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The Entitlement Endemic

ABSTRACT:

Many of today's youth have an overwhelming, or sometimes even a misguided, sense of entitlement. A survey with the goal of gathering information related to entitlement demonstrated that entitlement is indeed a problem. An elevated sense of entitlement among youth can result in a desire for constant praise, poor job performance, future financial troubles, and the belief that they are owed, or are deserving of, something that they do not actually deserve. The results also show that particular actions and lifestyles can cause youth to become overly entitled. For example, 88.5% of respondents claimed that their parents pay for their cellphone plans. Therefore, these respondents are reliant on their parents' wealth for their cellular capability. Furthermore, the data raises the question: At what age should children be responsible for their own cellphone plans? This action, although taken by the parents, dramatically impacts the youths' sense of entitlement. Solutions to this endemic include "say it again" therapy, the observation of other cultures and implementation of their practices, and in some cases, changing current parenting techniques. Many of today's youth have an enormous sense of entitlement: it is important to recognize the severity of this issue and to fight for change.