



# FAMILY INTERACTION AND SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

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Question: Can what  
children watch on  
television or other  
forms of media affect  
social and personal  
relationships?

# SOME TERMS

Piaget's four stages of intellectual (or cognitive) development are:

Sensorimotor. Birth through ages 18-24 months.

**Preoperational. Toddlerhood (18-24 months) through early childhood (age 7)**

**Concrete operational. Ages 7 to 12.**

**Formal operational. Adolescence (Ages 12-19) through adulthood.**

# AND MORE- DEVELOPMENTAL THEORIES

Mechanistic- people react to environmental input like machines, emphasizes nurture

Organismic- from an organism, emphasizes nature



# THE "GET ME THAT" FACTOR/ADVERTISING

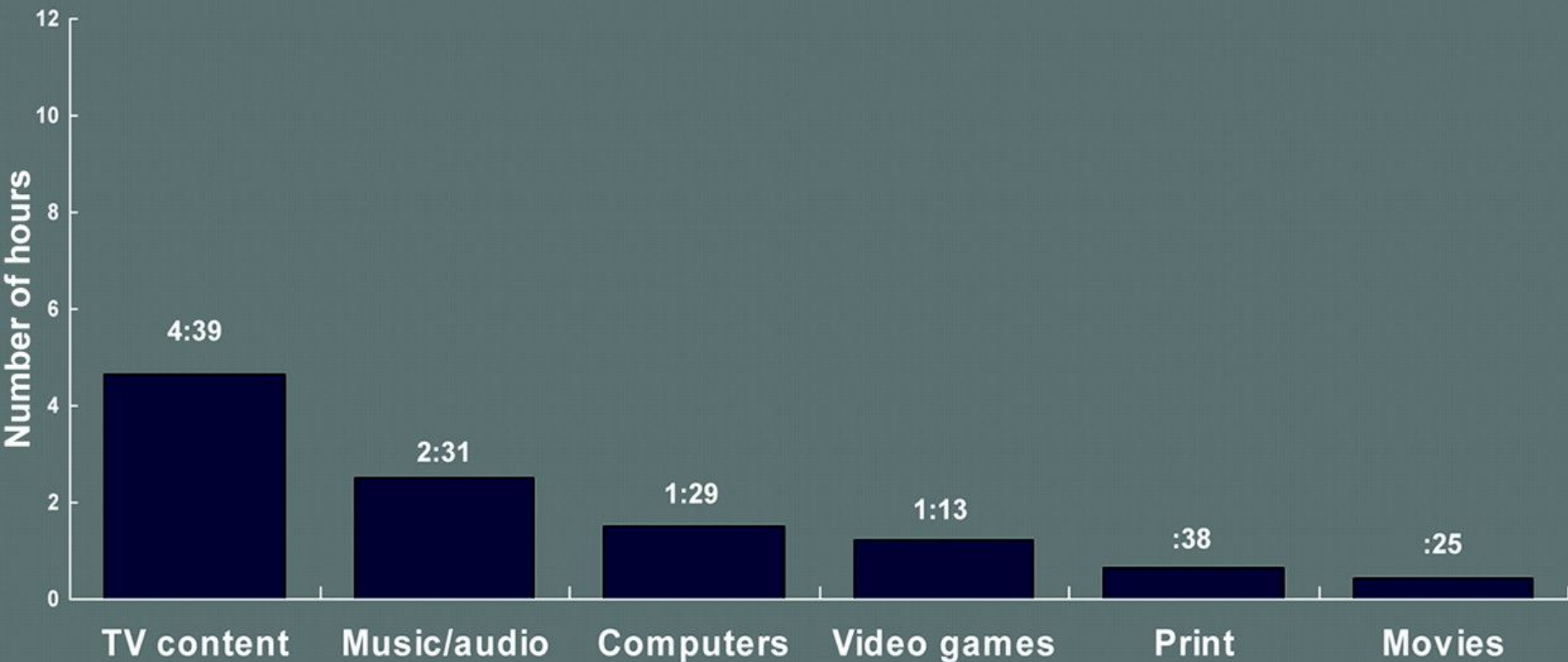
- Children in the preoperational stage inherently see the world as all about them.
- Study at Fordham university concluded that **kids see advertising as a benefit to them the consumer, not the seller**
- Habit hard to break



