



# The “Myth of Entitlement”:

Have our young people bought it?

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# This is the era of excess

- Drug use is higher;
- Alcohol use is greater;
- Age of first use of substances is younger;
- The obsession with celebrity and partying is endless;
- The lack of restraint is extreme

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- Emphasised by the media.
    - Television/radio
    - News services
    - TV programs
    - Newspapers
    - Magazines

# The Myth of Entitlement

- Youth rights
- The role of the family
- The popular media

# The Convention on the Rights of the Child addresses issues such as:

- the right to life and development;
- the right to education;
- the right to freedom of expression;
- the right to privacy;
- the right not to be discriminated against; and
- ensures that the best interests of the child are a primary consideration in any decisions relating to children.

# The role of the family.....

- Parents
  - Less strict than their parents
  - Both parents working
- Mentors
- Teenage rebellion(?)

# The popular media....

- The media reports the news
- The media shapes ideas
- TV shows, magazines

**Who is this?**  
**Why do we know him?**



Source: The Age

# The popular media....

- The media reports the news
- It shapes ideas
- There is a plethora of TV shows and magazines
- Electronic communications



Source: *The Australian* from the *Herald Sun*

**Who is this  
man?**



Source: Scott Fletcher

**Why did she do it?**

- Young people will rebel against whatever authority they are under