

# **RE: <http://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/headphones-everywhere>**

The reason for this trends is significantly easier to answer than you think, Amanda: noise.

That 35 years from 1981 introduced noise everywhere: the streets are crowded are noisy; the cubicles are gone, so our open-space trendy workplaces are noisy; malls and shopping centres play different noise in each and every shop.

Listening to your choice of noise at least suppressed the crushing reality of harsh sounds.

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