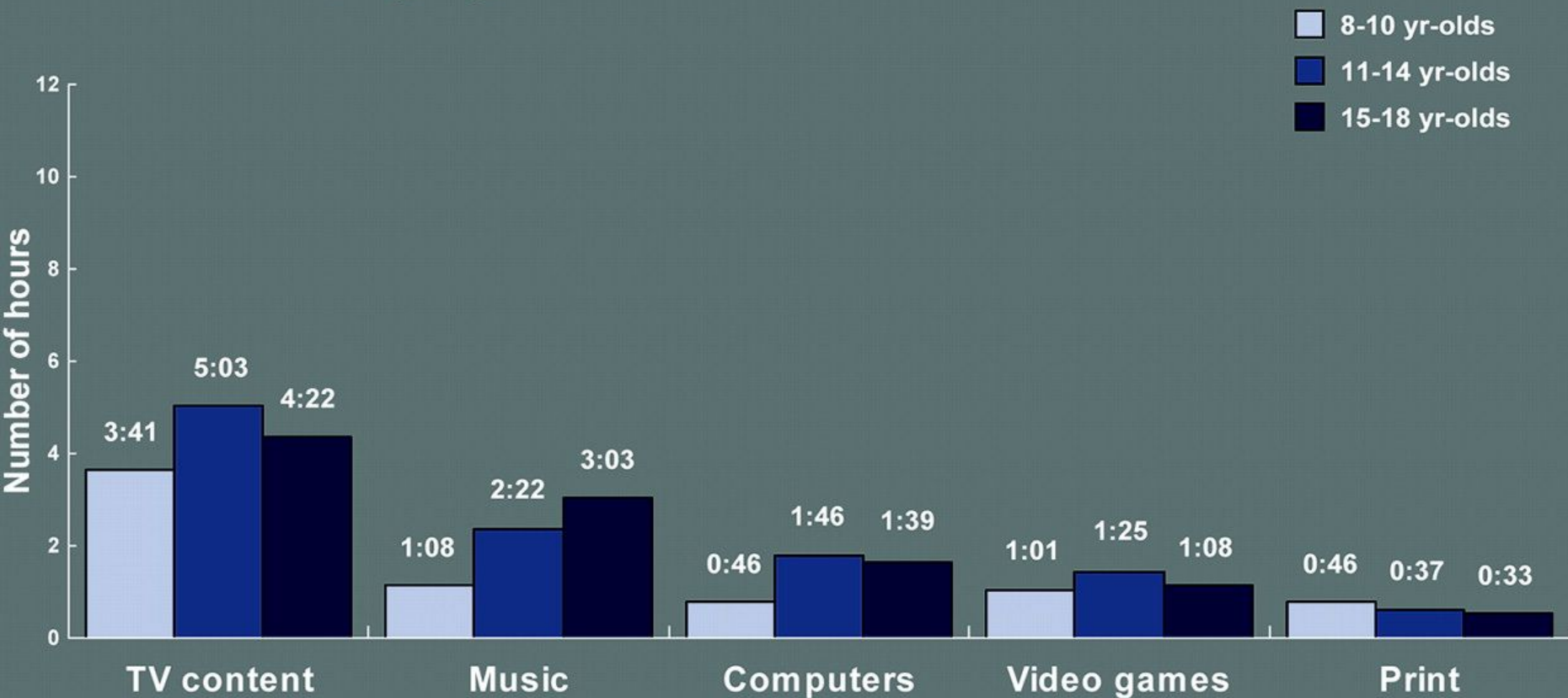
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY  
BABY WALKER

CHRIS MADDEN  
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# Among all 8-18 year-olds, amount of time spent with each medium in a typical day:

