

**Stephanie Kost**

**From:** Isaac Lovelace [ike\_net@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2004 1:10 PM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Subject:** Violence/Values on Broadcast TV

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Federal Communications Commission  
 Office of the Secretary

August 2, 2004

Commissioner Michael Copps  
 445 12th Street SW  
 Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Copps:

Dear Honorable Commissioner,

First allow me to applaud your request for public inquiry on the subject of violence on broadcast television. I see this as a great step forward in your agency taking appropriate steps to represent and protect the best interests of the American public - Thank You!

I am the proud parent of 3 children ranging in age from 3 to 12 years. My wife and I take very seriously our responsibility of raising our children to be well-balanced, respectful members of our local, national and global community. As such, we understand the most basic concept of "input vs output", or as commonly referred "garbage in - garbage out". We used to be cable TV subscribers but felt compelled to cancel our subscription due to objectionable violence and content which was incongruent with the values we were trying to raise our children to embrace. This was even the case with much of the "Kid Friendly" programming. We decided to limit our family TV consumption to broadcast programming as we felt it generally would be less violent and include less vulgarity since the FCC monitors them. However, the violence, sexually explicit episodes and vulgarities have been dramatically increasing all under the guise of "true to life" or "reality" television. It is my opinion that TV programming has shown a continual negative trend in two general categories: 1. Grotesque gore and violence, and 2. Degrading personal value or worth.

Just a SAMPLE of prime time broadcast shows that we find most offensive to the values we're trying to instill in our children are, for violence: CSI - all versions Without a Trace Cold Case NYPD Blue NYPD 24hr Law & Order - all versions Crossing Jordan Kingdom Hospital The Practice

For degrading personal value:  
 The Swan  
 The Ultimate Love Test  
 Temptation Island  
 The Bachelor  
 The Days  
 Simple Life  
 Who Wants to Marry My Dad/Mom?  
 For Love or Money

The shows listed above are only a sample of the type of programming we do not allow our children to view.

To be fair, I'd like to include a sample list of prime time shows our

family enjoys watching: The Apprentice The Amazing Race Survivor Extreme  
Home Makeover 8 Simple Rules America's Funniest Home Videos George Lopez  
Hope & Faith Who Wants to be a Millionaire / Super Millionaire

Once again thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on broadcast  
television. I hope the feedback I've provided is useful.

Sincerely,

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**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** violence on TV

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Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
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Sincerely,

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**Subject:** banning violence in tv shows

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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
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