

PROMPT Using the information learned from the passages, do you think the trend of vulgar language being used more casually in popular culture is good, bad or just harmless?

WRITING FROM SOURCES

SOURCE 1

- Hear it walking to class, television, social media, music.
- Unavoidable, profanity appears everywhere and uncensored.
- These words lose their head-turning value.
- Authority figures swear.
- Doesn't even phase me anymore.
- Swear to gain attention/effect of maximum vulgarity.
- Starts out slowly— in your head, then out loud (occasionally then regularly).
- Blow off steam in negative situations.
- Everyone else seems to be doing it.
- Just joking around with their friends.
- Most swear words are derived from an insult— feminine connotations.
- Seemingly invisible impact of the mentality that women are less than men.
- Sensitive topics = hostile environment with foul language = argument = violence if things get out of control.
- Creep into our vocabulary without us realizing.
- Makes bad impression, signals a lack of control, indicates a bad attitude or immaturity.
- Be conscious of the situations & try to limit.
- Slip-up at important event, professional setting, or family dinner.

SOURCE 2

- Society has allowed to become normal in the past few years.
- Curse word in middle of a sentence or story.
- Most are okay with these words.
- Cursing is not something that people find admirable.
- Deep down everybody knows that cursing is bad.
- Words that you could use instead.
- Stand up to peer pressure.
- People curse because everybody else is doing it— friends, team captain, popular kids, parents, teachers.
- Break the chain; alter your speech.
- Start with yourself.
- Slowly we can change the world.

SOURCE 3

- Potty mouth is crass and vulgar = seemingly bad habit.
- Children told not to curse or swear excessively.
- Science = a little cursing here and there is surprisingly comforting when the moment calls for it.
- Swearing = pain relieving effect on our immune system.
- Swearing = non-violent way to get back at bad people (instead of traditional violence).
- Swearing = coping mechanism when self esteem is deflated, threatened or attacked. (Author says this is not a great reason)
- Swearing = power and control over a bad or negative situation.
- Swearing = social bonding among friends; sense of validation; indicates we are fun to be around, more likable, and 'real' to others.
- Swearing = improved health (increased circulation, elevated endorphin, and serotonin levels, sense of calm, control, and well-being).
- Swearing = sparks inner creativity; very creative words in the process of swearing.
- A little swearing may be even be good for your health by making you feel better in the moment. (But only temp; long term = prej.)
- Make sure not excessive.
- Make sure not coupled up with anger or extreme negative emotion.
- Could negate all potential health benefits.

SYNTHESES

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