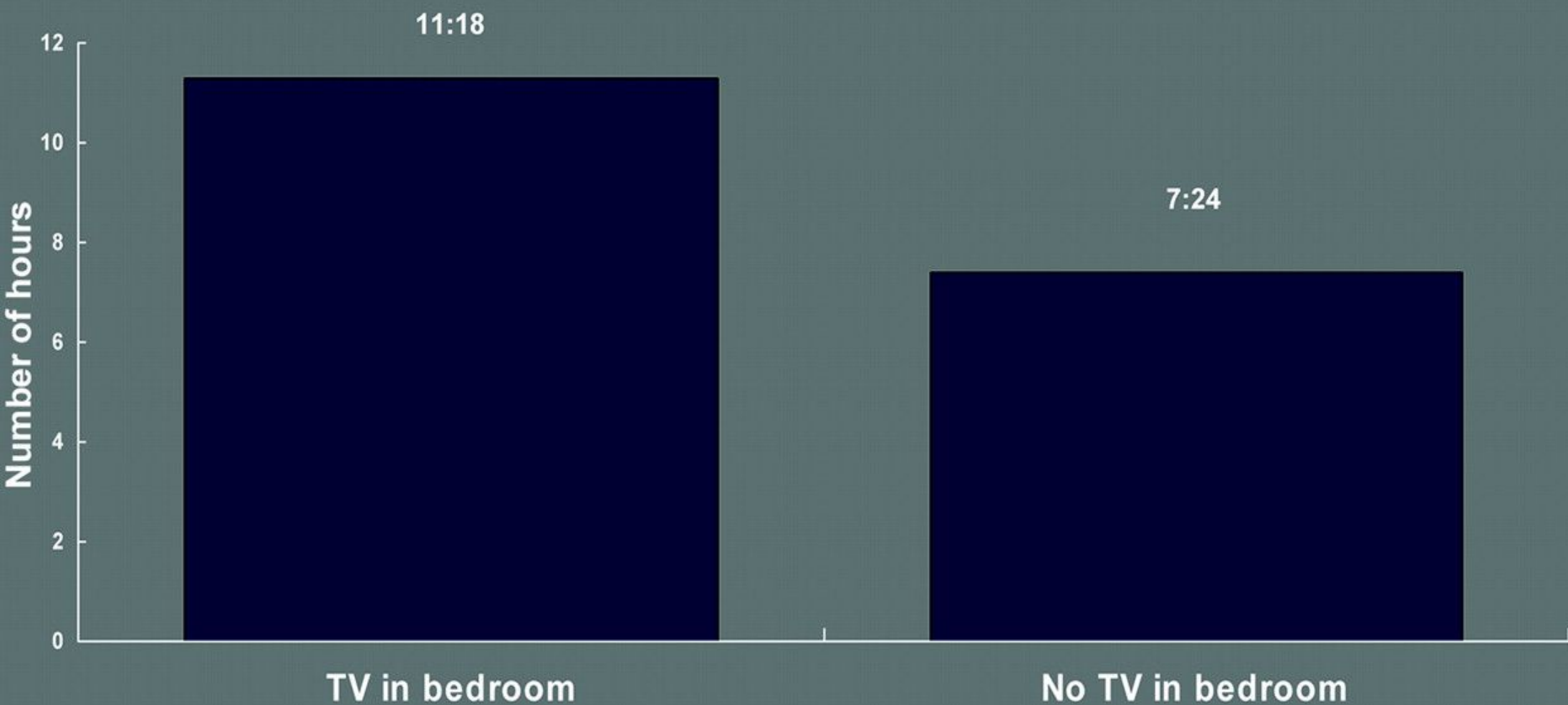


# Average amount of time young people spend in a typical day with each medium, by age:



Source: *Generation M<sup>2</sup>: Media in the Lives of 8- to 18-Year-Olds*, 2010.

# Total recreational media use among 8-18 year-olds with:



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~~SEX~~  
~~DRUGS~~  
~~& ROCK~~  
~~'N' ROLL~~

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just coffee  
for me,  
thanks



# CHILDREN'S MEDIA AND SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

In a national sample of 1500 10- to 17-year-olds, nearly half of the Internet users had been exposed to on-line pornography in the previous year. (2006)

Longitudinal studies now exist that have linked heavy exposure to sexual content in mainstream media with more rapid progression of sexual activity.

Despite these findings, it has also been found that some major media outlets ban contraception...

One national survey of “sexting” with cell phones, conducted with 13- to 19-year-olds, revealed that 20% had sent and 48% had received sexual text messages

however...



Photo courtesy of Netflix

# TALKING ABOUT SEX



# CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR AROUND LGBTQ MEDIA

Department of Health and Human Services of the United States, gay and lesbian teenagers were two to three times more likely to commit suicide than heterosexual teenagers, and homosexual teenagers account for 30 percent of all adolescent suicides.

