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### The Thing About Beards

Beards and facial hair have become one of the biggest sensations in the modern times. People walk down the street everyday and see all kinds of styled facial hair. It could be a beard or a mustache, maybe even a goatee. Beards and other facial hair are a huge trend in male fashion right now because of many different reasons. It makes men feel a certain way, it saves time in shaving, and it just something that's fashionable to a lot of the population.

For many men, beards and other facial hair can make them feel or act a different way that they can't with no facial hair. In an online article, it states that in *Evolution and Human Behavior*, primates have developed flashy badges which are thought to increase male sexual attractiveness giving them the edge over other males in their societies (Macphail 2015). If this were implied to human societies, it could hold true as well. Men with beards could look more dominate making them feel more dominate than their peers. Urban Beardsman states, "beardsman are revered as masculine, tenacious, and resourceful" (Bonem 2105). These are all great qualities any man would want to hear that he has or even feel like he has. In today's world, one man has to stand out from hundreds of other males and even more online (Macphail 2015). Facial hair is one of the ways men are trying to stand out. Big flashy beards and other facial hair are sure to catch the eye of eligible, single women. Making society see you as a more dominant male, with great qualities, could lead to a better life.

The beard trend has many different faces. People have their favorite facial hair looks. People love everything from a goatee to a long beard. According to Askmen.com, stubble is one of the top facial hair styles. It says men like this style because it gives the masculine look without all of the maintenance. A five o'clock shadow is similar to stubble. It gives a much more serious look than simple stubble, giving it a hint towards virility (Topteny 2015). Simple sideburns are also another top facial style. They can help to balance facial features, which most likely helped it to be a top facial feature (Topteny 2015). Hairstyleonpoint.com says, "Nothing looks better than a medium flow with a nice thick beard" (Hairstyleonpoint 2015). Beard styles range in popularity depending on the time or season. As time goes on into the future more and more unique and creative styles will emerge paving the way for new popular looks.

The beard trend is a big hit with a lot of the population but there are always those who disagree. Some people think that facial hair is gross or unprofessional. They could cringe at the sight of a santa beard or a few whiskers hanging off someone's face. Some say that it gives guys the opposite reaction that what they were expecting. It gives them the look of uncleanness or dirtiness. Facial hair could cause people feel less comfortable around someone who has facial hair. It sends messages of anger and aggression (Mensjournal.com 2015). Clean shaven men often are seen as clean and mature. They often are seen as more professional and in today's world it's just more acceptable in workplaces and some schools to be clean shaven.

The age of beards is a rather new trend but beards have been around for a lot of history. Today the beard trend has rising and falling over the past few years. It is predicted to continue to rise and fall for many years to come. It seems that only the men who really enjoy wearing beards will keep them. Those who are doing it because of the trend will most likely shave

(Mensjournal.com 2015). Some men seem to be carrying on tradition from their father and grandfather. The beard trend seems to be at its maximum capacity and peak. A majority of the population have beards so the only place left for the trend to go is in a decline.

The beard trend is a huge hit in society today. Almost all of the male population has a beard causing the trend to peak now. Beards and facial hair are seen every day. Walking down the street there will be plenty of different styles to see. Facial hair can cause people to feel certain ways, people have plenty favorite styles, and people just love the trend. The beard trend will continue to rise and fall for many years to come.

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