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Please control the violence seen on children's television. As the matter of a 20 month old daughter of mine appalled at the amount of sex and violence on television. We do not allow our

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Dear Sir or Madam :

One of the reasons that the country is becoming more violent is the constant violence seen on TV and in the movies. This must be stopped.

Please, before it is too late, eliminate all violence in children's viewing. Use T.V. as a tool for educating and improving and in forming. Isn't this so very obvious?

Sincerely,
Gloria Falls

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Dear Secretary,

As a puppeteer and child's advocate for many years, I am writing to you to express my views concerning children's television. It is my strong conviction that children's television has to be reformed and vastly improved.

In last Sunday's newspaper, a very interesting commentary was published. It was entitled: Children's Television: Quantity Not Quality. It was written by Christopher Scanlan. In this article, Scanlan quotes Cornell University's Child Psychologist John Condry who spoke in "Daedalus" which is the Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Condry said: "TV is a thief of time; it robs children of critical hours required for learning about the world, about one's place in it. That is bad enough, but TV is worse than a thief; it is a liar. For the little truth TV communicates, there is much that is false and distorted, about values as well as facts." I completely agree with John Condry. Television is devoid of interesting subject matter and is too violent.

Former Vice President for Children's Television at ABC, Squire Rushnell, was also quoted in Scanlan's article concerning educational television. He stated: "It is less than an hour." In my opinion, TV stations should be mandated to broadcast at least six hours per week particularly on a Saturday morning. These six hours should contain solid educational and informative subject matter. More innovative

regarding a good puppet show. The shows that are on the Saturday morning line-up do not convey positive values. During the 1950's and 1960's, the networks were broadcasting many interesting shows. "Ask Mr. Wizard", "Bertie the Bunyip" (a great puppet show produced here in Philadelphia for 16 years), Gene London's "Cartoon Corners", "Rin Tin Tin", "Circus Boy", "The Mickey Mouse Club", and "Let's

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Gentlemen:

I am adamantly opposed to the VIOLENCE shown on the Children's programs or any TV program. I am also concerned with the exploitation and incessant portrayal of SEX -- even to encouraging perverted sexual acts on TV programming. It seems some programs are directed to entertain the deviants in our world. I realize one can turn the TV programs off and I do happily but our young people are not experienced enough to differ from the good and the bad. Their young minds are still searching and they (I think) believe that if it is shown on TV it must be right and/or appropriate.

The Children's programs should be advocating and promoting ~~programming~~ characters and incidents that encourage respect for others, to teach them right from wrong, etc. They should be educational as well as striving to build character. I further believe TV VIOLENCE is greatly responsible for the violence in the world today. VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE.

I am grateful and happy that you are making an effort to influence, encourage better programming on our TV especially for our children.

Sincerely,

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RE: PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER ARTICLE RE: CHILDRENS' T.V.
SUNDAY EDITION: MAY 2, 1993

Dear Sir or Ms:

My thoughts in retrospect of your article in the Philadelphia Inquirer are not positive or congratulatory. What disgusts me most is the professional Dr. Condry stating: "I think we have abandoned

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Where is it written, philosophized, argued and adopted that you and I as Americans are subject to the pedantic and pathetic pathos of 'We-ism' - like some text-book reference to groups of peoples-past? Some dissertation of haphazard, involuntary and impotent evolutionary passage through time?

Did Dr. Conry come and talk to me about the school system's politically correct indifference to violence and theft there? How can he report to you that there is strong consensus amongst the adult parents or the 'We's' of the world to abandonment to violence for our children?

Did Dr. Conry come and discuss his 'We' theories regarding my disgust with the medical community in reference to children's activities and diagnoses? He certainly is confident in saying 'We' have or have not done something to or for our children - I am not.

Dr. Conry is the 'type' of guy who will advise the 'We's' of the world about how we accept anything, mostly, because he is individually important when he speaks for all of us. I do not like people like this Condry - he is scary. Get real people to speak for the I's and you's in the world - and unload Dr. Conry - before he does his harm to all of us.

I do not abandon children for experts from schools, medicine, law and/or Dr. Condry, speaking for the FCC. My children are products of the violence and demoralizing T.V. they view. I will pick up my swords, my clubs, my weapons, my voice, my spirit, my hate, my violence, all by myself before I accept his 'We' of it all as your expert - as one of those who soothe your consciences with his 'We'. I will go to hell and prison and death before I accept his platonic and pathetic 'We'.

Talk to me. Now. Forget the 'We'. I am living now. We are here - you and me. Don't ask me to swallow my individualism in your responses to the 'We's' of the world. We is a response to the dead of us, not me and you. Stop the violence on children's television viewing time. Cut the crap. Lay out the great stuff you can do.

Don't approach me with 'We' stuff. Don't sell my children short - like the FCC has done in the past. Give children their share of the future - stop selling them out to the 'We's' of the world, like Dr. Condry, whose confidence is only surpassed by his stupidity - if he thinks I am part of his 'We' and if he thinks children are dead and form a 'We' too - as if in the historical sense.

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Thing big. At least try to think bigger than violence and mindless fighting and bad language for children's television. Organize television so that the 'We's' (who accommodate through their understanding of the undesirable elements of television) are shown to be wrong by people just like you and me.

Make my day and tell the FCC that parents and individuals and children want a future bigger than their acceptance of 'We abandoned our children'. Try to stop the historical predictions of Dr. Conry and others like him while you and I can.

Sincerely,

Diane S. Tosta