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September 14, 1995

The FCC's request for public comment shows an understanding of the worry Americans feel about a genuinely life-threatening cancer in American society - violence in the media.

Is there another issue you can name that has captured the attention of so many citizens? Is there another crisis short of war that could have driven so many groups to take a stand? Scan this partial list of national organizations that have publicly stated their support for a reduction in violence and vulgarity on TV:

- The American Medical Association
- The American Medical Alliance
- The American Academy of Pediatrics
- The American Psychological Association
- The American Psychiatric Association
- The Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- The American Nurses Association
- The American Academy of Nursing
- The National PTA
- The National School Boards Association
- The American Association for School Administrators
- The National Sheriffs Association
- The National Child Care Association
- The National Association of Social Workers
- The National Council of Churches
- The National Assoc. for Family and Community Education
- The American Family Association
- The Foundation to Improve TV
- Alliance Against Violence in Entertainment for Children
- Canada's Association for Media Literacy
- Pope John Paul II

There is an infinitely longer list of outraged state and local agencies.

If this were a false alarm - if there were serious doubt that the media's violence and prurience are nurturing a frighteningly violent society - then perhaps the FCC and the media could delay action in good conscience. But study

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after study, criminal investigation after criminal investigation, and murder after senseless murder confirms for all of us that we are on a very dangerous path. Murders and beatings are dally fare; and often the cause is a violent reaction to mundane problem.

Are media executives and shareholders willing to live in suburbs like those in South Africa, surrounded by high walls topped with concertina wire, in order to make the extra dollars that violent shows generate? Are they and we willing to see our political and social systems fall, because our citizenry believes more in violent responses than in our political and judicial systems?

It is said that there is even honor among thieves. Surely there is enough honor in the media industry to form agreements to promote the nation's welfare and refrain from encouraging basic violent instincts.

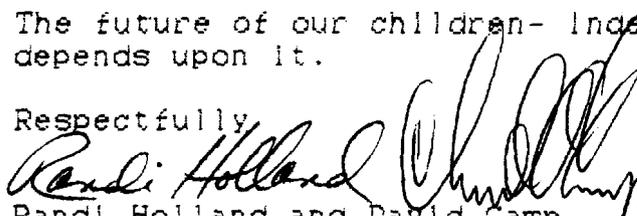
We are writing on behalf of the Academy for Family TV and the countless citizens who share our deep concern. We are a civilized, moderate community of legislators, professionals in medicine and law, educators and businessmen, parents, and proactive citizens. There is not a fanatic among us. Yet we are angry... having to control the impulses that TV, movies, and rap would encourage us to unleash.

It is past time to strengthen the Children's Television Act. It is past the time when defining a given percentage of the television day as children's time is enough. TV is profoundly affecting the thoughts and habits not only of small children, but of adolescents, young adults, and mature adults - all of whom show increasing hostility, bitterness, lack of faith in the nation, and violence toward humanity. Even those of us who abhor unnecessary intrusion by the federal government have reached the end of our patience.

The FCC must obtain a commitment by the TV industry to greatly reduce the violence, vulgarity, and prurience being broadcast, and hold all stations to it; or the FCC must introduce legislation to force the issue.

The future of our children- indeed the future of our nation- depends upon it.

Respectfully

  
Randi Holland and David Camp  
Academy for Family Television  
2500 NE 65th Av  
Vancouver, Wa. 98661

By signing this letter of petition, I express my profound concern over the effects of television violence, sex, and vulgarity. I ask the FCC to take a very strong stand in turning back the tide of destructive influences that are flooding American homes and minds.

Eileen Peterson

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Dear Commission Members,

For the past twelve years I have been a Superintendent of schools. Currently, I am Superintendent of a large suburban school district serving the Seattle metropolitan area.

Parents, educators and community members in our district are increasingly concerned about the quality of television available for children. We spend many of our resources trying to encourage students to be responsible, drug free, non-violent citizens. But children and teenagers are continually barraged by media images of violence, sexual promiscuity and irresponsible behavior. Schools and community groups do not have the tremendous financial resources of MTV. We are definitely at a disadvantage.

There is an old African proverb that "it takes a whole village to raise a child." The adults in our community would very much like FCC regulations to insist upon high quality children's programming during prime viewing hours.

