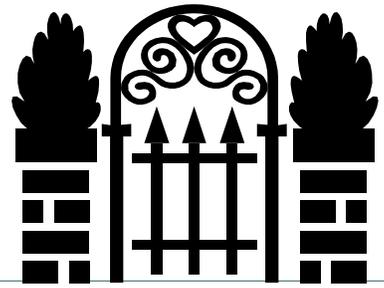


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Addiction to Video Games

Yes, video games are becoming an addiction in my country and my community. Boys in my grade are playing constantly after school and at each others houses. They play for hours a day and there's no reason for this. Some boys also now have the idea that war is fun and guns are great. Teenagers also get addicted to these games. Some of them get addicted from being with and at houses of friends who are addicted. Games are really cheap so anyone can get them. They are also really realistic so they are bought more and more. For these reasons anyone can get addicted!

In my community video games are addictive and I think that people can be convinced to notice this problem and start to work on it. I think kids should have some sort of a schedule for video games such as only playing when it rains or when there's bad weather. Parents should just not buy these games if they don't want their kids to get addicted to them. People that are addicted should think about what they're doing and think about if it is healthy to play video games for as long as they do. We should tell them that it's bad for their health. It can cause them to stay up for hours. They won't get much exercise which will make them not want to sleep and then they would just play more. What are you as an individual, family or community doing about this addiction?

Elizabeth T.

Video Games and Bad Habits

Are Video Games Becoming An Addiction?

I think video games are becoming an addiction in my country. I think it's because they are becoming more popular and their is new game systems coming out. I think one way we could stop it is by calling our friends and inviting them outside.

Another way is for parents to tell their kids to go outside. You can also take games and have do their homework. You can limit the time on the video games (for example 1 hour). I can stop it by going outside and maybe other kids will be encouraged to come outside and play too. You can stop it by not buying the video games and by cutting back gradually.

Keenan



Do You Think Bad Habits Matter?

Yes I think bad habits matter because I crack my fingers when I'm nervous and I can't get out of that bad habit no matter how much I try. My mom says that if I keep cracking my fingers I'll get arthritis in my fingers and my knuckles. When you have arthritis most of the time you won't be able to move your hands because you'll wear out the cartridge in your fingers. For an example, one of the teachers at our school has arthritis in her fingers and every time she tries to open a water bottle her fingers get stuck in that position.

Elizabeth L.

Are Video Games Becoming an Addiction?

Yes, video games are becoming an addiction because a lot of people are playing them, a lot, and it is affecting their lives, like Brandon Crisp. He was playing too much computer and video games, so his parents took his video games away. He got mad, and ran away from home and they found his body a few weeks later. I think parents should make a rule about how much play time their children get on the computer, and video games. If kids didn't watch so much television they wouldn't see the ads for video games, then ask their parents to buy them. But it is also part of the parents fault because they're the ones who buy the games in the first place, and don't make rules about how much time their children are allowed to play them. It affects children's lives because when kids have homework, some kids just go home and play video games, then get a bad mark on their schoolwork because they're not doing it.

Gwen

Video Game Addiction

Are video games becoming an addiction in your country or community? No I don't think video games are becoming an addiction in our country or community because most people are active and play sports like volleyball, soccer, tennis, hockey, football, baseball, and bas-

ketball and all of those are good exercise. I do think some people are addicted to video



games. If you sit on the couch all day and play video games eventually you

will get fat and if you are addicted to video games you won't do your homework and you won't do a lot of things with your family. I think some of the addicting games are *Halo*, *Call of Duty 4,5*, *Splinter Cell*, *Rock Band*, *Gears of War*, *Medal of Honour*, and *Guitar Hero 1,2, and 3*.



Bad Habits

Everyone has a bad habit or two but they do not even care. Many people have a bad habit but they do not think of it as one like cracking your knuckles, bones, nail chewing and things like that. Other bad habits are obvious like smoking because your lungs will fail and that's why people have to be 19 to smoke because it is too strong for younger people. Another example is drugs

because they are strong and will kill you after a lot of them. Also, drinking and driving are bad habits that affect your safety because you start to pass out, vomit, and not stay focused and get in an accident and most die or get hurt. Most people do know about their bad habit but it is so attracting they just can not stop and get sucked in and when they try to stop they just cannot stop! There are many people who make programs for people to stop but people

do not believe in the programs. Bad habits do matter and they should get dealt with right away because bad habits can get you hurt or even killed. Many people die from bad habits but they should not, they should get them dealt with.

