According to

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Tele-Communications Inc., "The Learning Channels, Mind Extension University, and The Discovery Channel are all positive aspects of television for children."

This may be true but the anti-television activists would argue that she would almost have to speak positively of TV due t her employment status with a major cable company. The truth is she is a mother of two well-behaved children that are a result of careful, caring parenting which includes selective television programming. Hardly the case in the typical American household where academic achievement is definitely affected adversely by the television. Mostly because of the programming that children are viewing at their own, not the parents discretion. Programs such as the ones available on basic cable channels like "MTV". Which contains programs that contain huge amounts of sexual situations, vulgar language, obscenities and violence. Or even just the "Program guide" which acts as a tease to the viewer. Previewing all of the shows available on pay-per-view such as the adult movies on the "Spice" channel. The previews for this channel alone are enough to clear the math right out of any child's mind. So the dilemma here is that we have children, not parents, calling the shots. Watching what they want in the shadows of uneducated and or uncaring parents.

1/- , Corporate Executive, TCI, Englewood, Colorado, Telephone interview, 09 April, 1997.

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