Until the late 1980s, queers were often (mis)represented in cinema as confused youth who did not conform to their gender identity; boys who were not “manly men” and girls who were not “womanly women.” The transgressive protagonists were verbally and/or physically bullied by their classmates and teachers; they were often neglected by peers and families, being left to face exclusion and guilt





# POSITIVE/REALISTIC LGBTQ+ REPRESENTATION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6-z7UbDVko>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGRhU59YeXc&t=187s> 3:26

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOFkVZQ8etE>



ppl are freaking out bc a lesbian couple is in Finding Dory but no one cared when a girl fell in love with a bee smh



Skyleigh Ann  
@skyleigh\_ann  
If the rumors are true and the first lesbian couple in a Disney movie ever is in #FindingDory 🌈 YAY for a big important step to acceptance!!!!

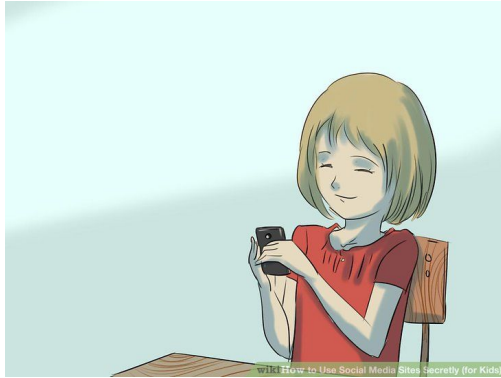






# CHILDREN'S MEDIA AND DRUG USE

Experimental research has helped illuminate why exposure to movie characters' smoking is associated with smoking initiation: viewers who identify with the storyline and the characters are more likely to increase their intention to smoke.



Recent studies of social networking sites have found that substance abuse is referenced in 40% of the profiles



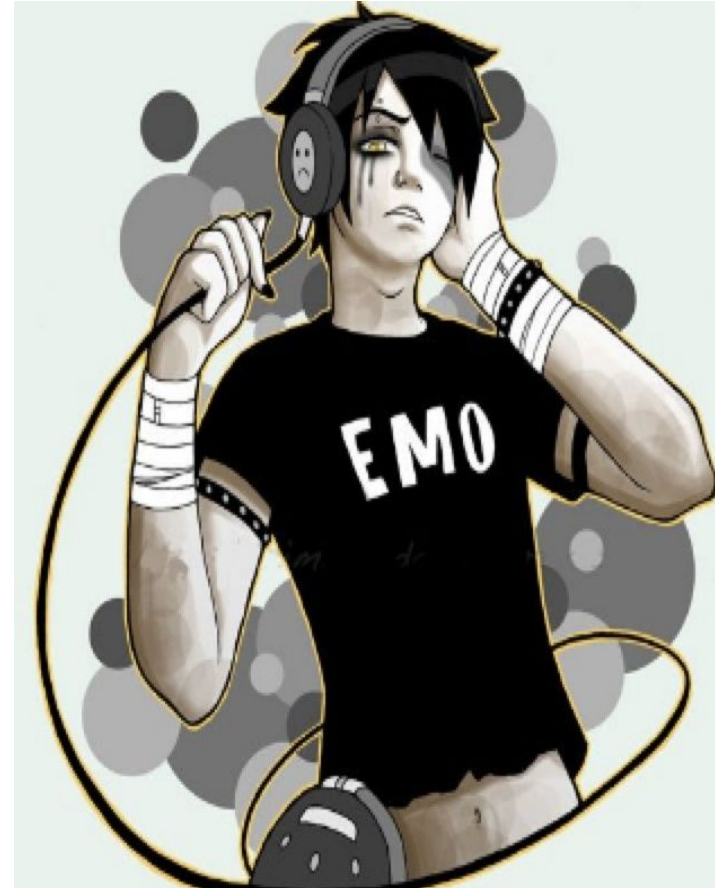
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# MUSIC AND BEHAVIOR

Some authors have suggested that popular music provides adolescents with the means to resolve unconscious conflicts related to their particular developmental stage and that their music preference might reflect the level of turmoil of this stage.



ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...





