence for why the video game age limit shouldn't exist. First and foremost many people are saying that violent video games can help you mentally and there is evidence to support this claim, the New York Post states "A study conducted in 2014, at Stetson University in Florida, shows that the playing of death-bloated video-games actually caused real-life violence to decrease." The people responsible for the study, speculate that the cause of this is because people can take act on their aggression in the game, causing them not to commit the aggression in real life. Other people think that violent video games can increase social skills, an the New York Post again states "And, if you fear that buying games for your juvenile relative will turn him into a solitary delinquent, John Velez, a researcher at Texas Tech University, allays those worries. In 2015, according to Vice, he found that

war games enhance social skills. Velez has concluded that team-play games of this ilk - such as Halo and TimeSplitters - led participants to treat each other, whether teammates or opponents, with surprisingly high degrees of decency." Many people blame computer games for people having social illness, but at least 230 other academics in the same field who disagree with this statement.

Now second off many people are saying that violent video games can affect people in a very bad way, evidence to support this is "Violent video games show kids how to express themselves physically, in a violent way." What this is saying is if kids play violent video games, they might learn that, rather than solving a problem by talking it out, they will fight out the problem instead. Others think that in a video game, if you are taking control of the killing process then that means that you are a violent person, an article states, "To kids, virtual experiences feel very real, not only because the graphics today are so amazing, but because they are taking on a first-person role in the killing process." In present day, video games have high graphics, which makes the game look real, making the violence in the game look real as well, which to others could make their child violent.

As of right now, nothing is being done about the video game age limit debate, and research most likely will not continue because it is the parent or guardians choice. You have the right to make the choice though, be a rated M person to others, or be rated E for everyone.

## Dilemma of the century: School starting times vs. the real world

Recent studies and conversations are causing a huge commotion in the across the United states

By: Tallea Lebing

February 1st, 2019

The topic of school starting times has been discussed over the past couple of years, but little did society know it was going to get bigger. Recently, this topic has stirred the pot even more than before. It's now attracting doctors, local residents/citizens, and even the students, themselves. All over the U.S,

people are voicing their opinions on this specific topic. It's gotten so much attention, that even sources such as CNN and sleep foundation are addressing it as well. It's now almost impossible to walk out out your house and not either engage in this topic, or even hear about it. One of the many, many reasons it's being so talked about is because it has been linked to other problems such as sleep deprivation, low test grades, lack of stamina and confidence, car accidents, and depression.

Studies show that the average teen falls asleep at 11:00 p.m on a school night. A current poll done at the Dr. An Wang middle school in Lowell, Massachusetts shows that an average of 46.43% of the students get about 6-9 hours of sleep, 46.43% get about 6-3 of sleep, and 7.14% get 3 hours or less. This specific middle school starts at 8:00 a.m This isn't always the case, though. An article from rise and shine states that over 43% of american students start school before 8 a.m, and schools that start before 8:00 of earlier usually start 7:45 at the latest.

A website by the name of the conservation once commented on this situation and said " Research findings show that teens' inability to get out of bed before 8 a.m. is a matter of human biology, not a matter of attitude...Due to the biology of human development, the sleep mechanism in teens does not allow the brain to naturally awaken before about 8 a.m. This often gets into conflict with school schedules in many communities." In other words, they ran a study that teens do not have a fully developed brain like adults do, so their thinking won't be fully activated until 8:00 a.m or later. It is a fact, that the lack of focus before 8:00 a.m is not due to puberty and mood swings inside the body of an adolescent, but rather by human biology. It's completely normal and natural for a teen to feel like their brain isn't really 100% in 'ready mode'.

## Parents Blamed For Child's Mistake!

By Luis Marguez

Everyday there are too many parents getting in trouble for their child's mistakes such as theft, Trespassing and even kids just skipping school.

Parents all over the world are getting in trouble for the crimes their child commits. The question everyone is asking, is if it's fair to them.

People have been asking for a while, if it isn't the parents fault, then who's fault is it? Some say that it is the Teachers because of when they are in school. Others say that it is social media, which leads to an argument as to weather it is the parent's fault for letting their child use it in the first place. At least that is what researcher, Jessica Henry showed.

Interviewers such as Christina Marquez (mother of 14 year old) it also isn't the parents fault because a majority of time they are in school where, "it is very easy for them to catch an influence off of other students that they know". Even as stated before, from teachers who don't do anything about what they want to do, when they get a chance to find out.

However another interviewer, Daniel De Carvalho had a different opinion that "your parents are incharge of you and you have known them for your whole life". But you have only known each of your teachers for 1-2 years. Therefore his opinion is that the majority of time it is the parent's fault.

Therefore those have been people's opinions about parents being blamed for their child's crimes. Who knows whether or not the law will be changed about this. Do you think it should be?



## Parental Responsibility



## Military Benefits

**4 years ago as of today, more than 1.4 million served for the military, while some of them joined for school. So do you actually get what you think you get in the military?**



**By Damien Pak**

**January 31, 2019**

Soldiers all over the world are going to the military for their country, school, and simply for money. This has been happening for years, where people have joined the military just for the money. This has also happened all over the world, since January 31st, 2015.

Soldiers who have just joined the military get a salary of \$19,660 for under 2 years of experience.

In the military, there are bonuses such as \$5,000 for heavy construction, \$15,000 for enlistment bonus, and \$12,000 for cooking. The longer you are in the military the more money you get. With a range of \$50-\$450 monthly, plus the \$1,638 you already get.

As you train and become more experienced with the military, you slowly climb up the ranks. From the lowest being the second lieutenant, to a gen-

eral being the highest rank. The payments are the same as coming into the military for the first time, but after a couple of years you are paid up to \$36,000 as a second lieutenant. The higher the rank, the more currency you are getting.