Yours truly,

Karen A. Forsys  
Superintendent

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: MM Docket 93-48

I read in the Cincinnati Enquirer the article about the trash on TV and I am in total agreement with the article. While I believe that television should police themselves, it is obvious with the programming currently being offered, that television executives are not doing a good job. Therefore, while I am generally opposed to government sticking its nose into the affairs of private business, something has to be done to provide good wholesome entertainment for children.

I firmly approve of guidelines being set for entertainment options for children.

Sincerely,

*Margaret K. Bengal*  
Margaret K. Bengal

9198 Country View Lane  
Loveland, Ohio 45140

P.S. My husband and I are both senior citizens. When we sit down to watch TV in the evening, we scan the offerings and say "The vast American wasteland!" WE turn to cable to see biography, or AMC or other fare to our liking. After the game shows go off at 8 P.M. we seldom watch the major channels, except for some of the better news magazine type shows such as Prime Time. The advertisers should wake up to the fact that we are the ones who have the money to buy their products!!!!!!!

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Re:MM Docket 93-48 or appropriate Department.

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Sir/Madame:

I am aware that this refers to Children's Education but I have no other information on which to base this letter.

Perhaps you could send it to the proper Department if my comments do not apply to this matter.

We have on 2 local Radio Stations (WCKY and WLW\_AM ) a commentator who says his name is Carmine Guzzman.

He is on every night for 3 hours and on for additional time each week ,reaching about 38 States via WLW.

He repeatedly creates hatred for us of Germanic origin ,where hatred never existed before.

His anti Germanic diatribes certainly cause self hatred within our Youth.

I am much aware of the first Amendment ,but this Niagra of hate spewed out of this man's mouth goes far beyond what is acceptable.

The Station Administrators crawl behind "Well it is showbusiness" excuses .

If this is "showbusiness,"then let them permit me or some other qualified Person to broadcast, pointing out the many positive gifts given to the World by Germanic People.

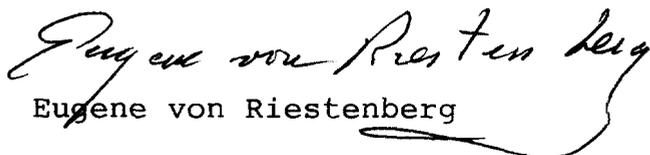
We are the largest Ethnic Group in the USA and have been here since 1607.

We may not be as noisy as SOME OTHERS ,BUT ON THIS SUBJECT WE ASK THAT YOU HELP US TO REMEDY AN OBVIOUS MISTAKE BY THESE STATIONS.

Representative Bunning gave me this address.

I look forward to your quick reply.

Thank you.

  
Eugene von Riestenberg

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RE: Children's Television Act

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Issaquah School District's Board of Directors wishes to vigorously support the letter sent to you by Phyllis Bunker Frank, President of the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA). Ms. Frank urged you, through legislative action, to obtain and enforce a commitment by the television industry to greatly reduce the violence, vulgarity and prurience being broadcast.

Issaquah is a lovely area located about 30 minutes east of Seattle, Washington. Our area is growing rapidly and our school population has increased dramatically in the past five years. Not only have the numbers increased, but we see an alarming increase in the number of troubled youth we serve. We recognize there are many factors involved in helping students overcome temptations, make good choices for themselves in their lives, and be successful. We believe it is imperative that we ALL contribute, with whatever means we can, to this effort.

Television is a powerful presence in our society. We believe it can be a very positive presence as well, but only if it is used responsibly. We know that this involves the participation and wisdom of parents as well. However, as adults and persons in a position to influence positive actions, we urge you to do all you can to assure that responsible television programming becomes the norm, not the exception, in our country. We join with the WSSDA to urge the FCC to recommend legislation that will resolve this vital issue.

As Ms. Frank stated, children are our greatest legacy. It is in the best interests of all of us that they are served effectively.

Sincerely,

David W. Irons, President  
Board of Directors

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xc: P. B. Frank, WSSDA

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As a parent of a preteen child, a teenager and an elementary educator for the past twenty years, I am fully aware of the negative impact of the current garbage shown on the network channels. My expertise also makes me fully aware of a parent's responsibility in monitoring the shows watched by impressionable, young children.

