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Even though there is substantial evidence leading to the link between television and child behavior, the network executives still criticize the research as "flawed." A-Team creator Stephen Cannel defends his work as "just fantasy." The major cable system operators insist that they are doing everything they can to promote quality programming for children. They also offer what is called a "lock-out" device for channels such as MTV which keep children from accessing these channels. These were some of the positive issues discussed on a recent episode of *On Television*, A program that covers many of the controversial issues of TV. Although the Network big-wigs put up a hell of a fight, the scholars hardly needed horse sense to prove their point. "Prime time programs average eight hostile acts per hour; children's shows four times as much. Violence is depicted as ^a normal, justified response to conflict and threat. Aggression is encouraged and often equated with eroticism."⁶ According to Carl Cannon, "virtually all independent scholars agree that there is evidence that television can cause aggressive behavior."⁷

The last but certainly not least aspect of television and its impact on children is the way it can affect family harmony.

⁵ John Monohan, *Predicting Violent Behavior*: Beverly Hills, London: Sage Publications, 1977: 70,71

⁶ "The Violence Factor" with Mary Magee, *On Television*, California, 1984

⁷ Carl Cannon, "Honey I Warped the Kids," *Utne Reader* May/June 1994: 95.

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