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Music and the movies industry have played a significant role in the lives of most 14 to 28 year-olds at present. Just as rock influenced the generation of the 70s and the 80s teens, the 90s kids have been exposed to the derogatory rap music, which has not only shaped their lifestyle but has also influenced their behavior and outlook of life as well. Unlike rock music, which talked about love and aided in political conscious-raising, rap music revolves around subjects that promote drug use, violence and even glamourizes the “gangsta-life” as something to aspire to (Lucas, Hough, & Fisher, 2011).

In the past decade or so, numerous studies have shown a direct correlation between listening to rap music and adherence to a deviant lifestyle. A recent French study investigated the link between 4 genres of rap music and how it influenced deviant behavior during adolescence. The results obtained indicated that rap music, as a whole, had strong ties to deviant behavior, with preference to basic rap cited as the strongest link to deviant behavior. However, listening to hip-hop/soul music shows affiliations to less deviant behavior in comparison (Miranda & Claes, 2004).

The movie industry and its glamorization of crime, crime drama, and deviant behavior have also impacted the way adolescent movie-goers perceive it (Hayward, 2010). The visualization of a high-class lifestyle, one that operates on the principle of *needs for nothing and wants for none*, without having to work for it or earn it, one can understand how such behavior may seem attractive to teenagers dreaming of making it big in the world. In their minds, the idea of making it big through criminal behavior is an easier path to take when compared to making a living the legal way.

In conclusion, deviant behavior has always existed in society. However, between rap music and crime glamorization in the movie industry, things have certainly taken a turn for the worse.

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