Unfortunately, in our society we are experiencing an overwhelming attitude of 'so, what can I do?' concerning the unnecessary gratuitous sex and violence that flood our airwaves. It has become such a common sight that parents feel they can't do a thing to change the programming.

The voyeuristic mentality that TV talk shows and programs like 911 encourage is developed early in our culture. As young people are fed a steady diet of shows similar to those mentioned the raunchiness and invaded privacy of people's lives becomes more intimately revealed. I think many parents may not be aware of just how inappropriate some of those shows have become.

Given the opportunity to make changes I would strive to clean up the sexual innuendoes, violence and any programs that hurt the development of our young people. Wholesome programs may not sell many boxes of cereal, but at least they won't be guilty of contributing to the decline of morality and civility like current programs. Any talk-based program that deals with adult sexual situations should be banned completely.

Sincerely,

Diana Klingler

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Dear Secretary:

These remarks are in reference to "MM Docket 93-48".

I am not necessarily a proponent of government rules, additional bureaucracy, or censorship---however, I do object to the increasing use of foul words on TV programs.

I have a seven year old daughter whom I'm not trying to shelter from anything in particular, but we don't converse at home with gutter or street talk and I'm upset to think the major networks are willing to provide (with obvious approval) standard trash as part of our daily TV diet.

I don't like my family being exposed to it. I don't want my daughter to grow up with the incorrect assumption that skin, sex, and dirty (or at least off-color) language is acceptable behavior across-the-board.

I would like to think that the major networks would voluntarily shoulder decent, wholesome, educational, and/or entertaining programing on their own.

Perhaps, I am naive.....

Respectfully,

Jan L. Brandewie

- cc: WLW (Channel 5)
- WCPO (Channel 9)
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Gentlemen:

I urge you to demand that broadcasters fulfill the Children's Television Act by making a substantial commitment to high-quality children's programming, as well as providing programming which is suitable for family viewing during prime time.

As a school board member in the 18,000-student Northshore School District, I am well aware of the increasing difficulty our parents and schools face in teaching civility, non-violent behaviour, drug avoidance, and prevention of teen pregnancy. We are trying as hard as we can, but I'm not sure we can win because of the powerful messages our kids are getting from television programming and advertising.

Today television teaches kids that disrespect is cool, that violence is the preferred way to solve problems, and that casual relationships should involve sleeping together. Our schools are trying to teach the opposite, but how can we compete with Hollywood and Madison Avenue? We need to have television on our side at least part of the day.

A frequency allocation should not be considered a license to poison our kids' minds. Use of broadcast bandwidth should be treated as a trust with society, which demands a high standard of conduct on the part of broadcasters.

Please protect children's programming.

Sincerely,



Rich Baldwin

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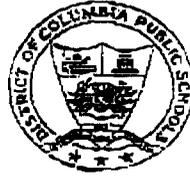
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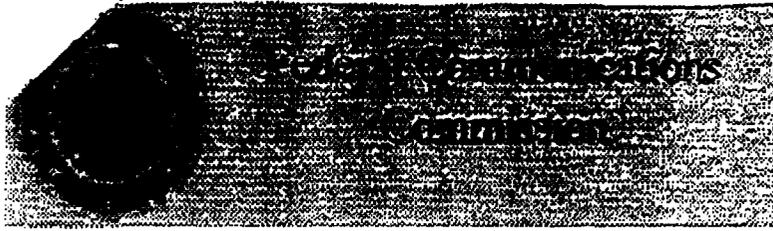
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OK, kids, here's your homework. Send your answers to me at my FCC e-mail address, [rhundt@fcc.gov](mailto:rhundt@fcc.gov). Thanks!

— Reed E. Hundt

What kind of television programs do you like?

What's good and what's bad about TV today?

What do you think about TV advertising?

Do your parents watch TV with you? Do they tell you what programs you can and cannot watch?

Do you think there are too many or not enough of these kinds of programs to watch?

How much TV (either the number of programs you watch or the amount of time you watch TV) do you watch each day?

If you would like to submit comments to the official rulemaking on Children's TV, e-mail them to "[kidstv@fcc.gov](mailto:kidstv@fcc.gov)". You can also mail your comments to:

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1. What kind of television programs do you like? I like Discovery programs.

2. What's good and what's bad about TV today? What's good is there are some learning shows, and what's bad is some shows have bad language.

