

The media of today is very open to voicing their opinions on relevant situations. Social media allows you to comment, share, and like whatever you want. People are free to view all types of post from local people and celebrities. Celebrities experience these opinions the most and have to be careful of what they post on the media, as compared to the general public. I will be sharing a story that demonstrates this type of backlash that celebrities face while being acting on social media.

This past year a famous comedian, Kevin Hart, was chosen to host the 2019 Oscars. He would soon receive comments from the LGBTQ community about a tweet he made nearly a decade ago. The well known comedian made a tweet that stated “Yo if my son comes home & try's 2 play with my daughters doll house I'm going 2 break it over his head & say n my voice 'stop that's gay.” Back in 2011 comments like these were ignored by the public, so it went unnoticed coming from Kevin. After the LGBTQ brought up this past tweet, Kevin was greatly affected by it. He would soon back away from hosting the Oscars and make a public apology to the community. Kevin Hart guess starred on The Ellen Show and explained himself about how as he matured he realized this way of thinking is incorrect. He explains that he was young at the time and was sincerely apologetic. Kevin also made numerous videos on Twitter and Instagram doing the same thing.

In my opinion I feel for Kevin to some degree. I do not believe it was appropriate to bring up past things that was said just because he was hosting a grand awards show. No one is perfect and we don't always say the right things, so it is ok to receive constructive criticism. However, making comments that persuade someone to turn down a great opportunity for themselves is very selfish. He was wrong for what he said about his son but is it really “our” job to ruin an important achievement for someone because of a mistake made years ago? No, I don't believe it is our job. In fact judgment should be placed on anyone. If we as the public don't like something we should voice our opinion in a way that can help people grow but not tear them down.

The media is a powerful tool in this 21st century. Everything we do revolves around the internet and the social constructions built by it. I believe people should change the way they voice their opinion that way they can still be heard without tearing down the next person. At the rate that things are going I tend to get nervous about what can happen to the mental health of these celebrities because of the media. Celebrities have to watch every move they make because they are constantly being followed by cameras and the press. I hope that one day the media it can grow to become better at sharing their voice and become stronger as people.