Drowned in sound: how listening to music hinders learning
Students may plead otherwise – but research shows that playing your favourite tunes while studying gets in the way of revision
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3 Reasons You Should Try Studying While Listening to Music
by Julia Selby Smith on May 6, 2014

If you’ve ever cranked up the volume to kick start your weekend house cleaning, you know a bit about how music can change your mood, energy level and motivation. But do you know scientifically how music affects us? And did you know studying while listening to music comes with a host of benefits?
Phones in the classroom hurt everyone’s grades

Are you ever tempted to check your phone in class? It seems harmless enough to take a quick peek. But a new study finds that college students don’t retain information as well when devices are allowed in class. That was true even among students who did not use the devices themselves.

Banning smartphones from classrooms could damage education, warn researchers

Banning smartphones from classrooms may do more harm than good, a new study suggests.
The New York Times

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An Aging U.S. is Revitalized by Immigrants

David Dyssegaard Kallick is a senior fellow at the Fiscal Policy Institute.

JANUARY 6, 2015

We are seeing job growth in the United States. That’s very welcome news.

To say all of the net gain in employment since 2007 has gone to immigrants, as a recent backgrounder from the Center for Immigration Studies does, is a strained interpretation of the facts, not to mention an odd way to spin positive economic results as something vaguely dark and threatening.

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Unskilled Workers Lose Out to Immigrants

Steven A. Camarota is the director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies.

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There are an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the country and we also admit over a million permanent legal immigrants each year, leading to enormous implications for the U.S. labor market. Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that there are some 58 million working-age (16 to 65) native-born Americans not working — unemployed or out of the labor market entirely. This is roughly 16 million more than in 2000. Equally troubling, wages have stagnated or declined for most American workers. This is especially true for the least educated, who are most likely to compete with immigrants (legal and illegal).

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Cell Phones + Health

Cancer Risk From Cellphone Radiation Is Small, Studies Show

Two new studies exposed rats and mice to high levels of radio-frequency radiation — the type emitted by your cellphone. But researchers said there was little cancer risk for humans. — Victor J. Blue for The New York Times

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Keep cell phones away from your body, warns the California Department of Public Health

How far away is your cell phone from you right now as you read this? Is it sitting right next to you on your desk or your bedside table? Is it in your pocket? Either way, no matter how badly you think you need your smartphone within arm's length at all times, you could be doing significant long-term damage to your body.

The scientific community has yet to reach a consensus on the severity of exposure to radio frequency energy emitted from cell phones, but a new set of guidelines from the California Department of Public Health suggests that high use could impact human health. If you use your cell phone constantly, you should decrease your exposure.

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Gun Control

New evidence confirms what gun rights advocates have said for a long time about crime

By Christopher Ingraham

July 27, 2016

Lawful gun owners commit less than a fifth of all gun crimes, according to a novel analysis released this week by the University of Pittsburgh.

In the study, led by epidemiologist Anthony Fabio of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health, researchers partnered with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to trace the origins of all 893 firearms that police recovered from crime scenes in the year 2008.

Guns have killed more Americans in last 50 years than all US wars put together

Lydia Smith

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More Americans have died in firearm-related incidents since 1968 than in all wars in US history. More than 1.5 million US citizens have died as a result of guns in the last 49 years, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Around 1.2 million Americans have been killed in conflicts in US history, NBC reported, citing data from the Department of Veterans Affairs and a database on iCasualties.org.
Police officers with body worn cameras are more likely to be assaulted

17 MAY 2016

Wearing body mounted cameras can place police officers at more risk of being assaulted, a study has shown.

Police who use cameras to record their interactions with the public are 15 per cent more likely to be attacked because they are less assertive than their colleagues, according to the latest research.

Research Shows Police Body-Worn Cameras Reduce Misconduct and Cost for Las Vegas

A Las Vegas PD study on body-worn cameras is positive and shows the department saved money.

DECEMBER 8, 2017

A study on the effects of body-worn cameras shows a significant reduction in complaints of police misconduct and use of force, as well as some cost savings.

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