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To whom it may concern,

My children are not allowed to watch television unless we approve the program. There are very few shows on for them. Unless it is of educational value or true fun they don't see it. We watch shows like Sesame Street, Barney + Friends, NOVA, national Geographic They were allowed to watch The young Indiana Jones Chronicles, and a few cartoons after school.

I would like to see more control over language, nudity and things along that line, you never know what will show up as a trailer for some piece of trash that night. As for 1st admendment rights our forefathers are spinning in their graves.

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Dear: Secretary of Federal Communications

I am writing to you about a conflict that has been brought to my attention. I believe that the immoral, violent, and uneducational acts portrayed on television shows targeted for children should be discontinued. In the following I will have listed a few of the many reasons why you should seriously consider ending this senseless television viewing. Children need to be educated and not distracted by this hindering article that may jeopardize thier future.

Studies have shown that children's television" today

children". "There's even a growing movement by doctors and other health experts to label television violence a public health threat that needs as much attention as guns, drugs, and alcohol". "The fact remains that television is more violent than ever before and offers fewer opportunities for education". "Parents and researchers complain that children are routinely presented with stereotypes about women, minorities, the poor and elderly and skewed values about sex, drugs, and alcohol".

"In a study last year, TV Guide gave a chilling breakdown of the violence displayed over 10 Washington D.C. stations during one 18-hour period in April 1992". "The tally was 1,846 individual act's of violence, 362 scenes of gunplay, 389 assaults; 673 scenes of punching, pushing, slapping, dragging; 226 scenes of menacing with a weapon, and at least 175 fatalities". "For every message on television that says, 'Just Say No', there are six that say: 'Can't sleep, take a drug. Want to lose weight, take a drug. Feeling a little down, take a drug or have a beer or a glass of wine'," "Says child psychologist John Lundry of Cornell University".

In conclusion I would hope you would favorably consider more educational programming for children. I hope I have helped to make a difference in the educational perspective of children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Raquel Dana
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Dear Secretary Federal Communications Commission;

My name is Raquel Dana. I am a nineteen year old junior attending at Ray Miller High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. My concern for the violence being broadcasted in our television programs has grown great. I strongly feel that it has gotten far too out of hand. I feel that if our hopes are for a better tomorrow, we should begin working on it today. We should begin by working with the leaders of the future, who are the children of today. These children are also the ones who spend hours in front of the television set, learning what they see; which sadly to awknowledge are scenes of violence. There are many reasons as to why I believe that there is too much T.V. violence, which children should not be exposed to

Therefore, what that child sees is what he or she learns. If what that child watches is violence, then violence becomes "o.k." to him. For example, in the "Bugs Bunny and Friends Cartoon", Tweety Bird is always blowing "the bad cat's" brain off. This then is implying that it's okay to resolve problems by means of violence. How can we then ask children to talk their problems over, if our T.V. shows are telling them that if they have a problem with someone is okay to blow off their head? We can't. Can we?

Another reason why I feel that children should not be exposed to T.V. violence, is the fact that we can not expect a seven year old to be able to separate "T.V." from reality. I remember a couple of years ago, there was a story in the newspaper about a little boy who saw a movie on T.V. in which a young boy was playing a trick on his best friend. The movie character pretended to shoot himself, caught the bullet with his teeth. Sadly, the little boy tried to imitate or enact that scene, but did not succeed. The bullet went

straight through his mouth and out the back of his head. You see, children do imitate whatever they see. We can not blame them for imitating violence, if thats what the good old T.V. is teaching them. A child is ignorant and innocent.

One last reason why I believe T.V. violence is inadequate for children, is that your childhood years are very crucial years, which have alot of influence in the person you will grow up to be. For example, if a child grows up seing violence used over and over, then that child is at grat risk of himself being a violent person. What you learn your childhood years will effect you and your family in the future. This is why if we hope for a better tomorrow we need to teach the children to be violent free.

I have expressed my feelings and concerns. I urge to please do ever thing in your power to make these crucial changes in our television broadcasting. T.V. needs to be educational and it

all my nineteen years of life, I have never watched a television show, not even a cartoon, in which a gun or some form of violence is not used, but this can certainly change if we truly work on building a better tomorrow. Please

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Nidia Castillo
(10th)

Dear Secretary Federal Communications Commission:

My name is Nidia Castillo, and I am a junior at Roy Miller High School. The reason I'm writing to you is to give my ideas about kids T.V. My idea about that is-that I'm concerend about what my new phews see on television also about the ~~kinds~~ kids of the future are going to see.

