



What sort of document is it ?

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It is a newspaper article. / It is an article from an online newspaper.



Who is the author ?

The author is Steve Garbacz. / The author's name is Steve Garbacz.



What is it about ?

It is about the American caste system in high school. It is terrible and dangerous.



Make a list...

What makes you popular or unpopular in high school ?

POPULAR

- holding prestigious athletic positions (football, basketball but not tennis)
- who your friends are
- physical appearance (ex : hot chicks)

UNPOPULAR

- being gangling
- having acne
- having bad fashion
- taking honors classes
- being smart (smart was not cool)



How does it influence relationships ?(and what are the two types of relationships mentioned in the text?)

In the article, the author talks about friendships and romantic relationships. He says that, because of this caste system, American teenagers choose their friends and significant other based on what they can gain from this association. They drop the friends that "bring them down" and let the hot chicks copy their homework because being seen with them will improve their popularity. Steve Garbacz thinks that it perverts their views about relationships and that they grow up to be adults who think about relationships as a way to gain power and influence.



SIDE TASK A :

Fight against unfairness at school... Run for CLASS PRESIDENT and prepare your campaign poster !