

A History of Panic Over Entertainment Technology

Read the excerpt of the article, then complete it using the words in the box.

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_____ the earliest twentieth century, psychologists _____ worried about how technology affects health and well-being. _____ 30 years, they considered the effects of listening to the radio. In the 1960s, they turned their attention to television. And _____ the new technological era started, they _____ their research to video games and cell phone use. Psychologists _____ on questions about the long-term effects of entertainment technology _____ many decades.

However, both the past and present debates suggest that answering questions about the pros and cons of entertainment technology is complicated. Take, for example, debates about televised violence and childhood aggression. _____ twenty years, between 1950 and 1970, televisions became normal in American homes. However, not everyone believed they were a positive addition. Parents, educators, and politicians questioned what they saw as excess violence and sexuality on TV. And, _____ the invention of smartphones they _____ the damages that they may cause to teenagers' health.

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