

concerned individual on the influence of television on children in 1967! So given the content of today's television and the desensitized audience it carries, few people should be shocked when I say if you don't want your daughter pregnant at twelve, don't let her watch people f---ing at ten.

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There are many ways in which television affects the behavior of a child. Sexuality is only one aspect of many that must be considered when raising children. Violent behavior is one that is of considerable, if not utmost, importance. There was a young boy who not long ago who set fire to a home, taking the life of a young girl. When asked why he would do such a thing, his answer was simple and to the point, "I watched Beevis and Butthead do it." This is a show that aires on MTV that depicts a couple of teenage cartoon degenerates doing what is considered "cool". According to CQ Researcher "The average child watches 8,000 murders and 100,000 acts of violence before finishing elementary school."⁴ When considering this fact, it is not surprising that children are extremely desensitized to violence. The child that set the fire had probably witnessed a few thousand murders, acts of violence and arson prior to his crime. But in reality, unlike the way he witnessed them on TV, the ^{real-life} victim doesn't get up and walk away, ~~like in the cartoons~~. John Monohan in Predicting Violent Behavior said, "Third grade boys who preferred "Gunsmoke" over "I Love Lucy" were rated ten years later as being three

⁴ Charles Clark, "TV Violence," CQ Researcher 26 Mar. 1993: 2.