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   Today's teens can be heavily influenced by the modern day pop-culture. Pop-culture sets the social standard for how teens view and interact with the world. People who have the some of strongest influence on teens are undoubtedly musicians, particularly rappers. You could go up to almost any high school student and ask them who Kodak Black is, or have they heard 21 Savage's newest song and the majority would answer, yes. Now this alone is not an issue however the issue is the message that these artists are spreading to the younger generation which poses a threat to their minds and futures.
   The message in these rappers songs often include anti- law enforcement values, glorifies drug use, gang activity, discrimination of both sex and race, and acts of violence. Some people might question how this would appeal to the younger generation in the first place. It seems the answer is fame and money. Youth today see these artists discovering fame for their unconventional values and principles and perhaps by emulating these behaviors and set of values they too might be able to achieve such fame or money.
   This is the core reason why these teens have developed these views. A recent study taken by the CBS news collected a group of 10,123 teens and asked them if they had consumed alcohol , which a resounding 78% admitted they had. They asked them the same question but for drugs with 42.5%admitting to consuming some form of illegal substance. Another survey was conducted in Denver on teens affiliated with gangs with the survey finding that 14% of teens admitted to being in a gang .All of this research is further backed by police who make an astounding number of arrest at schools ranging from drugs to assault, further influencing the view of police officers among the teens .All of this points back to one main source... pop culture
   The numbers and percentages found in these surveys is truly shocking and unacceptable.

   I feel that we must come together and help educate our youth and change the script to filter out negative images or perceptions of law enforcement and change the relationship and perception to a more positive relationship. We can start being increasing the interaction between local police officers and teens in a friendly way by having more engagement when officers are off-duty and therefore maybe less intimidating. We can also stop promoting these types of music by promoting other positive music to influence staying away from crime and focus on oneself personal interest, and slowly but surely make a difference for the better for the new generation.