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In his book Life the Movie: How Entertainment Conquered Reality, Neal Gabler states certain peoples' view that entertainment could possibly ruin society. In many ways, this statement has truth to it. Entertainment can possibly corrupt one's mind and thoughts, having some negative effects on society. But, what would society be without entertainment? The assertion made is far too strong, for if there were no entertainment at all, society would be much different.

Entertainment is a common ground upon which many people within society take interest. Most everyone finds themselves in a deep conversation about "that great movie" or the blunders of a certain movie's plot. At times, one finds himself in an enormous argument with someone else over their opinions on a certain film or novel. This is not because the movie "overturn[ed] all morality," it is simply the effect of people holding on to their opinions and expressing their beliefs. In many ways, conversation about something as complicated as a great movie or the reasons a certain movie is so bad, is enlightening. It expands one's mind, allows for the acceptance of different points of view, and evokes emotions that may rarely be seen otherwise. Does this "ruin" society? On the contrary, entertainment can help society develop. And though there may be that one movie that causes a great amount of argument and controversy one day, society can always learn from it. All those opinions should be taken in and reflected in, hopefully, changes for the better of our society.

Entertainment, movies, plays, they are all forms of art. Not everybody can appreciate the abstract, morphed paintings of Picasso. Just as everybody may not appreciate the plays written by Shakespeare or the modern-day stories of complex movies. But, each have their own followers. Who can appreciate every line in the movie or every color in a painting. As long as there are those who enjoy these art-forms in a positive way, entertainment will not "ruin" society. At times, it may seem as though all these opinions and views are clashing, but it will all work out to make our society grow and develop.

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