Violence on T.V. Desensitizes
our Children I Am Asking that
if we are to Expect our youth
become responsible, productive
Citizens, we need support from
the FCC in providing programing
which impacts values, ethics +
integrety in support of what
parents are trying to instill in
the homes. Sal Jansson, SJUT

Honorable Reed Hundt,

In 1991 when the Children's Television Act was passed, networks were required to design educational and informational needs of children. The television programs that I have monitored for my children viewing have increasingly shown more violence & lack of respect for life. The TV industry has not responded to the provisions of the Children's Television Act. I believe the FCC has an obligation to enforce the law & provide quality educational & informational programs for children

Lucy Ramos

There are so many good moral and entertaining movies + shows that are out there that could be shown, instead of overly violent, loose pornography being shown when there is so many kids home alone with no guidance.

Thank you.
Dora Savage

Mr Hundt,

It disturbs me that the quality of children's TV is no better today than it was 3 years ago when the Children's TV Act was passed.

Network broadcasters should be held more accountable in this area. Quality TV for children can be accomplished without negatively impacting their bottom line.

In Yakima, Washington, PTA has been working closely with our local affiliates who develop local programs for children in the limited time they have when they are not required to carry the network feeds. If it can be done at the local level it can certainly be done at the network level.

Martha Rice, Pres., Yakima PTA Council

6/13/94

Dear Mr. Hundt:

For over 40 years the National PTA has campaigned for better television for children. This winter Florida PTA did a survey in cooperation with our DOE, and we have concerns about the amount of violence that continues to be broadcast. In view of the numbers of children who watch television, we ask for better childrens program. Do what the 1991 Children's Television act was intended to do.

Sincerely, Kay Ruger, FPTA pres.

JUNE 13, 1994

To the Honorable Reed Hundt -

We, in our local PTA at Burr Elementary are extremely concerned about our children's exposure to the VIOLENCE that occurs in Children's Programming on a daily basis. We are adamant in our beliefs that this constant barrage of fighting and murders and vulgar language most definitely has a profound effect on children and therefore DESENSITIZES children and affects society as a whole.

We want ACTION taken on providing better programming for kids!

SUZIE MARTIN, Past Pres. Burr PTA

Sir,

As president of an elementary school PTA in Charleston, SC; and as a parent, I am appalled at the programs that are shown as children's TV. There is too much violence, a total lack of moral commitment and values and totally absurd version of reality.

I would ask that the FCC begin to hold all the networks accountable for their programming and develop a national set of standards

Sincerely,
Eric Radabaugh

We need more positive TV children programming. Less violence, less killing.
They have to see there is more to life than violence. Love! Understanding! Friendship & Family Life.

Broadcasters have ~~be~~ not been living up to the spirit of the Children's Television Act. As one of the over 6,000,000 members of the National PTA, I ask the FCC to enforce, not only the letter of the law, but also the spirit of the law. I would like to [illegible] children's shows — enough of them [illegible] casters wouldn't have room for [illegible] shows.

Sincerely

Nancy M. Katz

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Your Honor,

Not enough is being done to monitor and encourage the broadcasting industry to provide more and better programming for our country's children.

It's time that we stop dragging our feet and looking at just the bottom line, ie, dollars.

As a parent, I do care what my children watch.

Deborah A. Tidwell
Fairview Park, Ohio

As a mother of five and a 4th grade teacher, I am very concerned about the quality of children's television. Our children need less exposure to violence and more educational and quality entertainment. Families should have an opportunity to sit down together and enjoy programs that will stimulate discussions, learning and high standards. Sincerely - Bee Hedrick

Little if any thing has been done since the "Children's Television Act" went into effect (10/1/91). Many children are growing up with out those educational and informational needs being met. Please enforce these goals. Family programs makes our children better People. The future of all ~~our~~ depends less violent programing

R. Harrell Calif PTA

Please reduce the violence on TV, limit violent programming to late hours and have the networks increase their children programming.

Thank you.

Dean Mizumura

DEAN MIZUMURA
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Dear Hon. Hendt,

The level of children's programming remains mediocre at best. The amount of sex & violence shown by the networks & cable is on the increase. As a public we have become "immune" to the viewing of violence whether it be in the form of a movie, TV program, or so-called News Specials.

