

## The server saga

Working in a restaurant has its ups and downs. Sometimes servers will come across really amazing customers, and other times there will be some not so great customers.

Tipping is one of those things that is necessary. Servers do not make a living hourly wage, and get all of their money off of the tips that are left for them. When someone stiff a server, they get no money off that table.

One of the things customers need to understand is if someone had an issue with their meal not being satisfactory, it is not the server's fault. While they were the one taking care of you, they have no way to make a customer's food cook faster, or to make sure it is up to their taste buds' standards.



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20% is a good tip, and all someone would have to do is pull out their phone calculator to figure out how much that is off of their bill.

Teenagers often come in for dessert late at night, and it is especially fun when they come in ten minutes before close. Just kidding, it's actually pretty annoying. Aside from what time they come in, usually the teenagers are very rude to their servers and think that just because they are getting dessert means they don't have to tip very well, or at all.

Back to the main point: tip your servers. Servers work super hard at their job to deliver food to customers who can often be rude. I love serving so much, but it does make it more enjoyable when you are making a good amount.

# Spooky season of fundraising

Bruce shows the horrors of fundraising and the cons to doing it

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When one finally gets comfortable, they're sitting down on the couch, snuggled up in their favorite blanket, popcorn in hand, ready to start a movie. Then it happens. They hear the most terrifying noise this time of year. It's the doorbell. A million different scenarios run through their head. Is it UPS finally dropping off their package? Is it the neighbor looking for a cup of sugar? Or is it something much worse? Stealthily, they peek around the corner hoping that it was just a harmless ding dong ditch, but it's much worse. It's a tiny Boy Scout pulling a wagon full of tins of popcorn. They try to whip their head back around, but it's too late. The little boy has seen them, giving his award winning smile to sucker them in to buy his product. They cave, adding yet another overpriced item to the pile of things they'll never use or eat. This is the horror of fundraising.

As the school year gets into full swing, every club or activity starts the grueling task of raising money with thousands of products to push like cookie dough, fun-shaped pasta noodles, and coupon books. Each one has their own hype man saying how these products practically "sell themselves." Almost everyone has high hopes; they're sure they can win that limo ride. After three days of going door to door and raising a total of twelve dollars, these team members realize the hype man was a dirty liar.

While many people love to help their community, the pricing of these fundraisers can be ridiculous. Fifteen dollars for ten cookies or thirty dollars for some flowers doesn't encourage anyone to donate to the cause. Even with these high prices,

clubs are still only receiving around ten percent of the profit.

Along with being expensive, the idea of going door-to-door to sell items is not ideal. For little kids, it could potentially be a fatal practice. Many schools or organizations are encouraging only selling to family members and close friends. This is a much safer approach, but one person can only know so many people. With the goal of each member selling about a million dollars, one person would have to know the whole state of Iowa or have a parent that works at Rockwell. Those people have it made.

Fundraising can sometimes be the only way activities stay afloat, so they need people to want to participate. This dislike for traditional, door-to-door fundraising has forced some revolutionizing. More groups have been holding clinics, such as a volleyball or cheerleading clinic where little kids learn the fundamentals of the activity. Most of the time the fee covers the clinic and a t-shirt. That way, little kids get to have fun, and parents feel they're getting more for their money than just an obscure kitchen utensil. Others have been using the un-fundraiser method, otherwise known as straight up asking for the money. Donors are so sick of the useless products they buy that many would rather just give cold hard cash.

Fundraising is a hassle for both the fundraisers and those wanting to donate. While nobody likes to do it, it's crucial to keep these clubs and sports afloat. It's okay to bite the bullet and buy the giant tin of popcorn. You'd be helping fund something that makes a lot of people happy and also getting some popcorn out of the deal.

## Teens' technology takeover

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At what point is it safe to say someone's addicted to their phone? This is an enticing question that is sweeping the nation.

Cell phones are taking over teens' lives and cause many distractions during virtually any activity. There's no denying it. Almost everyone is guilty of it. According to Kelly Wallace, author for CNN, 80% of teens check their phone hourly and 72% feel obligated to check their phone when they receive a notification.

When would someone know if they have an addiction to their phone? If one would rather be alone and on their phone than hanging out with friends and not engaging in activities, there's a problem. This may seem extreme to our society because we've become so accustomed to our phone usage, but in other countries it's normal.

The need for savvy technology users to have their

phone in their hand to text, scroll through social media, or pretend to be doing something important on their phone to avoid certain conversations is becoming extremely popular.

Many adults and parents point fingers at younger generations and say that we are obsessed with mobile devices, but the fact is, adults have a problem with phone usage too. According to Kelly Wallace of CNN, 69% of adults check their phone hourly.

Overall, as a society our cell phone obsession is immense. According to Kelly Wallace of CNN, 73% of Americans feel anxious without their phone around them. We've become so dependent on these devices, and it's a hard habit to break.

With such broad capabilities, it's no wonder why millions of people are hooked. But with one simple action a day, one could become less dependent on their phones. At the end of the day, power down the devices and appreciate the world around. There is no need to constantly be invested in phones.

## Beliefs: everyone's got 'em, everyone's entitled

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People have their own beliefs; it's a fact of life. There have been things to believe in forever, and there will continue to be. Whether it's believing in aliens, Santa Claus, God, or the Illuminati, everyone has their own right to support whatever cause they choose to stand behind. What people don't have a right to do, however, is tell other people what to believe in.

One of the current events that has warranted a lot of bickering between people is the presidential election. Some people are for Trump, some are for Clinton, some are for others, and some don't have a single clue what's going on in politics. All of these are acceptable, and everyone is entitled to their own opinion about the candidates.

It's when one starts going on public rants, shaming others for their beliefs, and giving those who didn't ask for it their opinion that lines start to be crossed. No one enjoys

someone else's beliefs being shoved into their face.

Social media is a place where discussing presidential views is easy, and sometimes it's helpful. Learning new points from credited sources and using it to find new points to help one take a stance are good uses of social media. Some people, however, use social media to belittle those with different beliefs. Those aren't good ways to get an opinion across, and looking down on someone for having a different view on the candidates is never okay.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, whether someone else agrees with them or not. Having reasonable discussions about who one wants to vote for or what points they agree and disagree with is fine. People almost always love to argue, but when the debates get a little too heated and someone begins to put others down, take a step back and remember that everyone gets their own say. There is no reason to put others down for thinking a different way than another.

### What would you do without your phone?



"I would just cry."  
-Austin Fritz, '20



"I'd get mad at the start and then I would get over it quickly."  
-Calvin Stigge, '19



"I would die."  
-Calista Ditmer, '18



"I would lose my mind."  
-Kayla Clark, '20

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