

Is the Teen Rebel a Dying Breed?

based on an article by Mark Easton

- 1 My son has just turned 13 and I made him a card to mark the moment he became a teenager. I put a picture of him as a choir-boy next to a Photoshopped shot of him as a saggy-trousered gangsta rapper – the innocent child mutating into a growling ball of rebellious fury. But a series of recent official statistics are making me question whether the old joke is still true.
- 2 Adolescents are increasingly turning their noses up at drugs, booze and fags, with consumption by young people the lowest at almost any time since we started measuring these things. Teenage rebels are not what they were. No-one is suggesting that young people don't misbehave at all, but they no longer seem to define themselves by wild disobedience.
- 3 Could it be that teenage rebellion needs to look different to what your mum and dad did? Smoking, boozing, dropping pills and hooliganism – that's so Generation X. These days, perhaps, adolescent identity is defined more by the use of social media rather than the use of illicit drugs. In my day, the classic bored teenager hung around the bus-stop with a few mates and someone produced a packet of cigarettes and a bottle of cider. Nowadays they are upstairs on the laptop or mobile, gossiping and playing and flirting. It is a digital world where grown-ups are not allowed, a playground for the virtual teen rebel.
- 4 I wonder whether the card I sent my son for his 13th birthday is an example of a prejudice that has had its day.



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Tekst 5

- 1p 5 What point is made about today's teenagers in paragraphs 1 and 2?
- A They behave better in some respects than previous generations.
 - B They fail to realise their parents were once young too.
 - C They often refuse to accept any advice given by adults.
 - D They should be forbidden to use alcohol, tobacco and drugs.
- 1p 6 How does paragraph 3 connect to paragraphs 1 and 2?
- A It contradicts the point made in paragraphs 1 and 2.
 - B It gives an example of the point made in paragraphs 1 and 2.
 - C It explains the point made in paragraphs 1 and 2.
 - D It summarises the point made in paragraphs 1 and 2.
- 1p 7 'a prejudice that has had its day.' (paragraph 4)
Which of the following quotations refers to the prejudice mentioned here?
- A 'the innocent child mutating into a growling ball of rebellious fury.'
(paragraph 1)
 - B 'Adolescents are increasingly turning their noses up at drugs, booze and fags' (paragraph 2)
 - C 'adolescent identity is defined more by the use of social media rather than the use of illicit drugs.' (paragraph 3)
 - D 'It is a digital world where grown-ups are not allowed' (paragraph 3)

Bronvermelding

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