

## Media Influence on Teenagers

Media influence is very strong on teenagers nowadays, good ways and bad ways. They do see in magazines and on TV shows that teenagers are doing their homework, always doing well in school, and having fun with their friends without doing anything bad. They will likely do the same. Maybe they will read an article of a person who graduated from a college/university, and he/she is making some good money. The teenager who is reading the article will probably want to do the same. Teenagers who watch appropriate TV shows/Internet videos, and read appropriate magazines/newspapers are more likely to do better in school, and have a better attitude with people.

On the other hand, media can sometimes do more harm than good due to TV shows that show inappropriate things. Teenagers who watch violent shows can be more aggressive with their classmates or family members. TV commercials show advertisements that influence them to buy whatever they are shown. Most advertisements are about fast food which causes obesity, another big problem for teenagers.

I have experience with media influence. It plays a big part in my life. When I watch TV, and there's a commercial advertising a hamburger from McDonalds, I feel hungry, and I want to have one, which will make me go to McDonalds to buy it. In magazines, I see the best new shoes, and I want to buy them. In video games, if I'm the "cool" guy beating up people, I want to be like that in real life. So, I am going to go pick on people smaller than me to make me seem superior and the "cool" guy. I've done this in real life, and I wasn't proud of it, but it was all due to media influence.

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