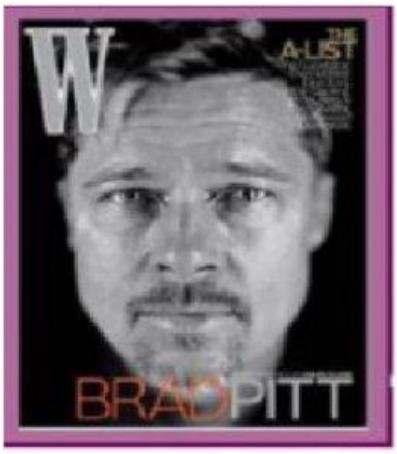
Has Photoshop gone too far?

while most people dream of magically removing their pounds, freckles and double chin, many celebrities like Kate Winslet and Brad Bitt or against image digital manipulation.

Winslet complained and took legal action when her image was digitally altered by GQ magazine making her unrealistically thin. Also, Pitt asked W magazine not to retouch his image and selected Chuck close as his photographer because he is known for his extremely detailed portraits that show Skin flaws, such as bags under the eyes, wrinkles and pimples.

The American medical Association (AMA) is against image manipulation in advertising. It believes that people's mental health can be damaged by the impact of image manipulation, as it can contribute to unrealistic body image expectations, eating disorders and other emotional problems.



Surprisingly, professional and public reactions are mixed. Some eating disorder specialists do not agree with AMA because there is no evidence that supports its claims. Also, many photographers and artists are against the association due to the fact that they believe that wonderful images are created thanks to powerful tools such as Photoshop and they want to stop using them. They claim that photography is a creative art and that they should be free to do whatever makes people attractive and as 'a consequence' happier.

Is there enough research to support AMA's concern? Do artists and photographers support the objectification of people dehumanization of beauty? We really don't know. What is clear is that we should help teenagers free from the pressures they feel about their body. After all, what is the purpose of manipulating images in magazines and what is the message celebrities and parents are giving by undergoing plastic surgery.

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Decide whether the following statements are True or False.

1. All celebrities dislike digital manipulation.

2. Kate Winslet and Brad Bitt have asked magazines not to alter their images.

3. The photographer Chick Close erases skin flaws from pictures.

4. Experts have confirmed that image manipulation bring mental problems.

5. Specialists in eating disorders have claimed there's a lack of proof to support AMA's fears.

6. Photographers don't agree with AMA and want to have freedom in their job.

7. The writer is sure that the artists who want to use Photoshop are in favor of treating people as objects.

8. The author's main concern is to encourage teenagers to worry about their bodies.

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