

In regards to nudity and profanity on television.

First of all, nudity is and should be treated differently than profanity. Profanity really shouldn't be censored at all. People, which includes children, are exposed to foul language in public forums constantly. In fact, particularly at schools profanity is a constant element in the discourse between kids. Obviously very young children don't need and shouldn't have to hear people saying things like 'cunt' 'nigger' and other extremely volatile words. But once they are at school (and it starts in grade school) then there is absolutely no point in trying to restrict what's on TV because they will have heard it all and more day in day out at school, and there is obviously no way to restrict what kids are actually saying to each other.

I personally don't think young children should be exposed to excessive profanity, and yet I've yet to meet a person who doesn't curse at least occasionally; and really if it is done in moderation than it can be a fun and effective way to communicate.

Basically it is utterly futile to restrict profanity on TV when it is perceivable everywhere in real life. Ultimately they are just words.

Nudity. I think that most young children are not emotionally capable to process raw sexual images in a healthy manner. Certainly in television when rape is graphically portrayed or even positive, but very intimate, consenting sex most children have not had enough time in life to digest the intensity of such emotions when they see them on the screen. For that reason I think that graphic sex scenes should be restricted on TV. However non sexual nudity, such as a scene in a strip club or even full frontal nudity either male or female is not nearly the same thing. Often such scenes are depicted in a comedic casual light and I think it is a great stretch of argument to say that even young children are harmed by such images. Preventing the image of a woman's breasts or a man's penis is utterly ridiculously. For one, everyone watching has genitals and half of them have breasts. They have undoubtedly already explored their own bodies (at the very least they've seen themselves naked!) and have probably seen friends or family members of both sexes naked.

This is who we are. We wear clothes but beneath them we are always nude. It is insulting and ultimately I think debilitating to condemn or vilify non-sexual nudity. By having a more open and natural stance to nudity, children will finally learn that seeing someone naked is no big deal, particularly if it is an actor on TV who is nude for a part. It might also discourage some children from exploring on their own, say on the internet! Where they undoubtedly will see things potentially far more disturbing than a pair of breasts or a penis or a buttocks. I mean...get real. At some point in life we all start craving sexual activity of one sort or another, this is an undeniable fact and is a biological imperative. One possible reason why our society is so rife with filthy sex clubs and shops and totally disgusting porn sites (all of which are flourishing incidentally) is that many of us were brought up to find a pair of breasts 'inappropriate'. It's a denial of what is right in front of all us. I know that in New York as well as in Austin where I live it is legal to walk on the streets topless, and some people do so

if only to prove a point that it's legal. Nonetheless nudity is in every house in every city and town and under every piece of clothing in the entire world and to pretend that it's vulgar or obscene is to essentially say that we as humans are vulgar and obscene. Any idiot should be able to figure out how that could create problems in society.

To summarize:

Profanity - completely futile to restrict on TV because everyone including children will hear it in public (especially in the schools) day in day out probably for the rest of their lives. All television shows should display a warning of exactly what profanity/pejorative is used in the show so that people know what they are getting into. Example:

This show contains uses of the following words:

F*ck

Sh*t

Wetb*ck

Etc. obviously we all will still know what those words are, but at least then parents will be able to accurately gauge what is about to be shown.

Nudity – Graphic sex scenes should continue to be restricted for younger audiences, but non-sexual nudity needs to be totally unrestricted. Continuing to restrict non-sexual nudity will only aid the notion that it is sleazy or immoral to be nude or to appreciate nudity which is contrary to every single human beings biological urges and natural state of being. We are creating a problem by restricting simple nudity when if we instead encouraged openness and pragmatism when it comes to nudity we might start to see a society with less filthy pornography and rampant rape sexism. We are all horny, we all want to have sex. Nudity is not sex. I daresay in God's eyes he is no more uncomfortable seeing a pair of breasts as he would be a hand or a face or anything else he created. Nudity is NOT SEX and should be treated accordingly.

Thanks for reading.