

## THE CATHODE BABY-SITTER

Why is everyone so concerned with television these days? Why is television blamed for everything from child violence to Attention Deficit Disorder? Television can be a valuable tool when in the hands of caring responsible parents. The positive aspects of television are that when in the control of responsible parents, TV can enhance family harmony and actually increase academic achievement. However the fact remains that the key word here is responsible. With every excuse from they are busy career-oriented people who need all the help they can get, to blind ignorance stemming from their own desensitization, parents are just not responsible. The families of the past portrayed so well by such television role models like Ward and June Cleaver<sub>x</sub> are just that, the families of the past. They have been replaced by single parents and coming-out-of-the-closet test-tube clones. So it is important for parents to realize that if they are not careful, despite the opposing beliefs, television can and will have an adverse effect on children when it comes to academic achievement, negative behavior, and family harmony.

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Television can be a useful educational tool for children as well as adults. There is an overwhelming amount of educational programming for children of all ages. From "Barney" and "Sesame Street" for the very young children, (programs that focus on children learning to spell, read, write and perform in math) to "The Learning and Discovery Channels" for older children and adults which focus on continuing education and natural discovery.

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