

DEBATE: DOES T.V INFLUENCE SOCIETY - (NEGATIVELY)?

* Some arguments forwarded by those individuals who believe that T.V does influence society negatively:



1)

T.V influences society with regards to consumerism (adverts) - so why shouldn't it influence us in any other way.

2)

James Bulger Case = (Two children influenced by the horror film - Child's Play 3 - imitation of horror scenes resulting in the death of J Bulger).

3)

Racism, Prejudice, and Discrimination is often encouraged on T.V:

E.G: i) Comedy Programmes,

ii) Various Sports: 1970's Boxing - 'Mohammed Ali' versus Sonny Liston' = The media broadcasted racist chants: "Kill the Nigger",

*Broadcasts of this kind often augment racism problems in society.

4)

'Soaps' - Society often imitate characters' behaviours. Often individuals believe that 'soap' lives are real: can't distinguish between fiction and reality.

5)

Portrayal of sporting heroes' anti-social behaviour on T.V, from frequent and widespread broadcasting / publicity, can often result in acceptance of such actions, as individuals are influenced by these dominant figures in society (aspire to their sporting heroes:

E.G: i) Dallaglio - English Rugby Player - Admitted to drug taking,

ii) Eric Cantona - Man. United football Player - Aggressive violent nature on pitch - kicking out at spectator,

iii) Lee Chapman - Ex Leeds Footballer Controversial 'sex' story - committing adultery,

iv) Tony Adams / Paul Merson - (Arsenal, Aston Villa football players)
Rehabilitated alcoholics,

* PROMOTING: DRUG TAKING?, VIOLENCE? ADULTERY?,
ALCOHOLISM????

6)

Film Deer Hunter - When the film came out in early 1970's, there was an increase in deaths (suicides) from Russian Roulette - (topic of film).