

Katy Perry's 'American Idol' Smooch With Christian Teen Ignites Fierce Debate

Chart-topping pop singer and *American Idol* judge Katy Perry has become the subject of a controversial sexual harassment debate after she gave a 19-year-old *Idol* contestant his first kiss. The moment, which aired during the show's season premiere on Sunday, sparked backlash from many viewers and media figures like popular conservative blogger Matt Walsh.

The televised incident began when Oklahoma native Benjamin Glaze, 19, entered the *Idol* audition room. During some preliminary small talk with celebrity judges Luke Bryan, Lionel Richie and Perry, the teen shared that he likes his job as a cashier because he gets to meet "cute girls."

"Have you kissed a girl and liked it?" Bryan asked, referencing Perry's hit single, "I Kissed a Girl." {eo}

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