

Facts Related to Media Exposure

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MEDIA VIOLENCE- HANDOUT 1 / TRANSPARENCY 1



ON AVERAGE, YOUNG CHILDREN TODAY:

- Watch TV for 2 to 4 hours per day.
- Spend 35 hours per week on screen time (TV, computer games).
- Watch 4,000 hours of TV before entering kindergarten.
- By the end of elementary school, will have seen approximately 8,000 murders and 100,000 other acts of violence on television.
- By age 70, will have spent 7 to 10 years watching TV.

ON AVERAGE:

- There are 20–25 violent acts per hour on Saturday morning TV programs intended for children.
- 15% of all U.S. TV programs per week contain violence, the highest percentage in the world.
- 80 percent of popular (based on sales) video games contain violence.
- 50 percent of homes in the United States with children aged 6–14 have video game systems.



Source: Levin, D. (1999). Remote control childhood. Washington, DC: National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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