Saturday I woke up at six in the morning to see what kind of shows and cartoons kids were seeing. In my surprise almost every show I saw violence were given. For example, I saw "Teenage Mutant

"There are only 11 hours of educational shows." The uneducational shows are given more hours than educational shows. "In April 1992, 18 hour there are 1,846 individual act of violence, * 389 assaults; 673 scenes of punching, pushing, slapping ect...; 256 scenes of men acing with weapon, and at least 175 fatalities." The shows of uneducational should be given less hours and educational shows should be given more than right now.

The shows that should be broadcast are educational and fun to see. For example, "Saved by the Bell," "Full House," "Jetsons," "Flintstones," "Micky Mouse," and "Cosby." Educational shows don't have to be long and boring. With this kind of shows kids would enjoy seeing and learn something about it too. This shows have characters who cooperate and care for each other. They are not that perfect but, it's better than any other show that are shown in television.

In conclusion, shows and cartoon should be shown only if they are for educational. Hours for uneducational shows should be cut down, less hours than what's now. More educational shows should be broadcast in television for kids education

Sincerely,
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Dishaka Moreau

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Dear Secretary Federal Communications Commission:

3 I am writing on behave of my concern about what kids watch on television. Some kids that watch television on Saturday morninning or in the afternoon they learn from the things ~~they~~ they watch, because television cartoons, and little shows they watch contruct plenty of violence or misbehavior. Here are some reasons and the television names to prove it.

First of all, The Simpsons, now Bart Simpsons does so many unreasonable things like putting mothballs, or bugs in the food, and if a ~~curiaw~~ ~~or~~ curious kid does something like that 3 ~~felt~~ feel that that is misconduct. They might do it ~~th~~ to see the reaction of the parents, because that kid might not ~~get~~ have gottin in trouble.

Dishaka Moreau

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If I would broadcast the show I would make it Educational for the kids that watch like, make Bart do a little math, or teach maggie how to read and the kids that are watching might ~~Catt~~ catch on.

Second of all, what about the Show Saved by the Bell, this show, really bugs me, because they show kids how to be really mean to each other. For example the kid Zack and Slater are always picking on Scritch because he's little and nerdy looking. ~~This gives the~~ If a kids is looking at this and there is a ~~Allot~~ nerdy looking guy and he is little these kids might try some of the ~~truck~~ tricks that Zack and Slater tried on Scritch. That can be a real problem.

Third of all, the cartoon of those four "Teenage mutant ~~Ne~~ Ninja Turtles" they have the

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Violence makes, they fight to much
and the kids pick up all these
little makes and then they want

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has learned something wrong.

Secondly, stereotyping has

it robs children of critical hours
required for learning about the
world, about ~~places~~ one's place in it.
For the little truth television communicates,
there is much that ~~it~~ is false and
distorted, about values as well as facts.
We have abandoned our children to
figure out what to make of television.
Unfortunately, that's the one thing
our children cannot do. Thank you
for your time

Sincerely yours
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Sandra Macias (6th)

Dear Childrens' TV mm Docket:

My name is Sandra L. Macias. I am eighteen years of age and concerned on what is on television for kids. In the following lines are my reasons for why I believe that there should be more educational programs for kids, instead of cartoons that contain violence.

My first reason for why I believe that there should be more educational programs for kids is because our society has enough violence, and cartoon such as G.I. Joe only make it worse. For example, I was sitting down with my nephew watching the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and before the cartoon finished he was pretending to have a sword, and pretending to have killed me. If our kids grow up watching these types of T.V. shows, they are probably going to grow up to be bad kids. Is this what America wants our kids to learn?

My second reason is that there are more cartoons and comedy shows for kids than educational programs.

If we want for our kids to be well-educated and know at a young age what is right from wrong, we must all work together and educate them. For example, I was watching cartoons one Saturday morning, and of course the good guys always overcame the bad guys, but they always did it with violence. For this reason, I say that we should spend the money spent on worthless cartoons in educational programs, and give our children a better education.

My final reason for why I believe that there should be more educational programs is that kids are now growing in an environment that involves drugs and violence. If we educate them well, they will more than likely keep away from the drugs. Cartoons such as the Simpsons shows nothing but profanity and violence, a kid who does not listen to his parents or teachers. Is this the way we want our kids to grow up?

