Subject: Blaming Music for Behavior
Posted by audioaudio90 on Wed, 12 Sep 2012 14:19:51 GMT
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I thought we'd gotten past the knee-jerk response of blaming music for behavior, but I heard someone say the other day that listening to rap makes kids criminals.

Do you think there is any truth to blaming music or other media for bad behavior? To me, it seems a way of avoiding responsibility for a person's decisions.

Subject: Re: Blaming Music for Behavior
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 12 Sep 2012 14:51:00 GMT
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I think it's a chicken and egg thing. Think about the difference between someone that has a pretty calm life, free from drama and who prefers to listen to soft music and watching television and movies that aren't real violent. Then think of another person that has a lot of strife in their life, and prefers to listen to death metal or hardcore rap, plays violent video games and watches a lot of bloody television and movies. That kind of lifestyle runs away with itself, like an adrenaline addiction.

Subject: Re: Blaming Music for Behavior
Posted by Chicken on Fri, 14 Sep 2012 17:32:13 GMT
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I think Wayne's viewpoint is at least more nuanced than the "It's rap's fault" argument. I think music can possibly influence, but there are other factors at play and ultimately it's still up to the person and the choices they make.

Subject: Re: Blaming Music for Behavior
Posted by Damon73 on Fri, 28 Sep 2012 03:43:37 GMT
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I wouldn't be surprised if there was a small correlation between violent music and bad behavior. However, I think the vast majority of people who enjoy violent entertainment live perfectly normal lives. My friends and I like listening to rappers like Eminem once in a while, and we play gory video games. I don't know anyone who has ever done anything violent though.