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Such extreme diagnosis would not be an issue if not for overmedication. Many with ADHD take prescription drugs, such as Ritalin or Adderall, designed to increase attention. However, besides suppressing the more “unconventional” habits of those with ADHD, the drugs have been shown to have numerous long- and short-term effects on their users.

It seems ADHD is used in some circumstances as a scapegoat, a reason for abnormal behavior. I recognize that ADHD is, in some cases, a truly debilitating disability. But, this cannot be true for such a significant portion of our population. 34 percent is a bit too much. There is an incessant need in this nation to label and explain everything. When will we stop making excuses and attempting to homogenize the populace? When will we be ourselves and not feel the need to “be ADD”?

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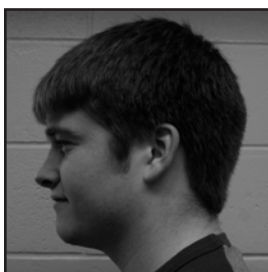


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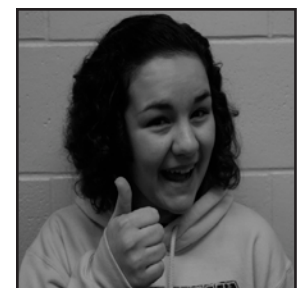
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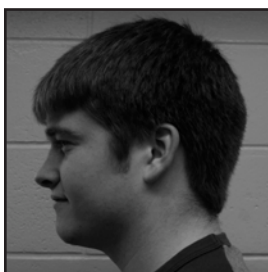


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