In conclusion, I hope you understand and see my point-of-view of why I strongly believe that if we make this change, our children will be well-educated and will grow up to be somebody important in life, not a low-life bum that will steal for food or drugs.

Sincerely,
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Michelle Cal
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Dear Secretary Federal communications Commission:

I am writing on the issue Concerning what kids should watch on television. I think there should be more educational programs on television for teenagers and younger children. In this paragraph I will state my reasons why there should be more educational programs on television. Also I will state examples for my reasons.

First of all there should be more more educational programs on television to educate teenagers. There are alot of issue that teenagers should be educated on such as teen preganey, STD's, drugs, and sex. Right now Aids and drugs are the big issues among the young people. I feel that if we put educational programs on television to show the young people what these things can do to them, maybe we would have such a big problem with them. I think the bissest problem

that teenagers have today is drugs. Almost all the television shows that you watch have some type of dope dealer in it. Once teenagers see how much money that that persons is making, they feel that o.k. for them to do it too.

Second, the cartoons that smaller children view shouldn't be so violent. Once a smaller child sees his/her favorite cartoon bulling someone. Their going to figure that its o.k. for them to bully people. Almost every cartoon the characters are always fighting. Adults are always talking about how violent children are. Their just adding to it with all the violence they put on television.

Parents should also have a say in what their children watch. If parents don't care about what their child watches on television why should the child care. Parents should make some kind of arrangement on what their child should watch. They should let their child watch about 4 hours of educational programs and

At hours of their favorite programs.

Finally, I have stated all my reason why I think there should be more educational programs on television for teenagers and children. I hope you take all my reason and examples into consideration. There really needs to be more educational programs for the children. And as adults we must do something for this to happen. That's why I took upon myself to write this letter to the Secretary Federal Communications commission.

Sincerely,
Michelle Cox

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Claudia Rodriguez
(6th)

Members of the Federal Communications Commission:

My name is Claudia Rodriguez. I am a high school student. I am writing this letter to state my opinion to the members of the Federal Communications Commission about kid's television shows that contain violence and give wrong advices to children concerning the world. I several reasons that support my opinion.

First of all, today's television programs are different from the old ones. The new programs presented on television contain psycological and real violence. It starts from movies and ends with cartoons, which are the ones that may affect our children. For instance, after watching a violent program, children usually rebel against their parents moral standards. They want to imitate what they see on movies as well as in cartoons. It is hard for parents to discipline their children after they get customized seeing violent programs.

Secondly, television programs containing violence can be a life-time influence to our children. For example, children may think they may acquire things by getting a gun and rob somebody. Children may think they have power by terrorizing their peers. Our children would grow up with a bad attitude and confusion about reality if the television programs continue

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Aurora Vega

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members of the Fed. Communications Commision.

My name is Aurora Vega. I am concerned about the kind of T.V. shows kids watch everyday, and for a long time. I agree with the transmission of educational and informational programming, but I'm against those T.V. sets that only show stereotypes about violence, sex, drugs, and alcohol. T.V. has a tremendous effect on the children's mental development and heath, that's why I think T.V. stations should broadcast kids' programs, at least, for less than three hours per day. I present to you three reasons and three examples to support my opinion.

In the first place, television violence leads to real violence. We are exposing children to a supposed world full of struggles, in which the toughest and strongest is the hero because he leaves all his enemies on the floor. For instance, the other time I saw a kid watching "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles". The T.V. show finished, and he went to his next door neighbor's house. They were playing "Ninja Turtles", one of them got

Another reason I have is that kid waste a lot of time watching T.V. Half of the time they are in front of the TV can be more useful if they read, play, take special courses, or even if they sleep. A good example is my nine-year-old cousin. Ariselda is being more obese, and also has got detention at school because of incompleted assignments.

My last reason is the following: TV screen hurts the kid's eyes when he/she watchs it for a long time. The light that television reflects, causes the eyes to get watery and to hurt. In fact, my niece has to wear glasses because she suffers of headaches after ~~being~~ been playing video games and watching TV since 3 p.m. until evening.

At this point, I hope my reasons and examples have been enough convincents, so you will consider them. They were the followings: First, some kids' TV programs have to much violence; kids watch "The Ninja Turtles" and "practice" the karate kids on the kid right next to them. Second, children waste their time watching T.V. instead of play, read, sleep or finish scholar assignments; children are punished for incompleted assignments.