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STUDY ON THE MEDIA VIOLENCE AND THEIR EFFECTS FOR YOUTH ON PSYCHOLOGICAL

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ABSTRACT

The study investigates the impact of viewing violent content on the minds of young people. The impacts of violent content on television news are dissected in this study, with attention paid to desensitisation, catharsis, imitation, and fear. The researcher has decided to use a survey approach in order to achieve their goals. The study found that viewers experienced a negative psychological impact as a result of exposure to violent content on television news. It lost its sensitivity after being subjected to repeated depictions of violence on television news. As the study also showed, people are frightened after seeing violent stories on TV news. According to the results, there is evidence that those who regularly consume violent media content on television are more likely to act aggressively. And for some, the aggressive urges they've been suppressing are released as a result of the TV news violence.

Keywords: TV News, Psychological Effects, Desensitization, Catharsis, Fear, Imitation, and Recency Effect

1.INTRODUCTION

The media does not merely reflect society; rather, the images they convey are carefully edited and fabricated. What we're thinking about here is how these representations can mould and form our views of the world. [1] The impact of the media on children is discussed in the first two sections. The first is the prevalence of graphic depictions of violence in the news. The effects of media violence on children, particularly those shown on television and in video games, have been the focus of the vast majority of psychological studies on the media. Since there have been literally thousands of research, we attempt to make sense of this massive literature by synthesising the findings of prior expert evaluations of the same. [3] Although definitive answers are elusive in this field due to the intricacy of the questions at play, a fair amount of agreement exists on a few key points. Long-term exposure to media violence, for example, is thought to be one of the interrelated causes of increased aggressive behaviour in youngsters. To a lesser extent, [2] it is also accepted that the social context is crucial in determining the impacts of exposure to violent media; for example, if an adult helps the



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youngster evaluate and critique the watched material, the negative effects are mitigated. Extensive follow-up studies on the impact of violent media on young people have largely corroborated these findings, with studies demonstrating that both short- and long-term exposure to violent video games increases aggressive tendencies. It's obvious that the media aren't the only, or even the most important, factor in shaping human social behaviour, but they do play a significant role. [11] More than 40 years of research have shown that media such as television, video games, and the internet may and do influence our feelings, attitudes, and behaviours. However, the relationship between exposure and effects is neither simple nor direct. Both the immediate and delayed effects of media imagery on our cognition, emotion, and worldview are substantial. The 'Bobo doll studies,' conducted by Albert Bandura in the 1960s, are well-known for their use of an inflatable plastic doll that toddlers were observed to strike more frequently after watching an adult execute the same action on video, thereby demonstrating the imitative modelling of media impacts. However, it was suggested that the work's meta-analyses provide "incontestable documentation" of an empirical link between TV violence and antisocial behaviour. [7] It's possible, but the link between the two is complicated by a wide range of factors that aren't always taken into account when doing research. Generally speaking, though, studies have found a correlation between high levels of both violent and nonviolent TV consumption.

Television:

There has been a lot of study on the correlation between kids watching violent TV and acting violently themselves during the past 30 years. [8] This association has been validated by longitudinal, cross-sectional, and experimental research. Both the prevalence of television and violent content on American screens have grown over time. The United States has the highest per-capita viewing of any country. Less than 100,000 televisions were in use in the United States in 1948. Not even 10% of American households had a television in 1950. By 1973, nearly all American households (96%) had at least one television, with the typical one being used for more than six hours each day, as reported by Carter & Strickland. There are likely more televisions in the United States than there are telephones or bathrooms. [9] Most modern homes are equipped with a television. Children born in the United States have a nearly 100% chance of being exposed to television within the first few minutes of life, of watching television for the rest of their lives, and of routinely interacting with other television viewers. More than half of today's kids have their own personal televisions. This creates a safer environment for kids to watch TV on their own. Studies show that the average American child spends more time in front of the TV each week than in the classroom. Carter and Strickland report that by the time a youngster is sixteen years old, he or she has spent significantly more time in front of the TV than in a classroom. Youth viewers (6-18 years old) have climbed by 70% since the 1990s in terms of average daily TV viewership. Elementary school pupils spend an average of 25 hours per week in front of a screen. The average youngster has seen 6,000 hours of television by the time he or she is five years old. Before turning 18, the average American child will have been exposed to over 200 murders



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and over 200 more violent acts. On average, 812 violent acts are shown per hour on television; in children's programming, especially cartoons, this number rises to 20 per hour. [6] India has also discovered a correlation between TV time and thoughts of suicide. Adolescents and parents of children who had been exposed to media violence found that their peers' academic performance and psychosocial adjustment were negatively impacted by their exposure to the content and the amount of time spent in front of the screen, respectively. Some of the fears, tensions, bad dreams, and tendencies towards delinquency of children are result of frequent and regular exposure to murder-mystery movies and stories filled with violence and torture that children watch on TV and in movies, as described by adolescents after another vivid display of violence through media (9/11 terrorist attack caused stress in children).

