Are Beauty Contests Harmful?

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Vocabulary

Dissenter: someone who dissents (to disagree with other people about something).

Pinpoint: to find out or say the exact position in space or time of something.

Advocate: to publicly support or suggest an idea, development, or way of doing something.

Heaps: a lot.

Vehemently: in a strong and emotional way.

Spotlit: past simple and past participle of 'Spotlight'.

Head-on: direct or directly.

Assail: to cause someone to experience a lot of unpleasant things.

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Introduction

A 'beauty contest', also called a 'beauty **pageant**', is a competition to select which person has the best looks, talent, and style.

While many people believe beauty contests do more harm than good, there are some supporters who stand in favour of beauty contests.

Why the differing opinions?

Read the debate on the next few pages and see what both sides have to say.

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