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The TV show "Toddlers and Tiaras" became more and more popular among the United States. More and more people are pay attention to the child beauty pageants, which they brought up a question Are beauty pageants good or bad to our children? Some people think beauty pageants are good life experiences to the girls and can bring them more opportunities. But beauty pageants are bringing more bad influence than the goods they give to the girls.

Beauty pageants are time-consuming and expensive. To be competitive in the pageants, the girls have to spend hours of hours practicing their smile, their walk, and their turns. They spend time in their makeup and hair. To make them look nice, contestants spend lots of money on the dresses, shoes, socks, and hair bow that are complimented. As well as the entrance fees, wardrobe costs and other pageant tools. The American pageant world has become an estimated five billion dollar industry.

Child beauty pageants are harmful to the girls health. For instance, if too much hair spray can stunt growth. One of the most widely used product in child pageants is hair spray, which contains chemicals can act as hormone disruptors. For a growing girl, the effects could prove detrimental. Excessive exposure to phthalates chemical in the hair spray, has been linked to stunted growth and even lung cancer. Secondly, high heels are not made for the little girls. When little pageant contestants wear heels, a doctor says, it unnecessarily pushes their weight forward, causing lower back pain and hindering proper development of the feet. In some cases, these girls are forced to continue wearing heels outside of pageants because their feet have grown in a way that makes wear other kinds of shoes very uncomfortable.

Child beauty pageants hurt the young girls not only physically but also emotionally. The girls are too young to really know what to expect if they don't win, they might take it personally and get hurt feelings. The child might end up feeling unattractive or inadequate in some other way. The young children really do not have the capacity to express their own fears and thoughts.

Rhonda Sharper, a self-proclaimed pageant expert, says that beauty pageants are actually good for the young girls. She explains that beauty pageants are just another form of children being able to get their name out to the world to be able to receive more opportunities in life. This statement is not all true. Only showing up in the TV for couple times doesn't mean the audience will remember. They will remember maybe just the next day. Those beauty pageants will not help you become famous or get more opportunities. Beauty pageants have become a part of America's culture. The pageant world had a positive connotation, but it can also be said that beauty pageants have negative impact on the young child! It's time-consuming, expensive and harmful to the girls health. And the pros and cons depend largely on you, as the parent. You have the capacity to make competing in a pageant a positive experience for your child, or to make it a miserable time for your daughter.

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Beauty pageants have been a controversial activity for many people. Many parents believe that child pageants are great for their children and for them, but many people also believe that pageants can be a negative and harmful experience for young girls. Beauty pageants are bad though because they are time consuming and expensive and they can cause emotional problems.

The first reason child beauty pageants are not good for young girls is that they are time consuming and expensive. For example, to be competitive in larger pageants etc contestants have to spend hours practicing their smiles, walks, and turns. The child also has to spend time in a chair for hair and makeup and most likely tanning. Pageants can be very expensive too. Pageants include entry fees, costly dresses and everything you would wear with the dress, and you'll likely have to pay someone to do hair and makeup.

Another reason child pageants aren't good is that they can cause emotional problems. When they don't win the child could get hurt feelings, the child could end up feeling unattractive or inadequate. According to a 2007 report by the American Psychological Association the objectification of young girls is associated with eating disorders, low self-esteem, and depression. Pageants could also lead to the decline of girls pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Supporters of child beauty pageants believe that pageants teach contestants self-discipline. For example, they must have the will power to eat properly and stay in good physical shape. While this may be true, pageants don't teach things like team work and sportsmanship. Pageants are all about one person. This means they could become very self centered.

In conclusion child beauty pageants are not good for young girls. They can be a negative and harmful experience for them. Parents should not

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let their children participate in pageants because they are time consuming and expensive and they can cause emotional problems. Pageants may be able to help teach selfdiscipline, but they also teach children to be self centered. All in all pageant negatives outweigh the positives.

Pageants are Dumb

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Child beauty pageants are becoming more and more popular, and accepted by our country these days, and that's not a good thing. Although there may be some positive aspects of these pageants, there are many negatives.