The Impact of Media Violence on Nervousness, Anxiety, and Sleep Disturbances

While most studies have looked at how exposure to media violence influences the social behaviours of children and teenagers, there is mounting evidence that it also causes them to develop severe worries and phobias. [12] There is no denying that the media has a significant impact on modern society. Because of its effectiveness, we may analyse how these forms of media contribute to satisfying our desire for communication. Broadcast media, which does not rely on widespread literacy to reach an audience, may have a greater influence in some countries than print media. The media's depiction of violence can be understood on various levels. [10] Conflict violence, terrorist acts, and communal violence are all topics covered by the media. Television and movies provide graphic, dynamic visuals when print and audio media cover violent situations and events through reportage. In order to justify the appearance of violence in the media, it is assumed that viewers will experience some sort of catharsis, which means that any violence depicted on screen, regardless of how essential it is to the plot, is acceptable. While media violence itself is not a pressing issue, the shallow, skewed, and exploitative way in which it is typically portrayed is. Pressures including a lack of perspective, worry about becoming unemployed or homeless, and the urge to thrive financially leave little opportunity for meeting young people's emotional needs. Young people are growing increasingly dissatisfied with the politics and administration as they currently stand. Politicians are using them for their own ends by taking advantage of them. Their familiarity with the media There is rising cause for alarm because of the increased potential for aggressive behaviour and criminal activity. [4] The media of today serves not only as an information source, but also as a norm provider. To Judge, that's an oversimplification. The media as a whole is a homogeneous entity, and as such, it requires more investigation to investigate its portrayal of violence and its effect on people's morals and ethics. Trying to interpret these artefacts and myths from outside the cultural group that has developed around them is an extremely difficult task. [13] We can only make out the symbols; without breaking them open, we have no way of knowing what they actually represent. Having a discussion with the individuals who are making use of these symbols, reading these narratives, and implementing these forms of media. Teenagers in India play



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violent video games with English-language titles and foreign-language visuals, some of which have been localised.

2.MATERIALS AND METHODS

Method

The impacts of media violence on young people's psyches are investigated here.

Research Design

For this study, the researcher choose to use a survey as the primary data collection technique. Rather than relying on just one type of research, this one uses both qualitative and quantitative approaches to the data.

Universe

The research population consists of young people who watch TV News programmes.

Study population

Young people who watch TV news programmes at Hyderabad University area in Telangana state.. OU is now split into two distinct halves.

- 1.the physical and biological sciences
- 2. Humanities, Arts, Languages

Sample

The researcher used a basic random sample technique to select 100 participants at random for the study.

3.RESULTS

Table 1. Aggression Due to TV News Violence

| Gender | Yes | No | Total |
|--------|-----|----|-------|
| Male | 36 | 14 | 50 |
| Female | 15 | 35 | 50 |



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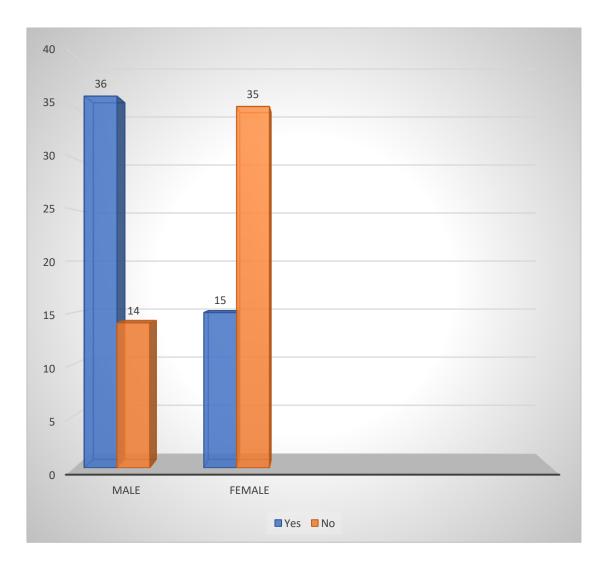


