

NEWSLETTER

IDOL

“What do you understand about the word ‘**IDOL**’?”, asked Daphne. “Wow, what an interesting question. What I thought about an idol is an individual who I really admire, love and I even worshiped as a god,”. I replied. Idol is no longer an alien in this globalization era especially when most of the teenagers are following up either the South Korean celebrities or the Chinese celebrities through social media.



Older people might think that having an idol is just a waste of time and energy. They think that younger generations should cherish their time as time is gold and spend it on some beneficial activities instead of staring at the screen for hours and hours, without gaining any benefit. At their point of view, academics always lie first, not happiness and freedom to have an idol. “They’re causing lots of negative impacts to my children. My elder daughter, Gabrielle, is so obsessed with **BTS**, a **KPOP** group from South Korea, that she will be shouting in the middle of the night when she is watching their performance. She looks like a walking zombie in the morning whenever she stays awake the whole night to watch their concerts through illegal websites. Thus, she neglects her studies without thinking of her future,” said Aunt Andrea.

However, younger generations have different thoughts. “They are my whole world, I would rather spend my entire life with them than studying in the school which is not only uncomfortable and boring. I don’t mind spending most of my time watching their performances, watching the dramas that they have been casting and listening to their newly released songs because they are worth all the time I spend on them. They are perfect in my eyes. Their presence draw colors on my life which is like a plain paper, dull and clean at first. The word ‘**IDOL**’ for me means I Do Love Myself. Loving myself is essential in order to have a healthy mindset and live happily. I know that they are stars in my life that enlighten me and bring me up during my ups-and-downs,” said Erica, a close friend of mine.

In summary, different generations have different perceptions. Idol can bring boon and bane depends on various individuals. We shouldn’t lose our personalities and be rationalistic. Make them as your inspiration and motivation to move forward. I always believe that Idols can lead us to be a successful person as we will surely work hard so they could see us one fine day. Jackson Wang once said, “*If you have a dream, then you shouldn’t give up no matter what. You can’t be successful if you don’t fail.*”.

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