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@vegforlife Don't you think the terms 'past' and 'today' are vague? Perhaps we could specify particular time periods?
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@bhattstatts it is in the intro.
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@vegforlife Thanks for pointing it out!
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This is still pretty grammatically ambiguous.
"The music of the past was better than the music of today is" would be better.
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@MiskyWilkshake Good suggestion!
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The music of the past ~~is~~ (before the 90s and 00s) was better than ~~it is today~~music generated more recently (from the 90s/00s and up).
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@MiskyWilkshake I don't get your notifications, as you don't tag me. Mind if you go back to your comments you want me to see and tag me in them, so I find them? I'll try looking, but feel I'll miss some.
@reply how does it look?
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@vegforlife How about we rephrase this claim to "The music of the past was better than the music produced more recently post 1990"? I think it makes the thesis clearer
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@bhattstatts in the intro, some people use the 90s as a cutoff, and others the 00s. So I can't say one over the otehr.
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@vegforlife Wouldn't juggling the parameters make the debate confusing?
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@bhattstatts not to me. IF anyone has an issue with it - we'll proceed then - but I don't beleive in changing it - unless it's a really necessary reason.
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@MiskyWilkshake what do you think?
bhattstatts (2k) • 8mo 1

@bhattstatts Seems fine to me as it stands now.
MiskyWilkshake (308) • 8mo 1

@MiskyWilkshake Okay, that's fair
bhattstatts (2k) • 8mo 1

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4mo ago
Debater1702 (3) Invite
SUGGESTED PRO 1
Back in the days music has got effort to make.nowadays music sucks
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SUGGESTED PRO 2
At least old music tried to cover up the meaning of the song and each song was different.
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Nils2004 (1) Invite
SUGGESTED PRO 1
I agree with your point, but today, more music than ever is being produced. More songs than you even can listen to is produced. Almost every week, Billie Eilish is making a new song. In the past, this never happend to anyone. A band or singer only did like one song in a month. The music sound was even better in the past. There wasen't electronic music which today is almost in every song.
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13 — Technology has made music less authentic and more manufactured and fake due to the fact that its not 100% human (so not all of the music is coming directly from the artist, which makes it lesser quality).

6 — There was more experimentation and push to put out something interesting and new with the older music.

13 — The quality of music has declined over time.

1 — Newer pop music is troublesome.

4 — Nowadays people have to produce many songs before they get a hit because of how little thought they put into it.

Unsupported
"don't delete. Let's just find support for the part about artists producing more songs than ever to get a hit"

1 — When music gets released online, people can see it immediately. Yet, people crave content and artists need to keep people's attention spans going until they release more content before they go away. These days, artists have less time than ever to prepare and create new music before they lose their audience, which leads could lead to lack of depth (deep meaning and details) form valuing commercialization more.

16 — A lot of old rap music is better and thought out ~~then~~than today's.

28 — Music by such singer-songwriters as Buddy Holly, Bob Dylan, The Beatles all had duplicate numbers.

19 — Music from the past had good meaning and had good beat, which isn't present in today's music.

16 — Attention spans are shorter today and there are so many distractions shouting for our attention that pop music has to become ever simpler and more immediately accessible.

6 — Being invented in 1997, a lot (about 99% as of 2010) of commercial music now utilizes auto-tune. So new music, for the most part, is not 'real'.

14 — Pop songs have been losing sound diversity to where it ventures less on being art and more towards noise. So the past is better, because there's more of it and varied too than now.

26 — The millennial whoop makes songs annoying in a new way that didn't occur in the past.

21 — Pop music is heard to be boring and actually is designed that way. That's not good, as pop music, by name, is supposed to be popular, and being boring causes the opposite to happen.