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Children competing in pageants start at a young age, some still being infants. As children, their emotions can sometimes get the best of them. If they don't win, they may take it personally, or feel as though they're ugly. If they win, they could get a big head and develop an attitude. Studies have even shown that the objectification experienced at pageants can correlate to eating disorders, depression, self-esteem issues, and cognitive problems. Not only can there be possible emotional problems, but pageants can just be flat out wrong. They sexualize young girls, and have them acting like adults, well, promiscuous young adults. All of these things can be huge problems, not to mention that they're expensive, and pageant money as well as competitors can be quite "dramatic" or "nasty".

Some child beauty pageant supporters may say that there are so many benefits to having and competing in them. They say that the money awarded can help pay for college. To that I say, some girls strip for college money, but that doesn't make anything okay, regardless of the cause. They say that the competitions can teach the children self-discipline, and fair competition, but then aren't competitions of skill, they're based on looks instead. As for self-discipline, many of these girls are far from disciplined. All in all, I think any parent in their right mind would stay as far from these as possible.

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In conclusion, pageants, as they are now, can be bad for our nations young children. They put too much importance on looks, and teach kids looks are all that matter. If these must go on, I'd suggest that they should be judged based on showcasing a particular skill, instead of looks.

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Does the Good in Child Beauty Pageants Outweigh the Bad?

As you have probably seen on TV, child beauty pageants are becoming increasingly popular. While these child beauty can have negative affects on girls, some say they can have some positive influences as well.

These pageants sexualize young girls and compare them to one another. If a girl that is to young to understand why she didn't win it could lower her self-esteem. This could perhaps cause psychological and emotional problem that may stick with them throughout their life. In the article Child Beauty Pageants Have Good and Bad Points Parents Should Consider Before Competing by Helene Malmsio it states that if a child doesn't win, "The child might end up feeling unattractive or inadequate in some other way."

Maybe not all, but some of the girls and even the parents can be down right rude to other competitors. When the parents are this way it does not set a good example for their children. They may grow up and not have good sportsmanship and not be able to take a loss very well. In the same article, by Helene Malmsio, pageant moms will often blame "the judges,

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the director, or even the other contestants." This is not something you want to teach your child.

While there is evidence to show the negative affects on children participating in beauty pageants many people believe their are more positive influences on the girls than you know. They argue that these pageants can be just as competitive as the sports kids the same age play. This may be true, but there are far more negative consequences than there are positive ones, such as the fact that they create girls with hard working attitudes, but is that worth their growth being stunted from the use of all the hairspray?

There are good points and bad points to everything in life. Some have more good while others have more bad. In this case you have to ask yourself as a parent, are these good qualities worth the trade off with the bad ones? After reading this evidence you can make up your own opinion of whether to publicize your little girls on stage for everyone to see.

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Kids and Beauty Pageants

DO you know anyone who has their child participating in beauty pageants? Recently, there have been many different opinions on whether they are good or bad for children. Many parents who have their child in pageants, think that it will provide a good experience for them. Others, think that they are bad because parents don't always prepare their child for what might happen and they make their child miserable. Child beauty pageants are bad because they cause problems for the kids.

Many parents think their child should always win. When they don't, they often blame the judges or other contestants. In many cases, when children don't win, they take it personally and get hurt feelings according to the article "Child Beauty Pageants Have Good and Bad Points Parents Should Consider Before Competing. Parents should tell their child before competing that there might be a chance that they won't win so the child doesn't end up feeling unattractive.

Although many people think having children compete in beauty pageants is bad, others believe that they aren't. They believe that pageants are just another form of children being able to get their name out to the world to be able to receive more

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opportunities in life," states Glitter and Glamour: Inside children beauty pageants. This might be right, however they are just kids who have their whole life to be able to get their name out to the world. Another reason why they believe that pageants are good is that "beauty pageants are a positive way for little children to learn life lessons and give them the building blocks to become winners for the rest of their life." There are many things in life that will teach kids lessons. Also, kids don't always have to win at everything, they just have to have fun while doing it.

In conclusion, there will always be many opinions on whether or not beauty pageants are good or bad for kids. However, child beauty pageants are bad because they will always cause problems. What is your opinion?

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Child beauty pageants are bad for your kids. Ever since TLC's tv show "Toddlers and Tiaras" has aired, many people have negative thoughts about these beauty pageants. Child pageants are unhealthy because the girls are too young to say no, pageants sexualize young girls, and too much hairspray can stunt growth.