Some people go to the military for retirement. If a soldier is looking for retirement then they would get a pretty good pay. To be retired in the military, the soldier would have to be in their

40's and they would get \$4,000 monthly for the rest of their lives. This equates to an accumulative pay of \$480,000, \$960,000, \$1.4 million in 10, 20, and 30 years. \$480,000 being when you are in your 50's, \$960,000 being in your 60's, and \$1.4 million in your 70's.

During and after your time in service, the military encourages you to advance your education. To the end, there are many programs designed to help you pay for college- even medical school. Loan repayment programs, tuition assistance and college credit for training are some of the available options.

Money from the military isn't on everyone's minds, Habid Nunez who is a student at the Dr. An Wang Middle School has said, "I want to be a soldier to serve our country." Many others have said that too. Nunez was 1 out of many people who have said the same thing. As with Tallea lebing, who is also a student at the Dr. An Wang Middle School she said, "I want to join, its defending your country and I think that those

who defend their country are really brave." So not everyone is all in for the money.

Now some people have had thoughts on using the money for college like Daniel De Carvalho, who is a student at the Dr. An Wang Middle School, he said, "Yes, of course I have thought about the money towards college." De Carvalho has stated that if he joins he will use the money for college. Some people in the military haven't even thought of the money being used for any sort of education. Vincente J. Colon a sargent whos number is 8,5 has said, "I really don't see the need to use the money for college because the military provides an education for me."

After learning about everything, the military provides a lot for soldiers. If people are ever thinking about the military for the money then it would be great for them to do so. Now lets see how many people join the military next.

## Stop sexual harassment now!

**By Yaire Nieves**

Sexual harassment has been going around for several years, and so many innocent people that don't deserve it are going through it- to the point that they hurt themselves, and even kill themselves.

In 2017, in the United States of America, 42 percent of women have stated that they've been victims of sexual harassment. When asked a similar question in the same year, 11 percent of males have stated they are been victims of sexual harassment. Did you also know that 43 percent of students have reported being victims of sexual harassment in the prior year? Many kids/teens/adults kill themselves after being sexual harassed by another because they can't handle the pain.

One website that you can go look at to find and learn more information is at [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org), where in one section it states, "Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical harassment of sexual nature in any workplace."

In conclusion, many people going through this can't speak up cause they're scared of it happening again. So, if your friends or family members are acting different, don't just leave

them alone, no matter how many times they say stop. Since you can be saving their life by being with them and asking them how they're really doing.

## ARE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS BENEFICIAL?

**By: Keylie Amador**

In what situation would you like to see your child? All over the country there has been million of kids all around the world going to alternative schools because schools think they have a chance of failing academically or kids with disabilities. Teacher give up on the students even when they think that they tried their best to help them out but students struggle a lot when it comes to school.

Many teenagers around the world go to an alternative school because of their behavior or disabilities. Very Well shows that alternative schools are not the only solution but they can be really helpful. Alternative schools are not for everyone but some of them are really successful. "students are capable of changing their behavior but only with someone big support" said Ms.O, the principle at the lowell high career academy . A lot of kids try their best to get there work finished in class but they can't because of there lack of energy. Kids struggle to focus in class maybe because they have to much pressure from the teachers or peers. All kids try to put in effort so they can have a successful future but sometimes it isn't that easy. "some kids need extra support and changing schools wouldn't make a difference" said Ms.-Ferrelli. Changing schools isn't the only solution for kids with bad behavior or disabilities.

Some alternative school are helpful, but not all of them. Kids might think that they are getting sent to a alternative schools because there dumb but really teachers are trying to get them help for school. Not all kids come out the same when they leave alternative schools because not all of them have the capacity of learning like the rest of the students. Kids that do good in school can help one each other but they won't because of their differences.



# Biggest debate ever about the idea of public schools having uniforms!

**By: Sophia Deassis**

The idea of public schools having uniforms has always been a humongous debate. It is one of the most asked questions, that is why we are going to go over the topic.

People all over America have always been asking and arguing for the past years, over if public school should have uniforms or not.

Public schools having uniforms has its pros and cons. For example, a few pros is that it keeps students focused on their education, and not their clothes. Another pro is that it can prevent kids from bullying other students because of their outfit. It has many other pros, but it also has many cons. Such as the fact that it eliminates student's individuality. Another con is that kids can still get bullied and made fun of, outside of school ground. You can check out more pros and cons for yourself on the Pro-con.org website, and also on Great-Schools.org.

Something to keep in mind is that most people who want uniforms are adults. Most of the people who despise uniforms and do not want uniforms at all are students. According to a poll that was taken from three classrooms, 91.25% of students say that public schools should not have uniforms. But from the adults that were polled 100% state that it would be a good idea and a good investment, for public schools to have uniforms. This just shows how you can't make everyone satisfied, it is either the students or the adults that can be satisfied with what choice will be made.

A few people were interviewed, and this is what they had to say. For example, Lindsay Roy, a guidance counselor at the Wang Middle School, stated that, "...It really depends... It can prevent gang violence... but uniforms can also cost a lot of money for some people that have a lower income..." Another individual that was interviewed is Keylie Amador, a student at the same school. On the interview Keylie states, "No... because the school is just wasting money..." On the other hand a fellow student named Luis Serrano, expressed his opinion by saying, "Yes, because some students get bullied be-

cause of what they wear, and their clothes..." While some people just acquiesce whatever decision is made, others really care about whether they have uniforms or not.

As of right now, there is no law or protest being done around this debate. There is also no plans for the future for this debate, as of right now. Remember you can always speak out on your opinion about this. Really think about all the pros and cons there is, do you think public schools should have uniforms?