Table 1. Graphical representation of Aggression Due to TV News Violence

Table 2. Insecurity Due to Media Violence

| Gender | Yes | No | Total |
|--------|-----|----|-------|
| Male | 27 | 34 | 71 |
| Female | 23 | 6 | 29 |
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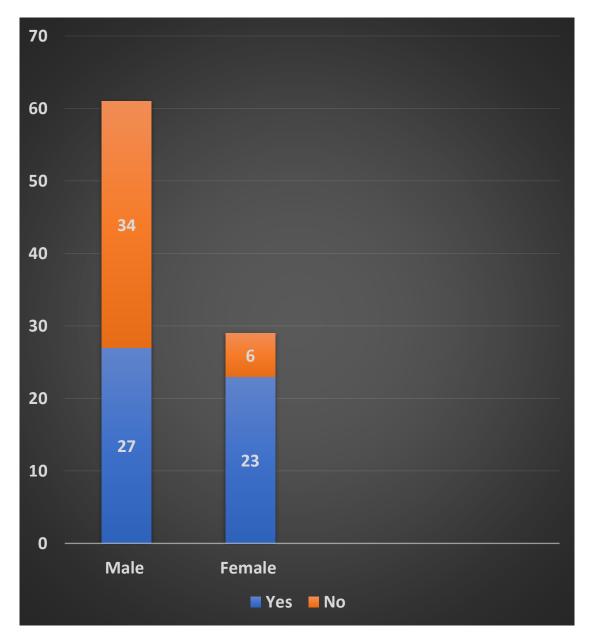


Fig 2. Graphical representation of Insecurity Due to Media Violence

Table 3. Relaxation after Watching of TV News Violence

| Gender | Yes | No | Total |
|--------|-----|----|-------|
| Male | 24 | 28 | 39 |
| Female | 16 | 33 | 61 |
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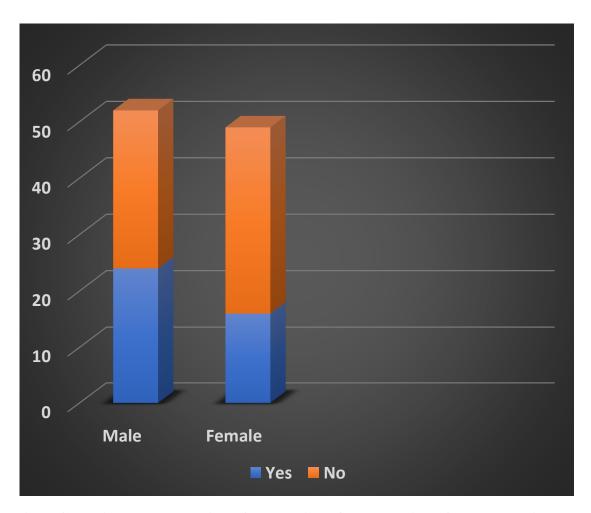


Fig 3. Graphical representation of Relaxation after Watching of TV News Violence
4.DISCUSSIONS

36 (72%) of 50 males and 15 (30%) of 50 females became hostile after viewing TV news violence, respectively. Only 14 (28%) of 50 males and 35 (70%) females, on the other hand, believe that exposure to violent media has made them more aggressive. Seventy-one percent (71%) of respondents, including 23 percent (46%) of men and 34 percent (68%) of women, report feeling unsafe as a result of watching violent scenes on TV news, while 29 percent (29%) of respondents report feeling completely safe. Two-thirds (23, or 46%) of the responders are men, while one-fifth (6, or 12%) are women. [16] A random sample of 50 people reported feeling calmed by TV news coverage of violent events: 24 (48%) men and 16 (32% women). However, 61 percent of people polled (28 males out of 50) and 33 females (66 percent) reported feeling uneasy after viewing violent TV news stories. To a large extent, viewers are influenced by the frequency and intensity of violent scenes in the media. used to pique readers' interest and boost the credibility of the story. [19] Even though viewers' trust in the news increases when violent scenes are included, the psychological toll of constantly



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being exposed to such graphic violence is significant. The deaths of two brothers in Sialkot, who were wrongly accused of being thieves and brutally beaten to death, are only one example of the horrific news that has been reported on Pakistani television in the past. [17]

5.CONCLUSIONS

According to the study's findings, young people's mental health has been negatively impacted by exposure to TV reports of violence. The public's reaction to news reports of violence is affected by the prevalence of such coverage. [18] Some viewers of the news get desensitised to violence and even crave it after repeatedly being exposed to it on TV. Some people avoid viewing the news because the constant depiction of violence might be a downer. When people see violent scenes depicted on TV news, they feel unsafe and are afraid to leave their homes. Consequently, the media needs to find a new approach to covering violent news stories, as doing so poses risks to its audience. There is an immediate psychological impact on the audience. [20]

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