

## Re: Are we protected from Junk Food Corporations?

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"Lictor" <ghostmlNOSPAM-REMOVE@online.fr> wrote in message  
news:<41375974\$0\$31667\$79c14f64@nan-newsreader-07.noos.net>...

> "MikeL" <MikeL@elnet.com> wrote in message  
> news:3rd8j0lened2a110ob8aaho88bmbbm10p0@4ax.com...  
>> Well maybe we should ban televisions since many parents use them as  
>> babysitter. You certainly can reduce your child's exposure to this  
>> propaganda by creating a life other than watching TV 10 hours a day.  
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> Well, the problem is that things are not always that easy.  
> For instance, I always had the TV in my bedroom as a kid. So, I could pick  
> whatever I wanted to watch, and whenever I wanted to. If I wanted to watch  
> to watch rated movies, I could. Not because my parents where careless, but  
> because they thought I was mature enough to enjoy the freedom. So, I saw  
> plenty of movies on TV, including some I was not supposed to see as a kid,  
> like Clockwork Orange. But this never prevented me from moving around. I was  
> an avid biker as a kid, as that was how I would go to school daily. I was  
> also a good walker, taking a 40km walk with my dad was always a pleasant  
> thing to do. As an adult, I watch TV from time to time, but I can do without  
> it. Mostly, I will watch when there is something really good on it, mostly  
> serials (Sopranos, Six Feet Under). I don't bother with movies, I just go to  
> the cinema or rent them. I watch it for around 1 hour a day.  
> On the other hand, my girlfriend was educated like you. She was only allowed  
> to watch a part of the evening movie with her parents, and then, off to bed.  
> As an adult, she doesn't watch TV a lot more than I do, but when she does,  
> she is completely hypnotized. Like being in trance; you can talk to her and  
> she won't even notice. Or she will stop in the middle of a sentence, and  
> never finish it.  
> So, sometimes, direct solutions lead to weird results. Having unlimited and  
> self-regulated access to TV meant for me that it was just another tool to  
> access information. It lost any kind of magical value it could have had to  
> me. On the other hand, it has remained a magical and fascinating item to my  
> girlfriend.

I wouldn't blame it on television but on \*bad\* television and  
commercials. The crap on commercial TV and commercials really

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perpetuate the intellectual poverty that Dr. Mengele blames on "genes." The poor got little chance to survive the commercial barrage as a smart human being.

That's why I propose that we should have a commercial free television, independent of both the State and Big Business, not much different from the BBC (before it was censored)...

"TV and radio should be independent of Big Business and the State. (This is due to two reasons: culturally, because the ratings make bad programs become "good"... for business; and, politically, because whoever has power over the media... will be in power; however, people should be able to watch anything on video and cable; the BBC offers us and example of an independent media.)"

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