



Embarrassed by the Rhythm

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It was nice to have carefully stacked music CDs on display. By careful, I mean hiding the embarrassing ones under your mattress. And nobody, including yourself, keeps count of what you have listened to the most. All you have is a favorite artist, which you tell everyone, and another which you are not even aware of. But after Spotify Wrapped, we now know how basic we really are. No matter all the indie music we add to the queue, our most listened to artist is after all an embarrassingly overrated popstar. From this self-realization, we have made a list of listening habits one can find anywhere.

WHITE NOISE

You listen to ambient music. It has picked up quite a steam recently. In fact, let's call it 'sound' that helps you focus. Music inspires, but ambient music dulls your senses to be able to work distraction-free. More recently even AI has become a part of the process of making personalized sounds to help you sleep or work. While it is probably helpful, calling it 'music' is an insulting flex to real music. Keep the science out of our music, thank you.

PRISONED BY RETRO

You are one of those who have a 90's playlist on loop. We know growing up has been doing a number on you, but let us not romanticize the past. We had to download music off a shady website and burn it into a disc. So, thank you, next.

TRIED AND TESTED ONLY

Your taste in music is not new, or old enough to be cool. When the whole world stopped listening to M.I.A, you just started. You did try new songs, but the heart wants what it wants.

UNAPOLOGETICALLY POP

Frankly, you cannot care less of what others think. You do not believe in stressing over what music to play. You have been listening to chart-toppers for the past 5 years as it always hits right. Well, if they did not, why would they be popular in the first place?

CONTROL FREAK

Playlists curated by you line up your Spotify account. Each of them labelled neatly according to mood and time of the day. And your friends trust you to be the DJ at any party. You know what you want and how you want it. To that, we tip our hats.

GIMME, GIMME, GIMME

You are hungry for something new. The latest Zara Larsson single does not excite you, but the latest single from a user handle Crapface on SoundCloud is your jam. And to you there is nothing worse than an underground artist achieving mainstream success.

Sadly there is no way you can change your Spotify Wrapped which will be delivered at the end of every year. But at least put your account in private. Not everyone needs to know what you are listening to.