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Where would the world be without the silver screen? Or the Outlets and Half-price books on the corner? Six-Flags, CD stores and theatres hold, for most countries, the bulk of entertainment as we know it. However, with the making of entertainment comes the great responsibility to not bring upon the decay of our society. As of recent, entertainment (not all of it mind you) has begun to seriously affect the well-being of humanity.

You've read the news. The obituaries that are penned with sympathy to the aching hearts of parents who just lost their son to an accidental shooting, because he wanted to re-enact the latest video game in actuality. Or the young man who spins out in his new Porsche on the Highway because he saw some dangerous stunt driving in the new ~~XXXX~~ Box-Office smash of the summer, and he thought himself more talented, or as gifted, as the stuntman in those scenes. Why do we do this? I believe most of our answers to this question are trite and vague. Some may argue that these people are extreme and aren't mature enough to handle adult or serious content. How then can we explain the thoughts that run through our head after watching the latest Bond flick? "I wish I had that kind of charisma...", "I could do that..." The only difference between the victims of entertainment and the patrons thereof, is the desire to carry out our fantastic thoughts.

The entertainment industry is at fault as well, however. I have heard people state that "If they were stupid enough to try that and die from it, then they deserved it". But what do we criticize in movies and music the most? The fact that they are so emotionally provocative and realistic! How could you not go to the movies and feel like you weren't a part of the action? How could you listen to a lyrically dense album and not consider that the singer was ~~was~~ aiming straight for your heart? Maybe they are. The degradation of society has become evidenced

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by our lack of interest in what we find unengaging or boring. We have to have the explosions, the flashing of lights, the chairs, the sex; the absolute verge of tolerance must be reached. How else can the entertainment industry keep the patrons engaged in buying their goods. So long as they are making art-films? The majority won't be reached.

Mainstream music and films ~~show~~ reflect society's position. The popular music's creativity in both music and lyricism have died completely, leaving their audiences to mindlessly bang their heads to trite and almost stupid music. The movies are becoming more violent and general because each film has to out do the last. "What? We only used 100 gallons of blood in this film? In order to out do Mr. Scorsese we have to double that quantity!" And so on, and so on. Soon enough the censorship bureau will be out of the job while a bunch of mentally-washed youth are left free to repeat the footsteps of the entertainers before them. The problem with entertainment is not that it is entertaining, but that we have a dependency on it.

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Where would society be without entertainment? Nowhere, it is where people get their pleasures from, their enjoyment and their release.

Everybody in the world deserves to be entertained. Some people believe that they can do their ^{own} entertaining. Not everyone can entertain themselves. People need to watch actors in movies or plays, listen to musicians play music, and see artists paint or draw. Society would be dead without entertainment. Entertainment is what makes people cry when they need to cry, laugh when they need to laugh, and be scared when they need to be scared. For many people entertainment is their only release from this hard world. Entertainment has been around since The Cavemen. Although, entertainment has changed quite drastically since then, they still needed it to survive. ~~Many authors believe their books are not being read as much now that there are so many books to choose from. This is very true, however, a lot of people find it easier to see it performed rather than imagine it in their head.~~ Entertainment is not what is causing society to go down the drains, it is actually saving it in many ways.

Therefore, many people believe entertainment is ruining society. If entertainment is ruining society, it would have been dead a long time ago. There are far more things that are ruining society than entertainment. Entertainment is not harmful to people.

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