Growing upto early,

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Kids today face more then their parents have ever faced before! pure pressure on young girls is far werse then what it was 5, 10, and 20 years ago! This along with the lack of parenting today makes it much harder then it once was.

Parents just don't have the time, or desire to be involved in their daughters life, as their parents were.

Most parents thank kids can make it on their own, but that's just not the case! Kids need the loving arms of mom, and dad to lead, and guide them along life's way.

Parents need to cherish their kids rather then thanking of them as problems. They should thank of the children as blessings, not burdens!

A poem once said,

"I watched him walk away

Into daddies arms.

I heard him say

I love you to.

Then off to play

as children do,

Dear God

bless our home."

I haft to ask how many kids have a dad who's arms they can walk into, and how many kids today have a dad who they can say I love you to?

I Haft to say not many, but that's what girls need more now then ever before!

Many Girls face things that parents would never have dreamed of

facing when they were growing up.

the choking game, and

hair pulling

is just two examples of such pressures that girls face today.

Girls face issues such as their changing bodies,

pure pressure to have sex,

do drugs,

but not only are they faced with the issues of

having sex, or

doing drugs,

newer trends such as hair pulling are more popular among young girls today.

today girls are faced with such issues, as

the choking game

bulimia

cutting,

Afraid of being sexually assaulted,

afraid of being forced to have sex with one, or more guys,

afraid of being murdered by a guy to keep the girl from turning him in, and hair pulling.

Many girls say they pull their hair 2 to 6 hours a day. These girls admited they started pulling their hair when they were 8, or 9 years old. However some girls may not start pulling their hair until their 13, or 14 years old. These girls say they will continue to pull hair even through adult/hood.

Most of these girls also say it helps them cope with the pressures of life.

I thank one girl said it best in what would become her suicide note. ("I'm 9 years old.

I'm writing this because parents just don't get it today.

Too many parents are more concerned about their own issues, they don't have time for the children that they brought in to this world. Kids need parents to fight our battles for us, but today that just don't happen.

When I was attacked by a 20 year old guy where were you?

when I was sexually abused by an 18 year old guy where were you?

Why, When people started calling me names where were you?

When I needed a doctor where were you?

When I just needed someone to talk to where were you?

Oh you say you love me, but your actions speak louder then words!

You left me just when I needed you most!

Yes, you left me just when I needed you most!

If this is love then I don't need anymore!

You don't know, and you don't care what's going on in my life. You as parents today are robbing us of our joy, you are robbing us of our play time, you are robbing us of our privacy, you are robbing us of our child/hood, you are robbing us of the joy of life its self, you are robbing us of our hopes, and dreams, you are robbing us of our sanity, you are robbing us of our innocents, and you are robbing us of our jurity. Parents today are forcing us to make decisions about our life's at 9, and 10 years old that they didn't haft to make until they were 30, and 35. I fill like life is just passing me by! I don't know what lyes beyond the grave but what ever it is has to be better then what I leave behind.")

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