

# Peek into the Controversy of Fame

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We all have dreamed of being famous, with all the money in the world to spend and getting all your fans' admiration. Most of us haven't even noticed, with every newspaper and magazine we sniff through to find our idols in order to be like them. We've knowingly boosted a group of reporters, displaced by celebrities big and small alike, the paparazzi. But are they really perverted demons, or just misunderstood?

First things first, celebrities usually hide themselves behind safety to avoid rabid fan boys ripping their arms off, trying to get an autograph. Paparazzi help us peek into the secluded life of celebrities. We can know more of what they do, and keep up to date with them. This is not only beneficial to the fans, publishers of magazines and newspapers use that information to their advantage, selling more copies of exclusive celebrity life will no doubt increase their sales.

Secondly, paparazzi encourage celebrities to behave themselves even when they are not facing the cameras. If they do something right, paparazzi will record it down. It certainly increases the reputation of the celebrity as a result. The paparazzi also act as inspectors, revealing celebrities' bad behaviours. For example, the champion of Miss USA 2006 was uncovered by paparazzi that she abused drugs. This created widespread media attention and now she has been rehabilitated and lives a normal life. Thanks to paparazzi uncovering while she wasn't too deeply attached to drugs.

So if paparazzi are this useful, then why are

they getting all the hate? One of many reasons is the intrusion of privacy.

Now put yourself in a famous celebrity's shoes. Imagine even though you have all the time and wealth to spend in this world, you will get stalked and your every move will be recorded on camera. Now that won't be a pleasant experience, will it? But that's what they face almost every day. No wonder why they loathe them so much. Like every human, they want to have free time to do what they want, but they can't with paparazzi around. As everything they do could be on the news next day, this frustration celebrities face will definitely affect their mood, perhaps even discourages them from their job.

With paparazzi, every move they make, they are putting their reputation on the line. Paparazzi took pictures of you and put it on the internet causes your reputation in shambles. Even when you've done nothing wrong, a false report can easily put you into a crisis as people will often blindly believe the media. A social experiment was done by releasing fake news on the internet accusing a famous internet personality then correcting the news 5 minutes later. Although the truth was out, they still attacked that internet personnel. This phenomenon again proves what paparazzi can do even if the news is fake.

In conclusion, there are both good and bad arguments when it comes to paparazzi. I believe regulations are needed to be made to strike a balance between privacy and news.