This App Will Terrify You Into Wearing Sunscreen

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Sunscreen isn't just for preventing sunburns. The sun's rays are responsible for much of the wrinkling, thickening, and brownish spots that show up over time, especially on light skin. Fortunately, <u>a good broad-spectrum sunscreen will protect</u> <u>you</u>, and this app simulates exactly how much.

Take a selfie with Sunface (free on iOS or Android), and the app will apply wrinkles, sunspots, and all the other appearance-related signs of aging to show you what you'll look like without sunscreen in the future—five years up to 25. Now hit the "sun protection" button, and you'll see your same smiling face with far fewer wrinkles and discolorations. (There is also a "weekly tanning" option, which looks a lot like the "no sun protection" option, but comes with a greater cancer risk.)

Sunface isn't joking around. After it maps your face and draws the wrinkles, your aged mug moves and breathes while you contemplate your future. From time to time it blinks at you, and occasionally shrugs and sighs. *We get it, sunface, okay*?

Since melanin is a natural sunscreen—up to a point—the app applies the filters much more subtly on dark skin. So to get the best scare value out of this app, show it to your palest friend.