## What are your Thoughts on the Flag?

**By: Kalvin Siep January 31, 2019**

In America's society, people of any and all ages don't give the same respect they used to give if any at all. There are some role models who are kneeling-



not pledging- for the flag. Some of these role models include Colin Kaepernick. Some do it to protest against police brutality some do it because they don't show remorse to the flag. Celebrities like Colin Kaepernick have given their thoughts on the Flag and its respect but what are students of lowell thoughts.

In these interviews 3 students of the Wang Middle School have answered these 4 questions. Do you pledge for the flag? Do you think some people don't respect the flag as they use to? What are your thoughts on kneeling? & do you think people mean what they say when they are saying the pledge?

The first person interviewed is Joseph Vargas, on question 1 He answered "yes" for question 2 he answered "yes" for question 3 he answered "I feel like it doesn't show signs of disrespect if your kneeling your not doing anything bad by kneeling" & for question 4 he answered "no."

The second person interviewed is Aaliyah Hartford for the 1st question she answered "yes" for the second question she answered "yeah" for the 2nd question "yeah" for the 3rd ques-

tion she answered "it's unneeded for" & for question 4 she answered "yeah all the time."

The third person interviewed is Daiman Pak for question 1 he answered "yes" for question 2 he answered "yes" for question 3 he answered "I think it's disrespectful because soldiers who are defending this country are pledging the flag by standing & solution not kneeling" & for question 4 he said "yes I think kids only do it because they are force to."

A recent controversy regarding kneeling at the National Anthem during sports events has been raging for the last couple of years. Our president has been demanding respect for our flag and country. While some believe his tweets outrageous, others humorous, and still others cringe worthy, the idea that it is wrong and unpatriotic to kneel at the National Anthem is spot on.

Hopefully we can respect others about their choices.

People are starting to wonder about this this topic that has been happening for generations. The topic, is cheating at school getting worse. What is your opinion is it getting worse or not?. In the research a lot of student said "Cheating is getting worse" for many reasons.

One of the teachers said "Cheating is not getting worse but there is still student that are cheating and we can't fix cheating". In the research a lot of high school student agreed that cheating in school getting worse because they been through it and they saw it before so many times.

A colombian student got interviewed about cheating in school getting worse and he said "Yes it's getting worse because a lot of student are hiding there papers on their sleeves or their shoes a lot of kind of things and this topic is affecting our life because kids are cheating and doing that they don't know what to do because all they did is cheat".

Cheating will never stop it will keep going and going for generation. Cheating will affect your future hahahaha.

## Is cheating in school getting worse?

**There are a lot of opinions about cheating in school getting worse what is your opinion.**

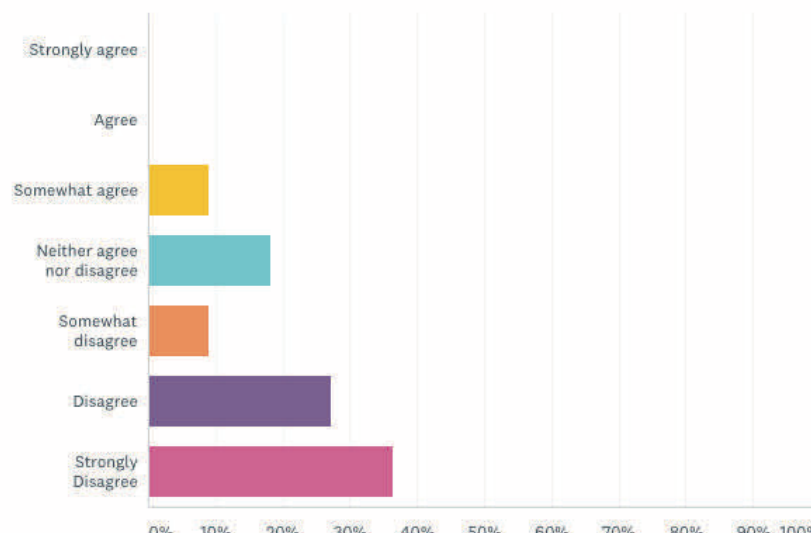
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Do you think Dreamers should be deported?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 0





# Students Without Technology: Are they in trouble?

**Some say they are.**

By Keira Gannon



Ever since technology integrated into education, students and families have struggled to get access to technology for school use. There's no specific reason, but the overall agreed one is that the families have a low income.

The first thing Sue Gannon, the cook manager at the Wang Middle School, said when asked the question, 'do you think student should be supplied with a computer by the city?' was, "No... All kids have cell phones... if you own a home, you own a phone. There's no way you don't own or have access to a phone." Her opinions matched the research on a study on teens. "A new study by the Pew Research Center finds that 78 percent of Americans aged 12 to 17 have cell phones. And it says that three-fourths of teens access to Internet using mobile devices such as smartphones or tablets" And that study was done in 2013. Imagine how the numbers have climbed.

Others obviously have different opinions on the subject. Katie Mahoney, an english teacher at the Wang middle school said: "The way the world is moving, a lot of things are being done online in schools. Testing is done online now." Schools have done multiple fundraisers to get technology in the classrooms, such as smart boards, laptops and iPads. Google Classroom is an online classroom, as per the name. It allows teachers to grade, assign, view assignments and help students virtually.

This is a conversation occurring in not just one area, though. In a study done in Madison, "A Tableau survey of over 27,000 students found that around 88 percent of students in the Madison Metropolitan School District do not have access to the Internet." 88 percent of 27,000 is 23,760. That how many stu-

dents in Madison don't have access to internet. Group of 68 6th graders at the Wang middle school were asked 'Do you think students should be supplied with technology by the city is they don't have access to one?' All 68 answered yes.

The U.S census is giving new information on the percentage of tech in the home. "laptop computers still led the way with use by 77 percent of households." That is of 2016. That number has likely fluctuated over the years. The problem may seem small to you, reading this on your computer, but it may seem a bit bigger to those who can't.