First, the girls are too young to say no. Some girls don't like hairspray but they don't have a say in things when it comes to beauty pageants. Australian lawmaker Anna Burke quotes "clearly, pageants risk the exploitation or potential exploitation of very young children who really do not have the capacity to express their own views. "Whatever the parent thinks, the child has to do.

Second, pageants sexualize young girls. Pageant girls wear lace socks, frilly bright or pastel dresses, flippers, and hair pieces or wigs to make them look more presentable. Henry Samuel in Britain's Telegraph accuses the media of "promoting stereotypes that transform young girls into "Sexual morsels." Just look at the growing number of schoolgirls as young as 8 [who] wear padded bras, high heels, or makeup and strike suggestive poses."

Third, too much hairspray can stunt growth. Travis Stork (off of CBS's The Doctors) explains, "One of the most widely used products in child pageants is hair spray, which contains phthalates, or plasticizers, that can act as hormone disruptors. Excessive exposure to phthalates has been linked to stunted growth and even lung cancer." No parent wants to see their child not grow like all the other children in their class or have lung cancer later in life.

There's always the bright side of pageants. Putting your child in front of a crowd will let them be comfortable

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when they get older and they have to do a project and present in front of the class. This also teaches them to be comfortable in front of strangers, giving your child a big boost in self-confidence. When the parents have the right attitude, the child will follow. This teaches children to be gracious winners and good losers.

In conclusion, there can be positive things, but most are negative. I would encourage to join me and not support child pageants. Child pageants are unhealthy because the girls are too young to say no, pageants sexualize young girls, and too much hairspray can stunt growth.

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Why I put your daughters life and Personal feelings in danger by putting them in beauty pageant. Some say they are good, but like me most say they are bad and harmful to your child's life. I believe that pageants should be banned because of the bad things they can cause in a child's life.

There are many reasons you should believe what I am telling you like how girls start getting bad attitudes and do what they want because they are used to screaming and yelling at their pageants till they get their way. There has' been research that shows pageant girls feet are not growing completely and causing pain in knees and back because of the hours they are put in high heels. all the things I have told you are pretty bad so what good is going to outweigh the bad?

Other people are saying the girls can make a living out of it they can also be stars on the TV like the pageant

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Shows with the moms or they could go to the Miss America contest. This could all be right but I can't think it would because there would be a very small percentage of any of the girls actually doing them.

So i have told you some good and some bad about the pageants and now its your turn to put your input into the topic and decide what you think should be done

Child beauty pageants

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There has been lots of discussion about child beauty pageants.

Several parents have their kids competing or are interested. There has seemed to be more cons than pros to this topic. TV Shows like toddlers and tiaras has made the pageant life look and seem way different than it is. My opinion is that they're more cons than pros to this topic.

Several kids in pageants start at such a young age, to where they don't really have a say in what they do, or choice. Dressing up constantly and winning for looking the best can really give the kids self esteem issues. After having self esteem problems it can lead to things such as depression, eating disorders or even suicide.

Not only can beauty pageants effect the kids but they can also effect the parents financially. High heels aren't made for kids; wearing them can cause problems such as lower back pain and hindering proper development of the feet. Another thing in pageants

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that can stunt growth is using hair spray. Hairspray contains phthalates, or plasticizers that can act as hormone disruptors, and also cause lung cancer.

On the other side of this topic, pageants can help kids become less shy and build up their confidence. Being in front of crowds so many times can have them get comfortable with it, giving their self confidence a big boost, but for the girls who lose the pageants, that can lower their self confidence.

In conclusion, pageants can lower girls' self esteem and cause other several problems.

In child beauty pageants there are several pros and cons in them. But mainly it is up to the parents to make that decision but there is different views on them like how it encourages them to have a good self image but at the same time it can sexualize them and we all know that is not good.

I don't think we should be strict on the pageants, in all reality it should be up to the parent in deciding. In an online article by Helene Malmsio says that it can be a good experience or a miserable time for your daughter.

Now there are some people who think that the pageants can sexualize them say Henry Samuel in Britain's telegraph and that some french law makers want to ban all of them from tv or even happening at all.