

To the Senate,

I'm 17 years old and finished high school, but from the age of 11 myself and friends have felt the pressure to grow up faster sexually. Girls in my year and other years at school were losing their virginity in yr 7 and 8, when they should be pondering their first kiss. I put this down to the sexual advertising of tweens, who then feel the need to be like the advertisements. This can lead to anxiety problems if the tween isn't all that comfortable with it. Shops like Supré sell shirts with slogans such as "sex, drugs, rock & roll - been there done that" and "my face is up here" (with an arrow on the chest facing upwards. These shirts go as small as to fit a 9-yr old. This sort of advertising may have something to do with older teens acting out as they have already done things like experimenting with sex, drinking and drugs at a younger age. I may have just passed my childhood, but please let younger generations have one. Grace Judd

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