## Should schools have more extracurricular activities for kids to socialize and become closer ?

**By Joseph Vargas  
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Should middle and elementary schools have more extracurricular activities so that many students can be entertained? Many schools of middle and elementary only have a couple of sports that many might not bring kids to become closer or attract the students to join. Many might not like to join because they don't think that club or sport will be entertaining for them or they will join a sport and not play because depending on their grade level for a class that there failing. "Extracurricular activities such as sports clubs and non academic pursuits can be a big part of middle school and elementary school" says [www.highlandsschool.org](http://www.highlandsschool.org).

At Dr An Wang Middle School, January 25, 2019 at 10:30, the gym teacher Mr. Mahoney what was his opinion on having more extracurricular activities and asked him " Do you think that extracurricular activities should depend on a passing grade or no grade because it's an activity that many can join? Mr Mahoney stated " Yea i think everybody should join and not depend on a passing grade because we want participation". Says Mr Mahoney and he also backs this up by saying that "We would want more participation in the activi-

ties we would have." This would be his opinion on extracurricular activities and sports. Many have opinions on having more extracurricular activities but it can very helpful for many kids that are struggling with their academics. Also at the Dr An Wang Middle School as many kids were asked whether it was a good idea to have more activities such as sports and clubs and almost everyone were agreeing that it was a good idea to have more activities for many to join and be entertained. This was Joseph Vargas on Today's topic and will see you tomorrow for tomorrow topic.

## ALGEBRAIC ARGUMENTS ANALYZED!

By Gabriel Dasilva

January 31st, 2019

More and more people are beginning to question if Algebra II and other related advanced mathematics are necessary for the standard curriculum.

Two years or so ago, on May 31st, 2016, the book "The Math Myth: And Other STEM Delusions" by Andrew Hacker rose principles that some might consider absurd upon first glance; that advanced mathematics isn't something that should be required for high schoolers or high schools in general. This, of course gained quite a bit of traction, even its release covered by the New York Times. This had led quite a few people to question if it is necessary after all. Advanced mathematics, of course, has its pros and cons. This article will list what exactly these are, and people's opinion on it in general.

To start off, one of the many pros of Algebra II and advanced maths is that it's quite necessary for the current system of college, seeing as many fields re-

quire math. These go from physics, to music, to psychology and so forth. It's also a tad useful if you're attempting to buy a TV- according to Bright Hub Education, anyway- as the Pythagorean Theorem can be plugged in to figure out how big of a TV you can have. It also helps you figure out what would be the better investment in the stock market, as that thinking process is calculus.

However, there are definitely cons and bad things that come from Algebra II and arithmetic beyond that. For example, it is a factor in drop-outs. Lots of smarter, more intelligence folk don't quite adore the subject. It also doesn't have very much application in the real world, only a quarter of American workers utilize anything more sophisticated than fractions and basic decimals. There's a lack of people who use Algebra II at all. It is also sort of taught in a locked room, according to Andrew himself in an interview. "It's not about the real world. It's about a universe of its own. You just solve a geometric problem for its own sake. I'm wondering why we impose a sphere of knowledge, which is in a world of its own, another planet ary orbit, and I don't see a reasonable defense for it." A survey conducted in Homeroom 117 in the Dr. An Wang Middle School also argues that students think Algebra II isn't very necessary. Six students voted that it was, but 11 voted against it.

Over all, it appears that most people are against the practice of Algebra II, and find it a waste with quite a lot of backlash against its name. Though, Texas appears to have dropped it as a requirement, despite schools not following along. If this is to signify any step forward, then perhaps other states might follow along with this procedure, even if the compliance of other education buildings is a mixed bag. It appears we'll just have to wait for x, then- x being what comes next.

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## Do you think the dress code is biased against girls?

By Darlinna Kong

January 31, 2019

This research is about how people who judged girls dress codes by the way



they're dress up in their own skin. The dress code implies that boys can't stop themselves from looking at girls' bodies. Girls still tend to be judged on their bodies and have more rules imposed upon them - That shirt show too much cleavage! That skirt is way too short! She's too big to be wearing those leggings!

These days, there are too much talking about the dress codes, and it's getting muddled. When girls who push back on dress codes they are demanding to be heard, seen, and respect. This been happened since 2010, in Maine High School. It's a moment primed for inter-generational engagement and education. But if rules are being enforced inconsistently, especially based on race or gender, that's a serious problem.

"Does it matter if these people are on faculty?". Students spend a lot of time thinking about how they look-studies indicate that some girls between the ages of 12 and 16 can take as much as two hours to get ready for school. Protests against dress codes get to the very heart of what it means to be an adolescent girl. It's more than a generational claim to personal identity. Dress codes are a stand-in for all the ways girls feel objectified, sexualized, unheard, treated as second-class citizens by adults in authority - all the sexist, racist, classist, homophobic hostili-



ties they experience. (<https://www.rethinkingschools.org/articles/girls-against-dress-codes>)

In the conclusion Dress Code infractions should be considered minor, and discipline should not involve removing a child from their learning environment. School staff should also avoid shaming (in the form of "Dress Code Violation" shirts or measuring straps). Dress codes need to have a clear, fair-minded motivation, and they need to be enforced consistently without regard to race or gender. Like any other tool in a school system, a school's dressing policy needs to teach the correct lessons, not the incorrect ones. Dress codes are a perfect example of an educational policy that puts compliance before learning; pressures and demands before support; a top-down bureaucratic solution created by adults at the expense of the time and effort it takes to really listen to and learn from students.

## Video games: Helpful or Distracting?

By: Isabel Morales

Since the 1980's, video games have



kept up with their gameplay and their designs, but people around the world have their views on it. Some like it, some don't. But what do we really know?

