Smartphones vs. Digital Cameras

Background

- The best phone is the one that when you find a moment worth capturing
- Smartphones don't function digital cameras do
- This means there is types of camera but with each new flagship phone the line between the two gets blurred more and more.

Sensors

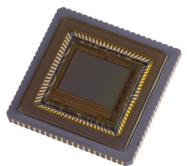
- This is the feature for any camera
- Typically the (physical space that it measures) the better the pictures it will capture.
- With most flagship phones sporting there isn't enough space inside the camera for multiple large sensors.
- Even the most compact camera will sport a sensor than a smartphone.
- This means that cameras will have the smartphones.
- Shooting in
 ? Smartphone
 sensors will do fine. Low light, highly detailed, action, or creating large print images will not be as good on a smartphone.
- Cameras are the here

Resolution

- Smartphones are increasingly able to capture pixels with
- Some using technology known as can even shoot in hundreds of megapixels.
- Cameras are usually more hovering around in the low 20 megapixels on average although larger resolution cameras are available if you want to pay more.
- Because cameras don't rely on binning, have and have fine optical lens, the pictures that they capture will typically be much sharper than smartphones.
- This crisp detail is especially important when making here although this is an area that smartphones are making great strides.

Autofocus

- Being able to on a subject and keep it in focus is crucial for shooting, especially if there is any movement in the shot.
 - on the chip and AI powered subject detection (which finds people, animals, etc. and locks the focus on them) help to make focusing quick and effective on cameras.
- This has isn't new, it's been iterated on



- Smartphones have that often works automatically and focusing manually is simple with a touch of the screen.
- Here again, with higher advances in the

cameras win.

Lenses

- Most current smartphones have a with at least 2 or three lenses on the back, more it it's a flagship phone.
- There is typically a wide angle lens, lens and a standard lens although the camera may pack a wide and super wide angle lens if there are only two lenses.
- Point and shoot cameras will typically only have one lens that sports an to provide varying degrees of magnification but typically can't do wide angle.
- DSLR and Mirrorless cameras have s
 - There are types of lenses that can be applied.
 - Prime lenses are lens that have only zoom.
 - Other lenses provide different , apertures, or effects like fisheye, macro or shift tilt.
 - Carrying a bunch of lenses is less convenient than sporting a smartphone with but does provide more creativity and higher quality images.
- Here, aside from the convenience of having multiple lenses in on device, cameras win for



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Ease of Use

- Some prefer of cameras, much like some gamers prefer to play games with controllers rather than just a touch screen.
- Smartphones do everything through the with no physical buttons.
- Smartphones are made to be that they often lack the ability to change settings.
 - iPhone and Android are built so user friendly that the camera app that comes with the smartphone typically
 - Third party apps from app stores can allow the user to adjust I and White Balance.
- While making adjustments on the camera can be crucial to getting the right exposure, smartphones simpler to use than cameras.

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- Smartphones rely entirely on
 - The is where you will make adjustments and focus.
 - You'll also use it to the image you've shot.
- Camera screens have been improving but are (3-4 inches at most) with resolutions below even mid tier smartphones.
- Cameras can have either screens.
 - Articulating is good for helping the subject shots overhead.
 - Fixed screens, much like using the rear facing camera on a
 do this (and front facing cameras on smartphones are usually lower resolution.
- Viewfinders, the on traditional cameras, can also be used for composing shots.
 - These will show the settings at the used and help to frame the shot

screens.

- Some prefer the of a screen or even connected tablet
- This category really comes down to it's a tie.

Size & Convenience

- The best phone is the one when the perfect photo moment presents itself.
- If a camera is it's probably not going to be taken everywhere and won't be able to take that shot.
- Smartphones are like an extremity, people don't go anywhere without them so they are to capture that shot.
- There are really great cameras that fit easily in the palm but that's a along.
- Camera batteries by watching too much YouTube but their batteries need different chargers than smartphones... another thing to carry!
- Here the winner is clearly

Video

- Smartphones, come with great video tools.
 - Special like time lapse, slow motion and ultra slow motion are great features to have
 - Basic is usually included and able to be done directly on the smartphone.
- Smartphones are even capable of shooting in the will drain your phones storage quickly). (though shooting in
- Cameras are fantastic for video, but they are not as intuitive. make it easy to change the depth of field on video.
- Editing software the camera and will have to be done on a separate device.



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- Cameras provide more but because of the learning curve of editing and use of the camera, this is pretty close since smartphones are more intuitive.
- Video is a

Connectivity

- Most all modern cameras have included in the camera to easily send from the camera to other devises like laptops, smartphones or directly to the web.
- Bluetooth and wifi as anyone that has tried to setup cheaper Bluetooth devices can attest.
- Of course smartphones are by their nature making sharing and transferring photos much faster.
- Of course some people like to look at their pictures on a when they return home from shooting, possibly edit them a bit and then share them.

are the winner here by far!



Price

- It's to compare camera prices and smartphone prices.
 - o Both come in a
 - Flagship smartphones are en't tied to a specific carrier (unlocked).
 - Cameras (and so can mid to low range smartphones) but also much more expensive too.

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- Used cameras can be and are often found at bargain prices.
- Smartphones are
- Most people will probably so why not pay a little more for a smartphone that is capable of better photos rather than buying a second devise, a camera?
- Alternatively, buy a and spend the savings on a camera or gear.
- Since the smartphone is a that could take great photos, it wins here too.



So which is better?

- Both are great in
 - will offer better image quality.
- Cameras are more because of their lenses and accessories.
- Smartphones are very capable, and almost always on hand when needed to take a picture.
- It really is a personal decision which is better because each person will than another.
- At the time it's best to say that causal photographers, especially those are going to be fine with smartphones
 - are something that the average photographer should have to capture a wider range of shots.