Cons

5mo ago
Old (9) Invite
SUGGESTED CON 1
Music is generational, and every generation has its own music. Today's music is just (loud?) wallpaper music. I like mine you like yours.
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7mo ago
LDC (1) Invite
SUGGESTED CON 1
It is not an objective statement, it just depends on the person
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9mo ago
bbradno (3) Invite
SUGGESTED CON 3
The music of the past is collectively part of the music of today, and the future. The culture of past music resonates throughout modern music through remixes, sampling, and stylistic influence. In recent decades, due largely in part from the internet, music has exploded into hundreds of genres and sub-genres, often redefining what the word music even means.
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10mo ago
ezmom63 (10) Invite
SUGGESTED CON 3
Music is and will always be a reflection of society, culture, values and generation. Right now, there are rap songs that utilize rhythm, tangential associations and word play in a style not seen in other genres.
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2 — It's hard to argue an opinion like which songs are better. Yes there are facts to the superiority to some songs but art appeals to emotions and emotions are not facts, they're opinions, specific to one person.

Music of the past is only better through biased beliefs, rather than through an objective evaluation of both sides.

The nature of the progression of the music industry allows new music to be better than the past.

It's not possible to make an objective comparison of the two at this time (or possibly ever) to be able to say the music of the past is better than now.

3 — Quantitatively, more music is being produced now than ever before. Ceteris paribus, this would mean that more good music is being produced.

There are many songs from the past that were not great.

4 — It's the music medium that leads to worse quality than the songs themselves when heard, due to compression of digital music. However, the original recording, if listened to, is just as good as the past.

Bad and good music always existed in any time, but due to a psychological phenomenon called rosy retrospective, people tend to think that things were better in the past.

A lot of good songs have come out of new music.

4 — It's a matter of knowing where and how to look for good, likable songs through better research outside of commercial music to pick the best of every decade, as the issues are the same, but the songs themselves are not.

1 — When music gets released online, people can see it immediately. Yet, people crave content and artists need to keep people's attention spans going until they release more content before they go away. These days, artists have less time than ever to prepare and create new music before they lose their audience, which leads could lead to lack of depth (deep meaning and details) form valuing commercialization more.

12 — In the past, a person couldn't really get to enjoy music on-demand in the past (due to high costs and waiting to listen), so they missed out on the experience and meaning of the immediate moment when it's needed to listen to. Now, people can appreciate songs and understand its context better now, because of greater, faster, and easier access to songs.

New music hasn't been fully developed yet to adequately enough to compare the two (new and old) accurately.

80 — Because of the reduced profit made by artists per individual customer due to streaming services, artists now need to appeal to a wider audience to generate the same profit as before. Thus, they need to produce better music now to reach a higher level of engagement to achieve the same success as their previous music releases.

3 — Music is continuously building on the past and constantly changing styles and working towards getting better. New music has all the ideas and influences of the past to work from to create better, so by this trend, new music should inherently be better than what came before it.

11 — Like beauty in music such that a perception is "in the eye (ear) of the beholder."

10 — Music of today ~~take~~takes interesting and unique twists compared to music of the past.

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16 — A lot of old rap music is better and thought out ~~then~~than today's.

3 — Music is intrinsically a visceral and emotional art form reflective of its generation and can not be evaluated with total objectivity.

1 — People can listen to all generations of music now when they couldn't before. So maybe it's possible to get stuck on thinking it's the best, when it was the best at the time and that's all one knows. It's harder to beat the best now when competing against music from all of history.

There are still really great songs being made today, mainstream music is not all modern music.

Some of the older music is boring too, telling of stories in ballads that anyone with an internet could look the history of.

1 — It's not that it's better, but just more familiar (i.e. nostalgic).

20 — Most people who lived through the older music (and vice versa) base their beliefs on a closed mind (as they don't listen to much new music) and justify their beliefs through bias (like cherry-picking songs, which anyone can do - even those who say new music's better). However, this is a opinionated viewpoint, as when looking at all the songs objectively, they would see that each side has about equal quality.

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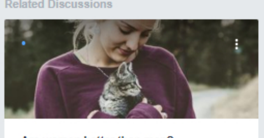

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