

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2010 PROJECT SUMMARY

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### **Project Title**

# Mirror Mirror on the Wall, What's The Fairest of It All?

#### Abstract

## **Objectives/Goals**

The objective is to find out if the media affects how every day people portray beauty.

#### Methods/Materials

A survey with 17 questions was given to 120 consenting humans between the ages of 13 and 99. They were organized into 3 different age groups, which were, 13-39, 40-69, and 70+ years of age. There were 40 humans in each age group, 20 females, and 20 males. The survey was written in such a way as to attain a full understanding on what each individual found attractive in a young human female. The questions range from height to eye color to body shape. Images were provided throughout the survey so the individual was able to understand the question fully.

#### **Results**

From the results, there were a few patterns and correlations between the data, but overall, the answers to the questions on the survey were mostly different from each other.

#### **Conclusions/Discussion**

From the data collected, one can conclude that human beings are generally not influenced by the media's image of beauty. Thankfully, beauty is still in the eye of the beholder.

## **Summary Statement**

My project is about finding out if the media's portrayal of female beauty affects what everyday people find beautiful in a female.

#### Help Received

Mom helped pass out surveys