As some gamers believe, games are good benefits to us and the mainstream problems of these games can be solved easily. "Blue light filters exist" says Gabriel Dasilva, student of the Dr. An Wang middle school. Blue light filter is a technique used to help out with the eyesight problem any form of technology used to bring. It blocks out some blue light to protect our eyes even more. The skills that

these games are supposed to teach are non stop too, for example hippocampal grey matter is what you might earn from a 3D platform video game. A study shows in Guinness World Record 2015: Gamer's Edition that hippocampal grey matter will increase after playing the very popular game, Super Mario 64 for a while. This was tested through brain scans before, and after the gameplay and the results showed that more hippocampal grey matter was earned.

Non-gamers can either agree or disagree with the idea, a recent poll showed that at least three out of eight disagree of this topic based on the disadvantages it can bring. But some can go either way like Christy Lopez, another student at the Dr. An wang middle school "hand coordination skills I believe?" Lopez said after saying that these video games do teach skills, but then she realized the downfalls like negative behavior and eyesight getting worse the more you play. Then, Lopez started to rethink about the idea of video games and said "not really anymore..." But even so, video games do have their disadvantages such as addiction, negative behavior, etc. According to a scientific study done in 2001 games can make a person's behavior

more negative because the people are being rewarded for violence. The most common example is the Grand Theft Auto series which is a game that has violence, drugs and swears, but most importantly, reward the player for being a top wanted criminal. Another reason why video games is Video Games Addiction Disorder (VGAD) a disorder that makes video game addiction, similar to drug addiction. A research has been done where brain scans taken and the same parts of the brain when playing a game, it would look the same as a drug user.

Nowadays, the topic video games have been touched on so much that it's everywhere and parents are doing something about it, like limiting gameplay time, or not allowing it during weekdays, and while parents are restricting their child on video games, some people start to lighten up on the idea, or just continue to hate video games in general. So if you are entirely on one side of the subject, maybe try looking at the other perspective of video games for a bit.

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6. This type of candy is brown and yummy.
7. The color of Valentine's Day.
8. He flies and shoots arrows.
11. We use this to tie around boxes.
12. We call someone special this name on Valentine's.

**Down**

1. Cupid uses this to shoot with a bow.
3. Will you be my \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Valentine's Day shape.
5. We hand this out to friends and family on Valentine's.
6. It tastes sweet and we love to receive it.
9. Another color for Valentine's Day.
10. These flowers are red and have petals and thorns.



## New Kicks

Shoes we all love them but how do know which ones we should buy. Some



of the sauciest shoes for casual in the land can be acquired from footlocker. Some of the hottest kicks include NBA edition Timberlands, more colorways of the Air Force ones and more.

You should buy the NBA edition Timberlands because not only are they stylish but you can also support your favorite team and best of all they are waterproof. There are many more colorways and they all make you stand out from having the original or most popular colorway of the Timberlands.

On top of all the benefits they bring, the shoes also have drawbacks, they don't match with most things, like this pair of Timberlands only match with colors like black, red and white, although they are good looking shoes they don't match with as much clothes as you would want and they limit you from being able to run if a bad situation popped up.

Unlike the Timberlands, the PG 3 are both stylish and if a horrible situation pops up you could run to safety of run to save someone. Although that situation would most likely not happen one thing to note is they are more affordable, the Timberlands are priced at \$200 and the PG 3's are priced at \$110 for mens making them more affordable more verstill but less stylish. The Nike Air Max 97 are an amazing shoe that provides both comfortability and a nice sleek design and they look beautiful in pictures, they make you stand out in pictures and if you like attention they bring attention to you. They aren't the most affordable shoe sitting at \$170 in mens sizes but they make up for it with their look, some of the drawbacks of this shoe is it's high price and for people who don't like attention, the attention it brings in photos.

The well known Nike Air Force 1 Low, arguably top 5 best Nike shoes ever made have come out with more color ways to add more to the legacy the shoe has created for itself. These two Air Force one lows are both part of the

Realtree set. This incredible shoe is priced relatively low for someone who buys high end name brand shoes, they are priced at \$100 which is an amazingly cheap price compared to the two

other shoes that were featured, they are comfortable, and you can run in them but these shoes look better clean it's advised that you try to keep these shoes clean by making sure you don't step into anything disgusting or use cleaning products for shoes. On top of them being priced at a good amount they also match with most outfits and provide a casual yet snazzy look bringing some attention to your feet but not too much.

This was Wang 117 News bringing you the hottest kicks of the week.

## Liverpool's Premier League Lead Slips After Draw at West Ham

Feb. 4 2019- in London, UK, one of the most best teams in champion's league faced each other. They ended up with a draw, 1-1, which made a lot of fans not quite happy. This is because everyone was waiting for this game and Liverpool and West Ham fans don't like seeing their team losing. Liverpool coach, Klopp, said, "We lost one game in the whole season," Liverpool was number 1 in this season, up by 3 points, and only had 1 loss. Both teams wanted the premier league trophy.

What IS the Premier League Trophy,



however?

This trophy is something every single coach in the premier league wishes to own. Every single team in the premier league wants this, and the teams that are close to it are Liverpool, West Ham, and Manchester City. When a coach wins this trophy, he will be one of the best coaches in the whole world. The last team that won this trophy was Manchester City in June of 2017, 18 people with a big prize of money. They also got new, good players for their team so they can make the team better.

In 2022, the world cup is going to start, and most that are qualified to in the whole world compete each other for this cup. The team that who has won this cup most is Brazil, who has won it 5 times. The last time the world cup was competed for was in 7/15/18, where France went up against Croatia. The score ended up 4-2, in France's favor. The year when the world cup starts, people will go crazy and players and coaches get hyped.

