

# Having a Positive Attitude That's My Style

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I kept a positive attitude even though I grew up in a lower-class home. I wore my clothes nice and neat. I used to get a lot of clothes from my cousins and uncles. Most of the hand-me-downs were either too big or too small. I ended up choosing the big clothes over the small clothes. So my pants were always sagging. I didn't mind because in the city that was the trend – having your pants below your waistline.

I became the cool kid with the big clothes. Everything I had was big – my sweaters, jeans, and even my baseball caps. I was nicknamed Flop because my clothes flopped all over the place when I walked.

I was also influenced by the hip hop music videos that had me thinking it was all right to have my pants sagging. Now I like to dress like a real man with my pants on my waist, shirt tucked in and my clothes washed and ironed. I still like loose clothes, but I have found a balance for myself, not too big or too small.

I'm always trying to show the best of me, especially when I go to a job interview or get together with my family. I like for my family to see how much I have changed since my childhood.

One thing that hasn't changed is my positive attitude: Looking good makes you feel better. Fresh and clean is the way to be. That's the positive attitude we should all have!

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