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"Focus on your actions, not the outcome. It is all you can control" (Liu Kang "Mortal Kombat 1")

"Even the smallest step forward is progress. Keep moving forward." $(Yoon\ Jaehyuk-Treasure)$

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ABSTRACT

Over the past decade, streetwear has shifted from a subculture to a major

fashion trend, with Kanye West playing a significant role. This research focuses on

analyzing the evolution of streetwear fashion, particularly emphasizing Kanye

West's impact. It aims to study the changes in streetwear fashion, reflecting Kanye

West's evolving style during this period. Additionally, the research aims to examine

Kanye West's contributions as an American artist in shaping and promoting

streetwear trends from 2017 to 2022. Furthermore, it seeks to explore the

symbolization concepts emerging within streetwear fashion during this timeframe.

This research adopts both cultural and semiotic approaches to understand

streetwear fashion's transformation. The methodology includes literature review,

content analysis, and visual analysis. Literature review establishes streetwear's

conceptual framework and Kanye West's role. Content analysis explores public

perceptions of Kanye West, while visual analysis tracks his design evolution. This

multi-method approach offers comprehensive insights into streetwear's cultural

significance and Kanye West's influence.

The result of this research shows from 2017 to 2022, streetwear, epitomized

by Kanye West, underwent a notable shift towards high-end fashion, blending brand

prestige with urban culture influences. West's collaborations with Adidas and

Balenciaga, along with his Yeezy brand, played a pivotal role. His style not only

advanced fashion but also served as a platform for cultural expression, reflecting

values of freedom, innovation, and courage. Symbolizations in streetwear

emphasized inclusivity, creativity, and authenticity, pushing boundaries and

blurring conventions. Overall, streetwear mirrored social dynamics, fostering

innovation and embracing diverse identities.

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