

Inappropriate Pants!

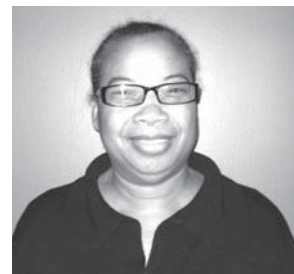
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There are many problems today with how this generation wears their pants. They wear their pants so big that they fall down below the butt. You can see all kinds of underwear. You can see

the crack of their butt. They have to walk wide to keep their pants up.

They get this type of inappropriate style from prison. Prisoners are not allowed to have belts, so their pants fall down.

I think if this generation wore their pants appropriately they would get more respect. It would be easier for them to get jobs. People would not judge them.



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How I Used to Dress

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I used to dress like a little old lady. That's the way I felt when I was younger. I wore what my mother told me to wear. I looked like a miniature of my mother. My parents would not let me wear pants or sexy clothes. I had to wear long skirts or dresses. My parents were religious, so they had a different way of dressing. I had to wear what they told me. There were days I felt bad because everyone made fun of me at school. I didn't like looking different.

One day when I went to school, the other students made fun of me. When I got home I told my mom, but she didn't care. I went to my room crying. Years went by and I am not a child anymore. Now I dress the way I want. I'm old enough. I've got my own life and I have four beautiful children. I dress the way I like, so I let them dress the way they like.



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