

Everyone is Watching

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When we present our L.E.A.D.E.R.S. program to a class of students, one of the first questions we ask them is "How many of you view yourselves as role models?" The usual response

from a room of 35 students is a tentative three or four hands raised. When we ask those students why, the most common answer is that they have little brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, cousins, or neighbors. A couple of kids may say that

they baby-sit or coach a kids' team, but the rest of the class remains silent. The majority of every class is convinced that they are not role models, but the truth is everyone is a role model.

After we deliver this "earth-shaking