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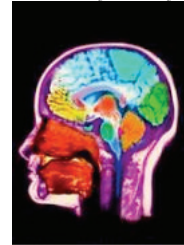
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Big butts once ruled the day, then it was discarded, now beauty is going back to those big bums once again, especially in my country!



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When we were growing up in the late 70s and early 80s, a description of an attractive female always included a generous bums. And the girls knew it.

Those who were well endowed would make it undulate from one side to the other in a calculated movement as they walked. And those who were not particularly blessed with the desirous butts would push out whatever little they had in an effort to attract attention.

Then pop culture descended upon us in the late 80s and early 90s. Satellite TV, Internet, FM radio, western fashion magazines, name it. Out went the African (actually black) big bums, in came the Western (white) small bum.

Suddenly, men traded "ampleness" for "portability" in their search for the perfect girl. The attractive woman was one with a firm, small behind, not a big undulating "trailer", as some termed it. It must be said that this change in demand was, to some extent, generational. The old guard - 40 years and above - stuck to their big, swaying bums. But the change was also determined by social class. The "middle class," with their tendency to acquire Western tastes, quickly lined up behind the small bums. In my country for instance, the "lower" class, did not find anything attractive in the ample bums. As a result, the big bums were prone to finding devoted admirers in rural areas where people were rather conservative, while in the classic places like Cinema Halls, affluent bars, the ample bums ruled the feelings of high class men.

The days of this state of affairs are, however, numbered. According to a recent MSNBC.com report, the small bum is headed for the rear exit. The huge posterior is on such an ascendance that at least 614 buttock-boosting operations - technically known as gluteal implants - were performed in the United States alone in 2002. And the demand is rising.

According to the report, the surge in the demand for buttocks implants is due to the "famous fanny" of one celebrity in particular - Jennifer Lopez. As many people that you might have that criticize her buttocks as being

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too big, she has impacted on what is perceived to be an attractive buttock," the report quotes Dr. Robert F. Centeno, who carries out buttock-boosting surgery, as saying. According to the report, the influence of other "bootylicious" pop stars like Beyonce Knowles as well as fashion trends also are transforming the bottom into a top priority for those considering plastic surgery.

"If you have low-rise pants and you don't have a butt, it doesn't look very good," the MSNBC report quotes Dr. Centeno as saying. The report further says Centeno and his partner, Dr. V. Leroy Young, have been hard at work investigating the precise geometry of the perfect bottom. Their preliminary conclusions?

"A maximum projection - the point at which the buns stick out farthest from the body - should be about level with the pubic mound... Furthermore, the gluteal crease, where your buttocks join your thighs, should not go past two-thirds of the way across the thigh. Finally, every perfect backside should have that pert 'dimple' at the top, where the upper curve of the buns meet at the base of the spine." The report says 90 percent of the people shelling out \$6,000 to \$10,000 (Shs 12 - 20 million) for gluteal implants are women.

However, such operations are not without risk. It is estimated that 10 percent of people taking the operation can develop problems, including infection of the implant site, the formation of a hard fibrous shell around the implant and the ability of the patient to feel the implant over the long term, according to the report. A woman who underwent the procedure, reports MSNBC, plays down the impact of pop stars like J.Lo and Beyonce on her decision to do so. Rather, it was the realisation that she could actually do something about a drooping middle-aged posterior that got her to act. Women and ofcourse, some men have been unhappy with their backsides for years. Now they are realizing that there is something they can do about it," the report quotes her as saying.

So are we about to see the restoration of the rule of the big bum in the whole world? With the growing influence of Western pop culture, it is question of when, not if. Already, low-rise pants are a hit in my city. For now, their main purpose is to show off the G-string. It won't be long before this extends to show-casing the J.Lo-type booty-the bumper butts. And then we will be back right where we started.

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