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

- TV content: 4:39
- Music/audio: 2:31
- Computers: 1:29
- Video games: 1:13
- Print: 0:38
- Movies: 0:25

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

- **TV content**: 8-10 yr-olds spend 3:41, 11-14 yr-olds spend 4:22, 15-18 yr-olds spend 5:03.
- **Music**: 8-10 yr-olds spend 1:08, 11-14 yr-olds spend 2:22, 15-18 yr-olds spend 3:03.
- **Video games**: 8-10 yr-olds spend 0:46, 11-14 yr-olds spend 1:25, 15-18 yr-olds spend 1:08.
- **Print**: 8-10 yr-olds spend 0:37, 11-14 yr-olds spend 0:33, 15-18 yr-olds spend 0:46.

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

- TV in bedroom: 11:18 hours
- No TV in bedroom: 7:24 hours

SEX & ROCK 'N ROLL

just coffee for me, thanks
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...
Talking about sex
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.

https://youtu.be/og-pk5lXroU
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=YOFkJVZQ8etE
Recent studies of social networking sites have found that substance abuse is referenced in 40% of the profiles.

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.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnA-P0iMniA
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

You'll never know love, or friendship, and I feel sorry for you.
“Honorable” Mentions
The good stuff

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MTNmkgqCFO8
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?

Watching sex on television predicts adolescent initiation of sexual behavior. *Pediatrics*. 2004;114(3). Available at:www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/full/114/3/e280


Real use or “real cool”: adolescents speak out about displayed alcohol references on social networking Websites. *J Adolesc Health*. 2009; 45(4): 420–422


https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/harry-potter-age-by-age-guid