

## Disney+ is influential



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Times are changing, and the television industry has to change with them. Cable TV is becoming a dinosaur in this age of streaming services like Netflix, Hulu and recently, Disney+.

It came first as a shock to many to find that this media giant would be hopping on the recent trend of streaming TV shows, and it understandably met some skepticism. But for so many people, this was the Christmas miracle they never knew they wanted. Disney has been a staple in the media diet of millions of Americans for almost a century now.

The concept itself was questionable. All of the other big streaming services hosted selections of both original and well-known content, so the idea of a Disney-only application was predicted to become dull and the selection would seem very limited. But when the full scale of Disney's monopoly over the media industry is understood, it explains Disney+'s enormous selection of content without relying on other content producers.

No matter income, race or creed, it would seem we all have some kind of fond childhood memories with one of Disney's countless number of films, shows and merchandise, but we have grown up. With the old VHS tapes of Disney classics boxed up and tucked away in some corner of the attic and the VHS player sold off in a garage sale years ago, Disney+ brings those classics back in a much more adult-centered package for all our nostalgic needs.

The formula that has led to Disney's continuing success is based on adapting to the times yet still keeping a strong connection to the past. Disney+ is the next evolution of arguably the most influential franchise in American media history. Disney's adaptation to the 2020s must be encouraged by us if we want the modern conveniences of technology to pair well with the beloved American classics we all know.

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## Disney+ will not last



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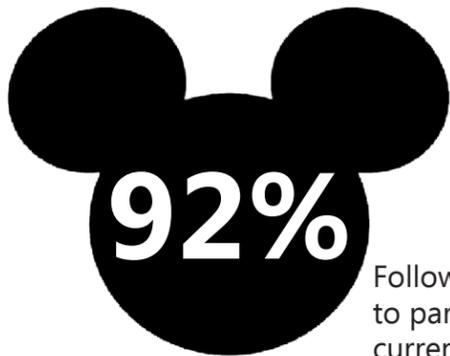
Streaming is king. Anything consumers can do to not have to leave their beds and have a giant selection of movies and TV shows at their fingertips, they will do. That's why streaming competitors-- such as Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime TV-- have become so big. When Disney announced they would be releasing a streaming service exclusive with only Disney content, people were overjoyed, and I was a member of that group. Soon, I realized that it was not as good as the hype.

At first, I was impressed, but what I came to realize is that the show benefits the younger age much more than young adults or adults. There are not many TV shows that have even slightly mature content, and what draws people to streaming so much are the number of shows and the ability to binge-watch shows. Before streaming services were king, there were TV shows that aired once

a week. Now, people can sit down and have every episode and season of a TV show right at their fingertips.

I would much rather watch something like Netflix that produces original content and constantly updates their movies and TV shows. There are constantly new Netflix Originals that are extremely good content. With Disney+, they can only put their own productions on there and have only made one show of original content. With a stagnant number of shows, there will never be any improvement to the content.

In all honestly, Disney+ will probably be a very good way for parents to entertain their toddlers and elementary age children, and at times I will get onto Disney+ and probably enjoy some throwback shows and movies from my youth. But if you are looking for ground breaking new movies and TV shows that you could binge in one day and be captivated by the amazing plot twists, I would not be looking at Disney+.



of 85 students agree **Disney+** will succeed.

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## College net price calculator too often very deceiving

The college price tag should not be misleading, but it is.

The net price calculator is a tool colleges provide for students to put in their financial and scoring information to calculate their yearly costs: tuition, housing, room and board, books, etc. When using the college net price calculator, students need to be cautious.

### WHAT WE THINK

Staff Editorial

First, calculating might not include all expenses. The calculator sometimes does not include books and fees, which can add an incredible amount to the base line. Tuition and room and board are only a few of the expenses.

Even if other prices are included, the price might look affordable. However, students need to look at what is being omitted from the cost. Colleges usually include loans subtracted in the price, and say that the loans are aid.

Student loans -- student debt -- is not a discount. It is understood that students use loans as a way to pay for college, but they should know what their college actually costs. Loans should not be included in colleges' net price calculators at all. There are also such things as parent PLUS loans on top of student loans that can be included in the net price calculators, which makes the bottom line even more deceiving. These loans are much more than the average student loan. Including these loans in the net price calculator makes the full cost of college look extremely small, but those loans will build interest and create a price tag even more expensive than the initial cost without loans.

Students need to be cautious. They should wait for their financial aid estimates after applying to colleges before committing.

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