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~TV Violence Essay~

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When you are watching television shows do you ever stop to think about what you are really watching and the effect it has on you? Violence can be seen everywhere on television from your local news that focus on the crime and violence in your community, to crime shows, reality shows, and even kid shows.

Many people believe that television violence has a negative effect on society because it promotes violence and I agree.

To start with, children do not understand that what happens in cartoons is not what really happens in real life. If they get mad at their mom or dad for something, they might harm them by use of violence. Since they are unable to understand the difference between real life and fantasy.

However, this can be a downfall for young children when they witness violence on television. In a article I read it says, "Media violence is especially damaging to young children (under 8) because they cannot easily tell the difference between

real life and fantasy. When witnessing violence on television sometimes, young children are not aware of the real consequences of these actions." With all the violence shown on television today during entertainment programming such as dramas, it is not surprising that people do not feel safe.

Parents should monitor and limit the time their children spend watching television. The less time watched, the less influence television will have. Parents should also explain to children that violence on television is not right even if it is made to seem that way. The most important thing parents need to remember is to consistently enforce the rules they make for their children.

In conclusion, limit the things your children are allowed to watch because most importantly you want to make sure their safe and everyone around them.