# HARRY POTTER!

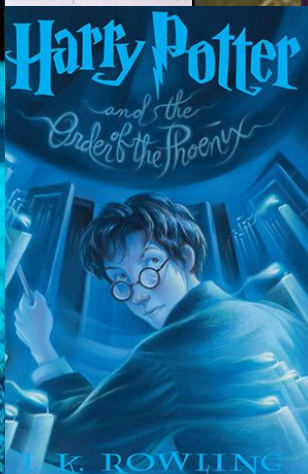
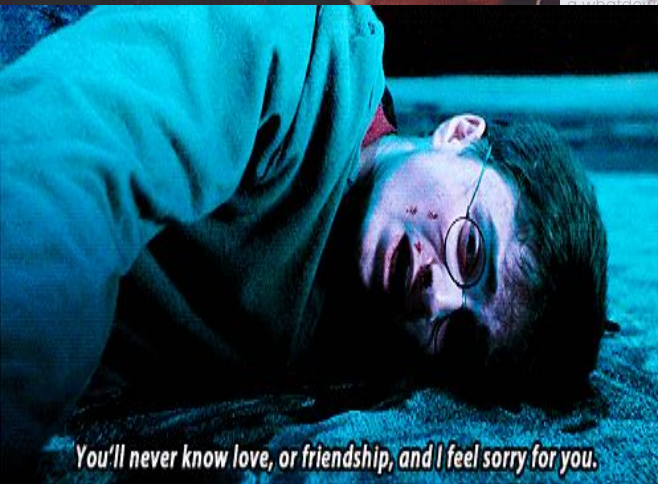
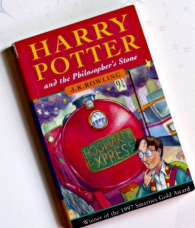
Because of Reading...

we waited for our  
Hogwarts letter.

magical

books & series for kids not  
ready to read

**HARRY POTTER**



# "HONORABLE" MENTIONS

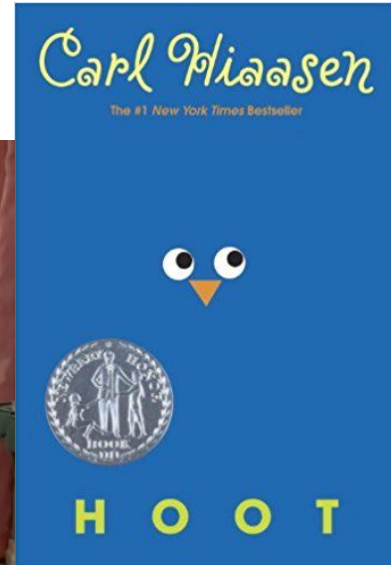
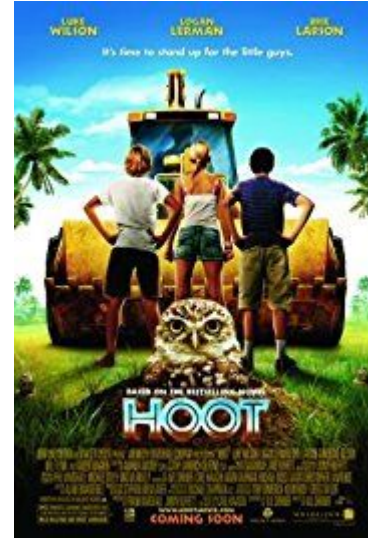
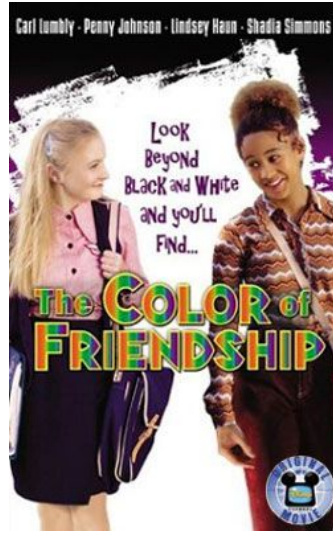




# THE GOOD STUFF

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chL6rfXFXck>

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*thought chakra*

DEALS WITH PURE COSMIC ENERGY  
BLOCKED BY EARTHLY ATTACHMENTS



*earth chakra*

DEALS WITH SURVIVAL  
BLOCKED BY FEAR



*water chakra*

DEALS WITH PLEASURE  
BLOCKED BY GUILT



*fire chakra*

DEALS WITH WILLPOWER  
BLOCKED BY SHAME



*air chakra*

DEALS WITH LOVE  
BLOCKED BY GRIEF



*sound chakra*

DEALS WITH TRUTH  
BLOCKED BY LIES



*light chakra*

DEALS WITH INSIGHT  
BLOCKED BY ILLUSION

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you have any memories of particularly impactful or educational media?

Have you ever realized later in life how “mature” certain media is (including hidden “adult” humour)?

Do you think that the majority of youth today are less experienced at communication than those of earlier generations because of increased media consumption?

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