

Title: Happier than ever??

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Narrative paragraphs:

Billie Eilish became one of the biggest musical artists in the world at only sixteen. Entering stardom as only a teenager, Eilish has gone through several emotional and mental changes throughout her career. During the recording and release of her debut album “When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?” Eilish was “plagued with depression, body dysmorphia, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts [1].” Her mental and emotional struggles were reflected in both her song lyrics and interviews.

Eilish’s mental health began to improve in 2019 once she began seeing a therapist, broke up with her boyfriend, and brought her best friend on tour with her. Even better, Eilish swept the Big Four categories of the Grammys. At this time, Eilish began recording her sophomore album “Happier than Ever.” On an Instagram post, Eilish stated that recording her sophomore album were “some of the best nights in [her] life.” Despite the title and her mental state, however, Eilish claims the songs are nothing but joyful. [2] Emotional abuse, power struggles, and mistrust are all common themes of the songs making up her latest album. [1]

Our group is curious to know if Eilish’s lyrics of her sophomore album unconsciously reflect her better mental state despite the fact that Eilish claimed the songs of her sophomore album are nothing but joyful. We want to compare how the sentiment in her interviews during these two eras correlate to the sentiment in her lyrics.

Hypothesis sentence:

We expect to observe similar sentiments between Billie Eilish’s 2018 Vanity Fair interview and her debut album as well as between her 2021 Vanity Fair interview and her sophomore album, with the 2021 album and interview displaying more positive sentiments than the 2018 album and interview.

References:

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