## Super Bowl

Recently in football, Super bowl 53 ocured with the New England Patriots who went to play against the Los Angeles Rams. In the game there was only one touchdown, which didn't really please the fans that were watching. Especially for the Rams fans since they went the whole game without scoring any touchdowns. Patriots fans on the other hand were joyful since they got a touchdown and due to the fact that another patriots parade was going to happen due to their huge win.



## Transgender vs. bathrooms: Is it really that big of a deal?

The 21st century is a new way of accepting people for who they are no matter their skin color, gender, religion, sexuality, etc... So what if all of the

progress that we have done so far might be ruined by transphobia and lead us back to where we started?

The first thing I want to put out there is that, transgenders should be able to use whatever bathroom they want. Point. Blank. To me it is obvious why transgender women and men deserve equal access to public facilities, definitely including bathrooms. With certain people always saying about how both women and men should have equal rights, and equality, but people tend to forget that transgenders should have equal rights too, even though to the fact that they are just like everyone else.

What is all the fuss even about? After all, it's just bathrooms. We can't take away the basic rights of all humans, now can we?

Most, if not all people that do not support the idea of transgenders using whatever bathroom they desire to use, always say that the reason they do not approve it, is because they think it is a "safety risk". Don't you think if it was a safety risk, we would have known by now? As said in this article Transequality, transgenders using their desired choice of bathroom they want is not a risk! You can check out more about that, in the Trans equality article.

After all, why would transgenders bother people in the bathroom? Aren't you just supposed to do your business and get out? After all it is JUST a bathroom. Plus it's not like they are going to see you do your business. And I am 99% sure you are not going to watch them either.

So what can you get from this? Is that transphobia is ruining the progress we made, and that no one needs to have a problem with transgenders using the bathrooms? What will this topic bring to the dinner table in future talk about such issues that need to be talked about? Well, we'll just have to find out in the future...





# Feminism: The dark path its fourth wave has taken us.

Since the dawn of first wave feminism, women and men have been fighting for their rights. But, what if now, the initial reason why they started this movement is not the same anymore?

Fem-i-nism

noun:



The advocacy of women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes.

The very exact definition of feminism, derived from statements such as "being feminine" or "being a woman".

## The beginning of the end

It's 21st century and so much has been offered to this world. So far, we have accomplished such as the legal right of



same sex marriage, the utmost equal right to vote, our education, the right to wear pants, and even the right to be a human, all thanks to feminism. The definition of feminism and I quote is "The advocacy of Women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes". Now, they reason why I included the definition of feminism is because it seems like many people are starting to forget about the true meaning of feminism and what it first stands for. But for you to understand what I'm getting now, we're going to have to take a journey through time when the movement first began. . .

Where it all started...

Let's track back to 1848, which was a monumental year distinctly for feminists, mostly because that was the very year it all began. At the time, the first Seneca Falls convention was on July 19- 20, 1948, marking it the first act on equal rights between men and women.

An article by human parts on the for waves of feminism wrote " . . . The goal of this wave was to open up opportunities for women, with a focus on suffrage. The wave formally began at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 when three hundred men and women rallied to the cause of equality for women. Elizabeth Cady Stanton (d.1902) drafted the Seneca Falls Declaration outlining the new movement's ideology and political strategies". This very convention brought feminism to life, in fact, it started it. Both women and men, wanted equal right the equal right to do whatever they pleased, starting off with voting.

Eventually (almost 29 years old), were given the right to vote. The movement made history and went down in infamy on June 4, 1919, when the law was passed by congress. Nearly a year later on August 18, 1920 was when it was ratified into the constitution. Little did they know that later on, this would inspire big feminist leaders such as Sojourner Truth, Helen Keller, Angela Davis, some of the most political feminist leaders of ALL time. My point being with this trip down memory lane to explain my reason is the fact that fourth wave feminism is basically going against what women and men have been fighting for all along: the equal right of men and women.

The start of a Bad renewed beginning

Now, let's head back to the 21st century. Ugh, there have been so many key points that the feminism unit has made, but, at the same time it feels as though we're back tracking. Many modern day feminists are rather too sensitive or way too diplomatic. This

makes it extremely hard for people to actually respect the movement nowadays. With the me too movement being established not too long ago, many people (men specifically) are being accused of sexual misconduct.

Now, I don't necessarily disagree with all of this, but they don't seem to understand how enough is enough. It's already 2019 and you can't say certain things without someone getting all "woke" and angry about it. For example, The song "Baby, It's cold outside" recently made headlines because it got banned from all radio stations all because of the- wait for it, the Me Too Movement (surprise!). The reason so is henced from the supposive accusation that the male singer was luring the lady into rape.

A young man by the name of Ben Shapiro made a key point in a youtube video where he talked about how feminism ruins marriages of said in an interview " The feminist unit was not wrong when they said that men were acting like pigs. They were wrong when they said women also ought to act like pigs, that this is a solution to our problem. . .", and I couldn't agree with him more. Feminist were right when they wanted to fight for their rights, but now they're blatantly contradicting that by completely missing the whole point of this movement in general.

What the movement has in store

Hopefully, this movement gets a bright awakening because if they don't, this movement might be permanently damaged once and for all...

## Super Bowl 2019 Parade Affecting Students From Education

February 6th 2019

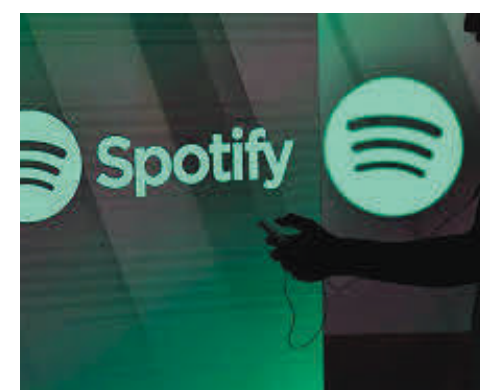
In today's day most kids are missing schools education just to be at the 2019 super bowl parade if they are missing school they're not really getting the education that they need so they do their homework so they can not have any questions the next day.

