

Who Am I?

My name is Logan Conway. I am a 15-year-old boy in Durango, Colorado. I have been living in smaller communities my whole life. I have never lived in a large city or a big neighborhood. I have been shaped and influenced by things in my life to be who I am, this is who I am.

I have always been in small communities so I have not been exposed to gangs or anything like that. The main influences in my life that have shaped me are music and media. My appearance is somewhat influenced by music but mostly the media, how I "should" look at my age. How I "should" look when doing this or that. I'm a snowboarder, have to wear this and that, biking, gotta have the best gear and be this good at it and wear this brand of gear. Even when I'm just in town doing my normal stuff, I gotta look like I know what I'm doing, show no fear, be cool, walk or act a certain way. This has shaped who I am as a person. Everything I have been influenced to do has now become a part of me, it now is an everyday, normal thing for me.

Now, the big one. Music, this subject is huge when it comes to how it has shaped me. I listen to rap and things like that. This has a somewhat large influence on my attire. Slim jeans, baggy shirts, skate shoes, hats with hoods. But music mostly influences my actions and how I think. The main artists I listen to are Ghostmane, \$uicideboy\$, Night Lovell, Pouya, and Mr. Sisco. Their message is all about ya know, f**k the cops, government sucks, and to do whatever u want and don't give a s**t about anyone. Now I'm not being influenced to the point where I am disrespecting figures of authority just to be an ass, but I am taking some of their messages into my mind and thinking, hey, maybe they're right. And then I will put that out into the world, like if someone is being mean, I won't care and I will use the info in their music to deal with situations I am in.

Another thing with the music is that I have more knowledge on some subjects than most people such as drugs. The music I listen to can teach me things about multiple subjects that some people wouldn't know. The music also helps me express myself. This music can calm me down or amp me up. Music has a major role in how I think and act on an everyday basis. The artists I listen to produce rap music that is more "intense" you could say, than other artists. Their songs mean something to me, they make me feel powerful and like what I say matters.

My life has been changed by this stuff and it is a real thing. This happens all the time and sometimes you don't even know it. Music and media can change you and not always for the better.