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Influence of Music

Teenagers currently listen to two and a half hours of music each day. One third of the most popular songs out currently contain explicit references to either drug abuse or alcohol abuse. This should be a surprising to number to just about anyone, or is it? This means that kids are receiving roughly around 35 references a day. How can we allow our children to be exposed to this each and everyday? These will be the future leaders of our country, the parents of our Grandchildren. This is unacceptable.

Parents need to step up to the plate and start regulating exactly what their children are allowed to listen. I know there is the argument that on CD's they could possibly say explicit material but let's be real, anyone can access whatever song they are seeking for. I would like to propose that the state government also will take the initiative on regulating on the lyrics on songs.

In 2005, about 14 percent of songs spoke of marijuana use, 24 percent depicted alcohol use, and another 12 percent included reference to other substances. About 4 percent of the songs contained anti drug and alcohol messages. This is just flat out embarrassing. I mean how our country even get to this point scares me. I would think that our founding fathers are just turning inside of their graves. These supporting facts just go to show how much of a change needs to be done. I'm writing to you the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) because I know that you can do something to change how far off our country has gone.

So in conclusion I would like to share just a couple more statistics. The average adolescent is exposed to approximately 84 references to explicit substance use per day and 591 references per week, or 30,732 references per year. The average adolescent listening only to pop would be exposed to 5 references per day, whereas the average adolescent who listens just to rap would be exposed to 251 references per day. As you can see change needs to occur especially in the genre of rap. If we don't take action you can guarantee yourself that those statistics will increase.