

## SA2045 Original Monologue

Title: parents need to be more mindful of the media their kids consume

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It is not good for children who are too young to watch brutal and provocative dramas or videos without their parents accepting them, but so many kids these days do so. Few weeks ago, I even heard that my 9-year-old sister's friend watched the k-Drama Squid game. Squid game has an age limit of 19+ because it is very violent and brutal. In squid game, almost all scenes in the drama show people in masks recklessly killing other people, and some scenes are too sexual for young kids. It was very shocking to hear that a 9-year-old who is 10 years younger than nineteen watched the squid game.

For this situation, young kids are the ones who are mostly affected. For example, watching things that are not appropriate for them, like squid game or other things on social media. They can literally watch it whenever they want, if they have a phone or any other technologies that they use. It is Mostly on any kinds of social media, YouTube, TikTok, or even Netflix. Kids watch brutal and provocative dramas or movies, because some of the kid's parents do not mind kids watching those things even though they should. However, sometimes there could

be some kids that watch it secretly from their parents or guardians, because they are extremely curious. However, I totally understand that because I am also always curious too. But I try to restrain myself as much as possible because I know it is not appropriate for me.

So, the real problem is, if kids that are too young watch high age limit movies or anything like that, young children can see such cruel things in movies or videos and imitate and act in real life. For the statement, which was published in 2013 in the journal Pediatrics, Christakis and colleagues reviewed and summarized studies and meta-analyses about the effects of virtual violence and aggression on children's attitudes and behaviors. They defined virtual violence as forms of violence experienced or witnessed virtually on a screen. They suggested children learn through modeling, meaning they imitate the actions of others, especially adults. They also announced that Children who witness considerable media violence can become desensitized, or less shocked by violence, and less likely to show empathy for victims of violence. Most children can imitate things they shouldn't because they aren't smart enough to know if they can do it or not. . It is almost always dangerous to follow something like that. If they follow the exact same steps, they can even commit a crime sometimes which we do not want.

However, there are some solutions. The first solution is that kids should get their parent's agreement before they watch. Because parents are adults, most of them can tell whether their children are allowed to watch or not. Even if the age limit is high, some movies may not be very brutal, so kids can get your parents' permission and watch it with your parents' consent. But what if some naughty kids watch brutal and provocative stuff secretly without permission from their parents? If some parents are worried about that, they can put a password on those brutal stuff and do not let kids know what it is. Also, there is a kid version of YouTube called YouTube kids, so if young kids want to watch YouTube, they can watch that. But for sure, parents should care and be mindful about their kids watching some things like that in the media.

As I said in the title of this speech, parents really should be more mindful of the media their kids consume. Unless they don't care for their child to see and imitate things from a brutal movie or video and do something violent or say something harsh. I am not saying that it is always the parent's fault if kids watch those things. Of course, kids should have to know what they shouldn't watch and try to restrain themselves. I hope If you are a child reading this, it would be good to watch high age limit movies or media with your parents' permission. If you are a parent, you should be more mindful of the media your kids consume, because these

days, there are many children who swear and behave violently from a very young age.