

The great Twitter 'text-your-parents-you're-a-drug-dealer' experiment

Nathan Fielder, star of "Nathan For You," asks his Twitter followers to text their moms and dads (accidentally) offering drugs. The reactions are various and, sometimes, hilarious.

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Such a fine idea.

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Twitter might well be a repository for half-truths, halfwits, and even the half cut, but sometimes it has its uses.

One consists of trying to get your followers to provide some entertainment.

How can one not commend Nathan Fielder, star of Comedy Central's "**Nathan For You** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathan_for_You]," for creating art in action with the help merely of his followers, their phones, and their parents?

He took to Twitter [<https://twitter.com/nathanfielder>] and made a very simple request. He asked his followers to text their parents accidentally that they had drugs for sale and to screenshot their reactions.

The text they were to send read: "Got 2 grams for \$40." A price not to be sniffed at. They were then to offer an oopsie that the text had gone to the wrong recipient.

You will be moved to immediately disappear to the nearest fire escape for a tiramisu when I tell you that the replies wafted between naive charm and threats of harm.

As Splitsider reports [<http://splitsider.com/2013/04/nathan-for-yous-nathan-fielder-has-kids-play-a-fun-drug-deal-prank-on-their-parents/>], one fine mom offered: "2 grams of whaaaaAttttt???????"

This was followed by: "What do you mean?? Now you're doing cocaine? Ganja? What?????"

Her conclusion: "God help me. And you." Which clearly showed the excessive self-centeredness of so many a parent.

One mom did manage to instinctively believe this was a joke. At least, she hoped it was. When her child turned the subject to the more important "Jeopardy," she acted as if nothing had occurred.

Of course, not all were so lenient. For example, this: "You piece of s***. Do you want to go back to jail?" Clearly, her child was not a first offender.

And then there were the parents who didn't quite grasp the language of Drug Nation.

This mom, for example: "Why did you send that? r u saying that you have money for grandmother."

Since when have grandmothers needed money from kids? We can but hope.

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One mischievous child even managed to persuade his mom that "grams" was short for "grammar books." This kind and naive mother then asked if her child needed more money.

Strangely, the answer was yes.

For some parents -- fans of "Breaking Bad" and "Weeds," perhaps -- the mere notion of their offspring being off their druggy rocker was too much.

One dad immediately texted that he and his wife were paying their child a visit and would immediately drive him or her to rehab.

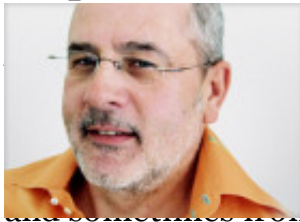
One mom threatened something more drastic and more final: "So help me god if you are referring to drugs I will disown you."

I've always worried about that word "disown."

Mom, you never owned your kid in the first place. His dealer does.

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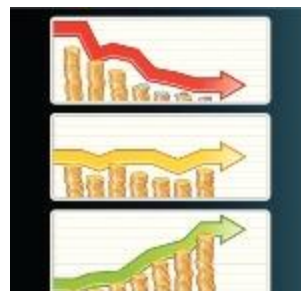


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Come on, "disown" is widely understood. It isn't about 'ownership', it is about freighted expenses that are part of raising a child. Every kid understands that as does every parent. So if the kids expects mom and dad to pay for that first car, and pay for college, or at least provide them with health care until they get a solid job, they might think twice about pulling this joke. Hell, mom and dad are probably paying for the stupid cell phone.

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Wow, if my son texted me that i dont think i would laugh off the joke. Although he is only 2 so I think mainly "when did you get a cell phone" would be my first thought.

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Great article, thanks for the laughs :)

If my kid texted this to me, my response would be "It better be good".

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Yeah my neighbor did that. His mom took him on a field trip to a Rehab Facility. Then threatened to leave him there after he said it was a joke. In all honesty, I think she did leave him there before his texts suddenly stopped shortly after.

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Thank YOU Chris!! What real fun article. Laughed so hard, that my buddies came running in to see the commotion, then read the article and burst laughing like a bunch of Hyenas. Thumbs UP!

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