

SHELTERING or SMOTHERING?

How teens feel about parental monitoring

1955

A mom is searching through her daughter's room while she's at school.

1992

A dad is digging through his son's first car while he sleeps.

2019

A mom is looking through her daughter's iCloud photos while her dad is reading her text messages aloud at the dinner table.

by junior Jetta Colsch

Since the dawn of time, parents have been going through teenagers' stuff. The only thing that changes is what they investigate. It's as if they think they're auditioning for the next episode of CSI: Miami. They ravage and rampage, looking for God knows what. For the past hundreds, maybe thousands, of years, history has repeated itself.

Something needs to change.

Parents: Every time you go through our room, we feel like you have no trust or respect for who we are. It hurts when you don't trust us to make good decisions without feeling like you have to conduct a stakeout of our every move.

And as good as your intentions might be, you're creating a dangerous paradox. For the most part, the parents who go through their kids' stuff are the same parents who are never going to find anything, which just makes it hurt more. And the more you don't trust us, the more we don't trust you.

There are lines to be drawn and laws to be followed. Your kids will only show you the amount of respect that you show

them. For example, 97% of the teenage population uses social media, and that 97% probably all has one or more parent

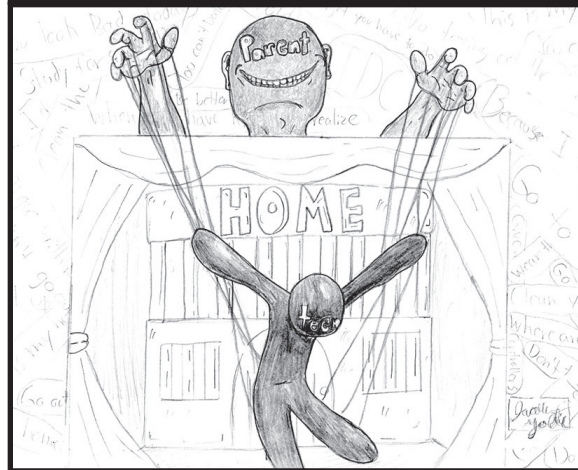
following them on one or more account, which is fine. THAT is normal. But looking through your teen's direct messages? NOT normal.

Granted, within reason, a parent does have the right to question their teens, but you have to be able to tell when is the right time and what is the right way.

Even though we are always going to be your kids, we are first and foremost people. Parentage doesn't mean you have a right to completely invade your kid's privacy. Besides, trust me: Most kids are way more open to having a conversation with their parents than coming home to a surprise police raid. Overstepping boundaries won't help your case, it will only make it worse.

So the next time you go to carry out a search warrant, maybe a better idea would be to step back and take a look at who your child is and how much you really trust them. And instead of searching for evidence and putting your teen on trial, just have a conversation.

The Puppet Master | by sophomore Jake Yoder



Trump Impeachment Reaction

Of the 95 of students and staff polled, 63% said President Trump should not be impeached.

“President Trump has done a lot for the United States. For example, Trump has built a new relationship with a country that has been isolated for years, North Korea. Also, Trump has been very successful economically. There are more jobs and the economy has become significantly stronger since he was elected back in 2016.”

-senior Morgan Galbraith



“I think he should be impeached because we have seen him abusing his power as the president many times and we continue to see it. Just because he is President does not mean that he is above the law. But we see him believing just that time and again. He is setting a precedent for our nation that's saying it's okay to abuse the law and think that it doesn't apply to you. This is not the way that the leader of our country should be acting and not the kind of example that should be set for younger generations.”

-senior Brooke Busch

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