

I am a mother and, now, a grandmother. I grew up in the days when TV programs were safe for ALL members of my family to watch during the daytime and in the evening (other than those "evil" daytime soap operas, which, compared to today's soap operas, I would consider them "safe" for children to watch). We never had to WORRY about turning on the television. We didn't have to worry back then about hearing indecent/foul language or seeing explicit sexual activity and nudity. Life seemed pretty simple, fairly safe and enjoyable back then.

I find it sad, disheartening and, very scary when I look at the declining morals and increased violence in our country. I have NO DOUBT that what families and children watch and listen to affects their thinking and their behavior. There are studies that have proven that when people are exposed over and over to violence, they become numb to it's effects (a study done showing a group of men a video of a woman who was dressed provocatively being assaulted and gang raped evoked responses of alarm and disgust over what had been done to the woman, and the belief that, even though the woman was dressed provocatively, the men did not have the right to violate the woman. After the men were shown the same video several times, their attitude changed. The men began to make comments that the woman was asking for it by the way she was dressed, that she really wanted to evoke the sexual arousal of those men and, that the woman really wanted the response that she got from these men, etc.) We hear in the news of young children and teens who state that they were replicating something that they SAW on TV. I heard an interview of a group of teens, on a show like 20/20, who, when questioned about their language, stated that they hear the language on TV and by their peers all the time, so they don't feel that they are saying anything "bad".

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS AND MORE!!!!

I oppose any changes to the current FCC indecency standards. The FCC must continue to vigorously oppose ALL indecent content, even if brief or "fleeting."

The Supreme Court has affirmed the FCC's authority to enforce policies prohibiting indecent broadcast content during hours when children are likely to be in the viewing or listening audience.

Relaxing the current policy would not serve the public interest and I urge the FCC to reject all proposals that would allow for the broadcast of expletives and nudity on FCC-licensed stations.

Just as we have controls in place over what a person can say, (for instance, despite our FREEDOMS of SPEECH and EXPRESSION, in a crowded public arena one CANNOT shout FIRE), we also need to have some controls over the broadcasting... "shouting"... of INDECENT LANGUAGE, SEXUAL ACTIVITY, AND NUDITY over our PUBLIC AIRWAVES, ESPECIALLY at times when children will be most likely to be watching or present in the room. PARENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE AFRAID TO TURN ON THEIR TELEVISIONS OR AFRAID TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN EVEN NEAR A TELEVISION THAT IS ON.

It is the Federal government's responsibility to have reasonable rules to PROTECT our children from

"HARM".

Most Sincerely,
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