So at the wang middle school four students missed school just to go to the superbowl parade and the next day they didn't know what was happening in class so they wouldn't know what's

going on. And kids shouldn't be missing school just to go to a parade knowing that school is more important and it's crazy how many people around the world are getting a little bit too excited to watch the superbowl as if it's the first super bowl that the patriots have ever had.

For example in 2002 the patriots were against the st.louis rams 20-17 Super Bowl 2019 Data. Almost 3 in 4 adults (72%) in the US plan to watch Super Bowl 53 this Sunday, according to an NRF survey of more than 7,000 US adults.

Students such a damien pak has given reasons of why he missed school to go to the superbowl "I wanted to go see some friends and the pats and skip school". Even though this student named tallea lebing did not missed school i still thought it was a good idea to see what she thought " i feel it's okay to miss school for the super bowl as long as you come back the next day being determined to get your work done." i decided to ask one of our teachers Ms.Mahoney to see how she felt about kids missing school here's what she had to say, " This was a very special event i feel as though student have a low absence rate and good grades definitely should have the opportunity to go on to this special event. On the other hand, students who already have a lot of absences or low grades cannot afford to go, nor, in my opinion, do the deserve to go." So as you can see lots of kids are missing the education they need just to go to the parade it's incredible. And the amount of the kids who stay passed the time they need to sleep just to watch the superbowl.The Nielsen company says viewership was down from last year's audience of 111.3 million. The all-time record for Super Bowl viewing was 114.4 million for the Seattle-New England game in 2015. The NFL's viewership has been down this season, and so has television watching in general. According to this picture you can see that the super bowl isn't just affecting kids it's also affecting adults and in the picture you can also see how the percentage of people around the world using they technology to see "The big game" and the ages that are watching it.





## 13 reasons why compared to the real world

February 05, 2019

Could your child be depressed or suicidal well the netflix tv series 13 Reasons

graphic, but it can be good for parents because this could actually help them know what their kid is actually doing."

In its first season, the graphic depiction of Hannah Baker's suicide sparked a wave of backlash. The second season now that the show might not be appropriate for certain viewers at risk of being triggered by its. The darkest issue in season two is sexual assault. Plenty



Why has brought up very sensitive subjects to some such as suicide, depression & school shooting. This has gotten kids teens & parents watching this netflix tv series. The tv series had things too graphic.

Teens like Tellea Lebnig have given their thoughts. "It can be to graphic at times because depending the persons age, situation, and how vulnerable they are they could get the idea actually doing these exact things in the tv series." Now from Sophia Deassis she gave her thoughts such as. "I think it's

of teens have seen this through out the lowell school community. From the tv show to real life it really happens.

Producers for the show say they hope the series can help those who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide. However, the series, which many teenagers are binge watching without adult guidance and support, is raising concerns from suicide prevention experts about the potential risks posed by the sensationalized treatment of youth suicide. The series graphically depicts a suicide death and addresses

in wrenching detail a number of difficult topics, such as bullying, rape, drunk driving, and body shaming, school shooter, & sexual assault. This has been happening throughout some school communities. Bullying has been the probable cause for suicide making a kid think of being a school shooter.

In schools if kids or teens would stop bullying it could possibly stop suicide or stopping kid or a teen into turning into a school shooter or even stop sexual harassment it could change their decisions.

## Expensive Watches

Why are designers watches costing 1,000s of dollars?

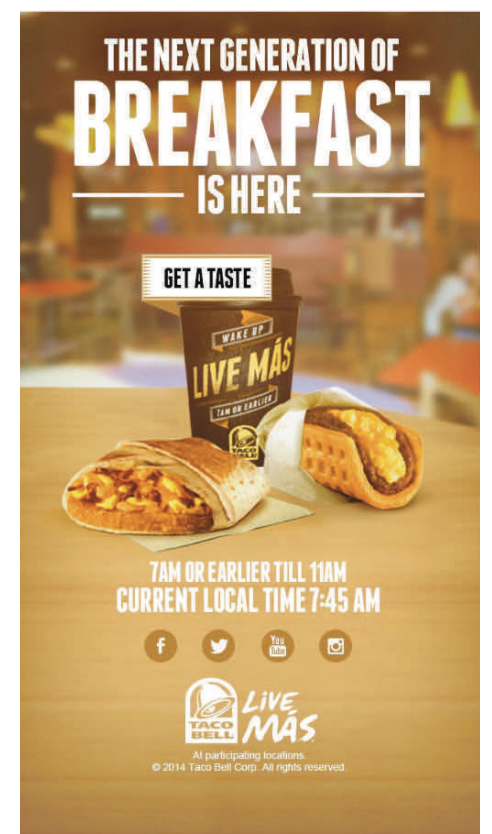
Recently on February 6 2019, a designer brand called "BAPE" announced a collaboration with a watch brand named "Seiko". This brand is known for selling watches but they are not known for collaborations, especially with designer brands.

"BAPE" is known for clothing that is very expensive. There most popular and expensive clothing piece are there hoodies. The BAPE hoodies can sell from \$500 and up. The Seiko watches can sell from \$100 and all the way to almost \$1,000. With this collaboration especially the fact that it is a watch is being exclusive to people that live in Korea and being sold it will most likely bring more attention to both designer brands because this watch is going to

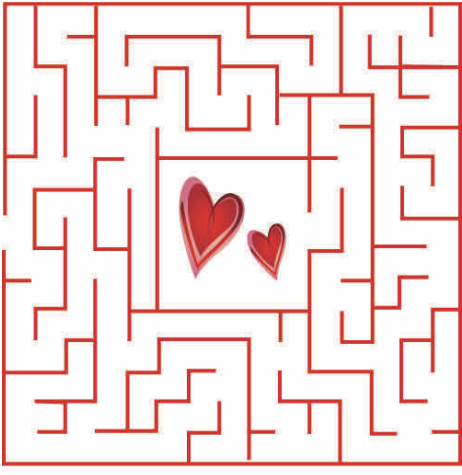
be expensive due to the fact that it's a mix between two brands that both are selling products that are topping over \$500 for one product in each brand.

