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Evangelicals Hate "Gilmore Girls?"

A story in the NYT talks about the panic (or faked panic) among evangelical leaders over the loss of teenagers. Their source for this panic? A 10 year old poll that claims soon only 4% of teens will be "Bible-believing Christians." (Another poll-taker insists that today only 5% of teens are "Bible-believing Christians" right now and since this depends on how you define "Bible-believing Christians" it may well be true and indicative of nothing since it doesn't mean teens are flocking to worship Satan, just not necessarily embracing a far-right fundamentalist vision of Christianity. I find it equally impossible to take seriously a Salon.com editor who insists that "lots" of teens tell her that in their high school if you're not Christian you're not cool and that there's tons of peer-pressure to be Christians. And why is all this on my blog? Because at a huge Acquire The Fire concert, teens listed the various temptations they were going to turn their backs on when devoting themselves to Jesus. [Among the temptations? Harry Potter, Louis Vuitton, "my perfect teeth obsession," \(get behind me, whitening strips!\), "Gilmore Girls" and Ryan Seacrest.](#) Ryan Seacrest? "American Idol" is an evil temptation? And the girls of Gilmore, characters on a show created specifically to re-create family hour? If you think those are evil, you better wrap yourself in bubble plastic and just wait for the Rapture, because then everything is evil.

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