

Can violent movies or TV programs harm children?

1. What kinds of programs and movies are most harmful?
2. According to the article, some studies show that viewing violence can have effects that last for many years. What are some of these long-term effects?
3. What bad “message” can come from violent programs and movies?
4. What suggestions does the article make to help parents prevent the bad effects of violent TV programs and movies in very young children? In older students?

A. Parents can prevent young children from seeing any violent programs. For older children, parents can limit how many violent shows they see and discuss violent shows with them to tell them that violence is not OK.

B. Violence is OK or normal.

C. Children who view violence may be more likely to behave aggressively as teenagers; they may commit violent crimes as adults. Children may find violence “normal” and accept it in society

**D. (1) Realistic violent action programs and movies
(2) Violent cartoons.**