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Trends come and go from bell bottoms in the '70's to fanny packs in the '80's. But what about the style of low slung pants in 2016?

For the past five years young men from the ages of 14 to 20 years old could be seen wearing their pants low, according to Glamour.com.

It ranges from boys wearing pants without a belt visibly showing their boxers, to some boys wearing pants almost at their ankles.



For 16 year old Charles Stanley from Bronx New York, sagging' pants is merely a fashion statement. "I wear my pants low because it's just the style. I feel fresh."

But, according to The Washington Times "sagging pants may carry a greater meaning."

According to the article Leonard Jahad, New Haven's top probation supervisor said " The saggin trend started in prison where inmates couldn't wear belts."

In the past the style of low slung pants originated from prison when inmates were allowed to have belts, according to Reference.com.

Some say the style also came about in prison as a message that one is open for homosexual relations.

Justin Herndon 17, from Brooklyn New York said "Outside prison wearing your pants low is just a style. It has nothing to do with homosexuality."

Others just don't feel comfortable with the style at all. "I'm not wearing my pants low because being a black man there's already a negative connotation with black men being dangerous. I know people would feel threatened by me if my pants were low.", Neil Crawford, 20, Bronx New York.