3. What do you think about TV advertising? I think it's great because people need to know what's on sale.

4. Do your parents watch TV with you? yes! Do they tell you what programs you can or cannot watch? Yes they do.

5. Do you think there are too many or not enough of these kinds of programs to watch? I think it's not enough.

6. How much TV do you watch each day? I watch 10 shows probably!

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Kaligma Johnson

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1. What kind of television programs do you like? I like comedy, drama, cartoons and horror.
2. What's good and what's bad about T.V. today? What's bad about T.V. is the violence and the cursing. What's good about television is that they have some educational programs like Bill Nye the Science Guy.
3. What do you think about T.V. advertising? I think it's good and bad they need to improve.
4. Do your parents watch T.V. with you? Do they tell you what programs you can and cannot watch? Sometimes my parents watch T.V. with me. They do tell me what I can and cannot watch.
5. Do you think there are too many or not enough of these kinds of programs to watch? I think that there are not enough of programs that my parents want me to watch.
6. How much T.V. do you watch each day? I watch a lot of programs and I spend time with my family.

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Crystal Williams

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1. What kind of television programs do you like?  
Educational, comedy, drama and cartoons.

2. What's good and what's bad about TV today?  
What's good about TV is that they are trying to help children by putting more educational TV shows on and what's bad about TV is the violence and the cursing.

3. What do you think about TV advertising? I think that they are doing a great job and to keep up the good work.

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4. Do your parents watch with you? Do they tell you what programs you can and cannot watch? My parents watch TV with me and my parents also tell me what I can and cannot watch on TV.

5. Do you think there are too many or not enough of these kinds of programs to watch? There are not enough educational programs on TV, and there are too many bad shows on TV.

6. How much TV do you watch each day? I watch a lot of TV but in the afternoons I have to study my school work and do my homework.

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To: Reed Hundt, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission

I was very encouraged to read (via e-mail on the CME mailing) the presentation you made yesterday at at the Issues Forum on Children and the Information Superhighway, sponsored by the Center for Media Education (CME). Thank you for paying attention to the interests of our children, and all the viewing public... which really does cover about everyone!

I was intrigued by the remarks you made about Time-Warner's commitment to internet services in our schools. Could you please give me more information on how I may explore this for our local schools? Perhaps a name of a person, and address, at TCI?

- > Business is also responding. TCI is developing an innovative
- >commercial product that networks classrooms with state-of-the-art
- >technology. Time-Warner, in its social contract with the FCC, agreed to
- >provide a free modem to all the schools in its service areas, to provide
- >them inside wiring at cost, and to provide them free access to the Internet
- >using their new on-line service as soon as it is on the market.
- >Time-Warner's commitments apply to 1/8 of all the classrooms in the
- >country.

Again, thank you, and I also hope a 'good day' comes soon!

Sincerely,

Margaret R. Stein 383 Pilgrim Road  
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Re: Educational programming for children

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As a parent, librarian and educator, I believe it is extremely important that the FCC require broadcasters to meet certain standards for the quality and quantity of children's programming.

These standards should include at least one hour of core educational programming daily -- with programs specifically designed to educate children, at least 30 minutes long, regularly scheduled, and aired between 7am and 11pm.

Educational programming should not include content -- characters or gimmicks -- which serve to advertise and market toys to children. For example, a power rangers science show should not be considered educational programming since its intention is to sell power rangers paraphenelia.

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I oppose simply giving current television broadcasters the additional channels that was originally intended to encourage them to develop and carry HDTV. They will more likely use the spectrum space for other purposes and I think they ought to compete for it with other possible contenders and companies. I think the space ought to be auctioned and the either used for education or deficit reduction.

Regards,  
Joe Straubhaar  
1280 W. 12600 N., Provo, UT

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Dear Sirs:

Given how successfull the Federal Government was about auctioning PCS spectrum it only seems reasonable that other broadcast spectrum also be auctioned and the procedes used to reduce the national debt.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Collet  
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Jill Rock (rock@houston.omnes.net) writes:

Your essay is very inspiring, however, I'd like to know how America intends to network our education system when some areas can't even afford books and school supplies, let alone computers?

Technological literacy is an excellent goal, but basic fundamentals of education such as reading, writing, mathematics, and science, will always be the foundations of success in any nation.

How will the FCC coordinate with the Dept. of Education and schools to reach its goal?

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