As a PTA member (immediate past president of Mill Middle School & present, new, president of the Williamsville PTA Council) I strongly urge you to strengthen Children's T.V. Policies & remove sex & violence from T.V.

Kathy Alessi

Quality Children's Television is possible.
Please make it a reality.
Violence on television has no benefit & may do real harm.
Please do what is necessary to protect our children.

Janice Louden

Janice Louden
PO Box 74876
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Since the passage of the Childrens Television Act, in Oct. 1991, broadcasters have not shown any more childrens programs than before the law was enacted. A 1993 study by U. of California School of Communication finds that the industry broadcasted less than 3.4 hours of childrens programming per week. This is not acceptable! We must have more family viewing and much less TV violence! Protect my child and others by demanding stronger Childrens educational needs! The mediocre violent programs available under-mine traditional family values and must not continue! Jeanne Palch, 911 NW 91st St Vancouver, Wa 98665

Our children deserve no less than the best quality + content of TV Programming that can be offered. No commercial profit for ratings is worth the expense of our children.

TV violence to promote ratings and dollars is costing our nation a heavy price - the minds and lives of all our children

Janet Maughan
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PTA

Dear Honorable Hundt,

I am writing as a mother of three grown children and the grandmother of one. In watching the change in T.V. programming over the years I am very concerned with forms of so much violence being shown during prime time T.V.

Our society need the support and encouragement of all of us to bring T.V. into the educational role for our young people.

I encourage you to support more educational and informational programs.

Thank you,

Mary Jane Capin

Dear Sir,

Children spend so much time watching T.V. that the gratitous violent on our children program desensitizes them to real violence. The news has a lot of violence in its content. Can't children program show them something else, another view of life.

Sincerely

Mrs Henrietta Lang
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As of 10/1/91 The Children's Television act went into effect. Yet, I find TV is deplorable. We need children's programming at all hours of the day + for longer lengths. TV can + should be a learning experience if they (the children) are going to watch T.V. Protect the children's interest. You + I can help children who may have parents that do not teach +/or play with their children. Children can be possibly "saved" if they might have "good" TV as an alternative to an incomplete environment. I urge you as chair of the FCC to help us to rectify this deplorable TV dilemma.

Yours truly,
Veronica M. Hinds

6/12/94

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Dear Honorable Hunt,

I am the mother of six children and have been an advocate for children for more than twenty years. I am very concerned about the violence that surround our children and the violence constantly seen on television. I urge you to support the National PTA in protecting the children's interest. We need quality programs and less violence. Thank you for your support on this endeavor.

Claire Y. White
NC PTA

Dear Sir,

Please be advised that as a parent of young children and a teacher, I feel that the quality of T.V programming is very sad. Most children get 3-4 hours of children's programming per week. The Children's Television Act was not designed for this. Please protect the children by including quality programs with more hours. I have seen the result of less than quality programming and dumming-up our children. Please help.

Gail Weatherford

Dear Honorable Reed Hundt.

I am not pleased about what our children are exposed to on TV. The Children's Television Act is not doing what I feel is needed and I would personally appreciate anything you feel you can do to encourage the FCC to promote higher standards particularly on the material viewed by children during prime time. We don't need shows like NYPD Blue aired during prime time hours! Thankyou! Sincerely,

Barbara Sampson, Utah State PTA Executive Board

In the early days of television, every local network had children's shows that were produced locally and provided children with entertainment and educational activities. For the most part, these and other worthwhile programs have disappeared and not replaced.

Nickelodeon is the only commercial station the has good programming for children in daytime hours. Youth children are important, they need positive influences. The Childrens TV Act needs to fully implemented.

Jo Ann Rice

Dear Honorable Reed Hundt,

I am writing to you in regard to the problem with the way TV has become more violent. From the TV news to cartoons there is too much graphic violence. I have 3 young children who need to see more positive, family oriented TV programming. I would love to see programs rated so that parents can determine what they would like their families to watch. Please, I ask to to consider all of the children of America so that more programming can be made for children.

Thank You,
Dawn Etzel Hardman