

Your Parents Aren't Always Right

Growing up, one of the first people that you'll see in your life would be your parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles. Whoever it was that brought you up, they most likely had embossed you according to *their* standards of things what they thought was just. By learning from your parents perspective you most likely looked up to them and sought guidance from them. You thought that they could never have the wrong opinion and you must agree with them. That's how I saw my parents when I was a child. But it took me a while to realize something. And I'm glad I did finally come to that conclusion or I would have been imperceptive to it for far more longer than I needed to be. My parents, just like yours and everyone's beside you right now, are normal human beings. They can't explain the amount of mistakes they've made, or the decisions that they regret to you, because they're flawed people. You can't possibly anticipate them to tell you those answers and have them spill every abstruse omission that they've made. So why should you expect them to decide everything for you? You're parents aren't always right. As you get older, what they see as wrong will differ from your perspective. So why should they control interests that you want to pursue? It would be incredibly unfair for me to bias you over your parents and it is so that there are many things they have done right, and many things that they have done wrong.

Parents, who have had enough experience to raise a child, will sometimes go down the wrong path when wanting their kid to have the best future. This ultimately ending in the kid losing their interests, passions, and hobbies. For example; some parents dissuade their children from changing their appearance. Such as

putting makeup on if you're a "boy" or cutting your hair to the shortest length if you're a "girl", sport the brightest shade of green lipstick, or wearing a new, different and popular style of clothing. Your parents could be right and you may regret doing these things but these changes are *temporary* and can be changed in the future. Your hair can grow back, you can easily take off makeup, and clothing isn't attached to your body. I think you should be allowed to try out different looks and experiment with yourself. They're a necessary part of life to determine who you are and who you want to be. Whatever it is that you want to change about yourself, if it's anything related to who you desire to become or who you think you are currently, than many others and I think you should be aloud to try out new things if that's something that you're interested in.

As people that most likely grew up in in the seventies, your parents weren't exposed to the different sexuality types that we now have today. This means that in their time of growing up, if they saw a girl kissing a girl or a guy kissing a guy they would most likely be appalled. It makes sense in that millenium, only twenty percent of people in America accepted gay and or lesbian sexuality. This left the other eighty percent, which included your parents and grandparents to not fully understand that this was okay. This explains why your parents don't want you to go through sexuality change as of right now. They may not fully understand what it's really about. Sexuality change, isn't permanent and if you identify as something now it doesn't necessarily mean that it won't evolve over time. Your feeling towards the different sexes doesn't change who you formerly were. As mentioned previously, knowing who you are is a long process that you'll go through.

Looking at the concept of money, education, and careers can be a bit precarious. When you are this age, going up to your final

years of highschool, it'll be constantly shoved in your face that education is important; so study hard! Nonetheless, elementary school report cards aren't the quintessential way of life, you need to get a proper foundation on how to get those soaring grades in high school. You need to know how to be motivated enough to get what you want, learn to be kind to those around you, and understand how you can improve. Even if you do these things, your parents not might want you to choose the career path that you want. For example, you adore artistry. You admire animation, sculpting, designing, painting, and drawing, but your parents won't let you take that as an A leveled course because they want you to focus on your mathematics and language. They say this because they want you to get a "realistic job." But guess what? You don't know how many "realistic" jobs there are for artists. And I don't believe that your parents know either. You could be a prosthetics artists and create costumes to turn actors into monsters. You could possibly be an Art Director, who governs the budget for a production's art design; and creates and sends keyframes and character models to other designers to display how a certain thing in the project will look. You could be a CG animator, where you are able to take those models and use them to make the motion in the production. You could even be a storyboard artist where you will be sent a script for the project and can be the first to envisage how everything is going to look. Don't let anyone ever tell you, parents, friends, *anyone*, that starting a career in the creative industry is "impractical" and you wouldn't be able to make money out of it. Just be sure to show your parents by doing research, that you won't be living in under a bridge by the park of the rest of your life. They may then start realising that maybe they should let you go after your dream.

However, it is hard to know, especially at this age when you're living under your parents roof, when you are wrong. Your parents

will discourage you from getting things such as tattoos, getting into alcohol, drugs, and smoking because of its consequences. And I'm sure you know what they are. If you asked any adult that is around twenty, that listened to their parents on that subject, they will probably say that they are appreciative of their parents warning them of the long term effects of these things. I can't imagine myself how hard life would be if I started to ignore my parents and teachers about these affects and I bet you can't either. I'm not in a place to discourage you but if you don't feel fully inclined or motivated to do endeavor into these things I talked about , try to take one step back and recognise that you and me are both still young. We haven't experienced that much from our lives yet and we're still learning from the experience that we've gained thus far.

If there are parents here right now. I believe it is the right time to explain this. *You are not* living your children's life. If your child feels the need to give chase to an interest. Then you should let them. If you have an argument with them about these types of things *please* do not consider astringent consequences for your children, such as abusing them, neglecting them, or kicking them out of the house. This leads to bad repercussions for the child that they do not deserve. If you strongly postulate your opinions, try to negotiate with your child. They aren't that arrogant; and if it means they get to do something that they love, they will listen to you.

To those who feel hardship from these things, you are amazing, you are brave, and you are confident. You aren't afraid to openly love the things that make you happy. And I am so sorry if you receive unjust opinions from your parents. But they love you and are trying their absolute hardest, even if to you, that hardest makes you feel despaired. It's fine. If you have a passion for

something, pursue it. And *do not* take what anyone says as final authority. If you really want to attempt to do a specific thing, then you should play against those who think you won't succeed. Your parents aren't always right. But maybe, neither are you.