Seiko is not the only brand selling very expensive watches, a brand called Rolex are known more then Seiko because they are known for selling watches costing over \$10,000 and some of the watches even cost almost 1 million dollars.

The image above is a picture of a Rolex covered with diamonds and costs about 50,000 dollars. It's pretty "flashy". The Seiko and BAPE collaboration watch is rumored to come out on the 9th of February 2019. This watch is going to be very expensive. Will you be buying the watch? This is Wang 117 News bringing some flashy Watches of



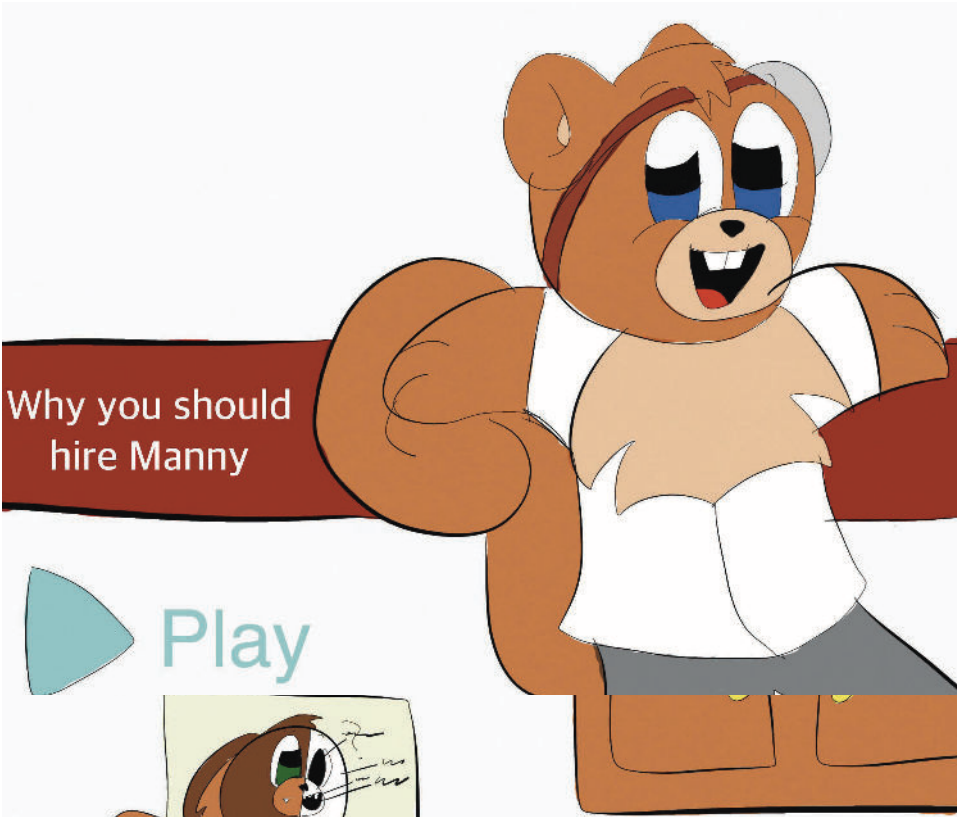




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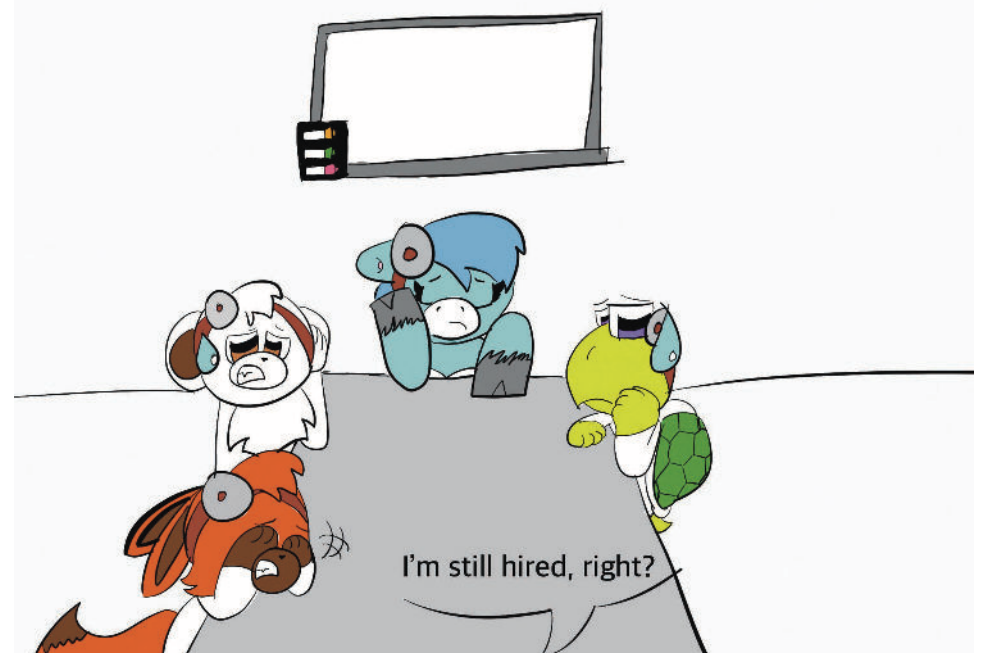
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