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The statement that entertainment has the ability to "ruin" society is incorrect. The purpose of entertainment is just the opposite of what critics of it claim. Entertainment is a break from life and the responsibilities that come with it. It is true, some forms of entertainment may be destructive or detrimental to society, but to say entertainment as a whole will bring ~~down~~ a country to ruin is irrational and ^{is an} overreaction.

To try and understand what effects entertainment brings to society, one must look at what exactly entertainment is. Entertainment can be classified as anything that amuses, stimulates, or merely distracts one from normal activity. Any action, such as reading, eating, writing, or merely talking may be considered entertainment. Some may prefer physical activity, such as running, playing baseball, or weightlifting. Playing chess is a form of entertainment, as many enjoy ~~the~~ exercising ~~to~~ their strategic thinking skills. For men like Issac Newton or Albert Einstein, they may have considered their scientific experiments and research a form of entertainment. ~~ent~~ Entertainment can be almost anything one desires or enjoys, with practically no limits.

Critics of entertainment may believe it will bring society down, but they do not look at the big picture. They also, doubtless, have forms of entertainment, be it admiring themselves or criticizing what others do in their free time. ~~By~~ Stating entertainment will ruin society is quite a hypocritical statement, as entertainment is what has helped greatly in building society in the first place. If people like the Wright brothers had no enjoyment in attempting to fly, would today's airliners be around? If

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Newton had no enjoyment out of his scientific studies, would the world have the benefit of his discoveries? If nobody had the hope of great entertainment, would some of today's great structures be built? If the ancestors of today's world had no forms of entertainment, it is unlikely they would have the dreams that helped create.

Believing that entertainment will bring only ruin to society is a joke. Entertainment has helped bring the world to where it is, and will only continue to do so in the future. If one is going to criticize such a large aspect of society, there should be a much more in depth study of how it affects everyone, bad and good.

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