

But Everybody's Doing It

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I. Introduction.

- A. Conformity is pressure to take on the shape that everyone else has.
- B. Teenagers are not the only ones who feel conformity. Adults feel it too.

II. People pressure against any deviation.

- A. Since it hurts to be laughed at, most teenagers try to be like each other.
- B. We are easily pressured because of feelings of inferiority.

III. Conformity is dangerous.

- A. It can make you do things that you know is wrong.
- B. The pressure of the group causes a desire for early independence from parents.

IV. Conformity is a product of fear.

V. We are not to be conformed to the world. (Romans 12:2)

- A. One can copy the behavior of others when it is not important.
- B. However, important things such as things regarding the Christian life are not matters that should be forsaken. (1 John 2:15)

Application questions:

1. What are some ways not mentioned that people are expected to conform?

2. Does churches often expect people to conform in ways that are not healthy too?

3. How would you counsel a teenager struggling with peer pressure? Explain.