Bethany



Should Kids Have More Freedom?

Kids should have some more freedom, but not too much freedom. The main reason parents limit kid's amount of freedom is the obvious factor of safety. I completely agree with that but come on parents, let your kids go explore the big wide world. Let them have the opportunity to adopt a soft, fuzzy dog, go to the top of the CN Tower or watch a good old , classic hockey game, for example. Let them have a chance to be themselves and be

Are Parents Too Controlling and Should Kids Have More Freedom?

more adventurous. But seriously, let kids be kids! But when doing activities they should be looked over by a loving parent for the reason of safety. My point is that

kids should have more freedom to do whatever activity that they want to do, but be watched by a parent to make sure they're alive by the end of the activity that they're doing.

“Let kids be kids!”

Zack

SHOULD KIDS HAVE MORE FREEDOM?

No I think kids should not go wherever whenever they want because they can get hurt and no one will be able to help them. They might get in trouble, they might not know where to go, or what they are doing. They can get in a car and he or she might be a person that gets kid-



napped or they can get lost and not find their way out. They would not have food with them or water, or maybe no money with them. They might not know where they are going, and they might lose control because they might not have a whole lot of food or water in them and get sick. That is why kids should not have more freedom

Jessie

Are Parents Too Controlling?

I think parents are too controlling because a lot of the things you want to do your parents just never let you do. If you want to go to a movie, most of the time you can't. If you want to play a game you almost never can because you have to do other things. If you want to do anything you can't because they just won't let you. It would be better if parents weren't so controlling

but things could get out of control. All of the kids would have too much freedom and they would do

do something really bad. So parents should be controlling but not too controlling.

Josh

“Parents should be controlling, but not too controlling.”

things that they just shouldn't do. They could get sick, hurt, or even killed if they



Child Labour Laws and Bullying

Child Labour Laws

I think kids should be concerned about child labour because the children who make the items are abused and get very little money for families. Some are as little as 4 years old. They have to work almost 24/7. These kids

are the same as everyone else except they have to go to work. They are slaved to make things like soccer balls and clothes. Kids should be concerned because they are a lot alike but some have to work as slaves.

Hannah



If I Was Getting Bullied I Would..

Tell someone and they would call the Police because bullying is not the right thing to do, you can really hurt someone's feelings. People that are getting bullied know some things that bullies hate. They hate teachers because they think they will get in trouble. If you're getting bullied you would not want to go to school or even outside because the bully might be looking for you. Some people cry when they get bullied. The people that get bullied are usually the people that are new at the school. They might the things other people don't they look different.



Samantha

Child Labour...

Child labour is found all over the world and is an issue that not many people care about, but should. Child labour is cruel and should be banned, but some companies find it cheaper to have child workers than adult workers. Child workers are paid little and can not fight back because they aren't powerful enough. Some children are forced to go to work because their parents can't afford to pay for food and clothes without the extra money. In some countries, some parents who couldn't afford to go to school and learn to read sign contracts for their children to go off and work for large factories, because their parents couldn't read what the contract said.

Child labour is wrong because it doesn't allow children to go to school and get a proper education, they work 14-20 hours a day without any brakes, it

keeps them away from their family, and can make them sick and or kill them from breathing factory fumes. Though child workers and their families are extremely upset because of child labour, it still occurs in certain parts of the world.

Students should be concerned about child labour because it is a serious issue, and together, students could help put and end to child labour.

What does child labour mean to you?

Miranda

Should We Tolerate Bad Attitude from Kids Debate.

I think no. I think that because bad attitude is very rude. If you had a younger sibling, and you only have bad attitude at home, they could copy you but at school, and get in major trouble. Also if you give your mom or dad bad attitude and you are out in public, your parent will be really embarrassed.

If you give too, too, much bad attitude, you could get in lots of trouble like a trip to the principals office, and possibly suspended, also being grounded for a very long time. That is what you should know about what would happen if you give someone bad attitude.

Kaitlyn



Yes and no. No because sometimes the kids do not really mean to give attitude to the parents but they still get mad at us. Yes because if the parents are yelling at the kids they are most likely to get mad and yell and scream at the parents. The parents have the right to ground the kids but not if they didn't mean to give the parents attitude but if they were yelling and swearing at them they really have the right to ground them.

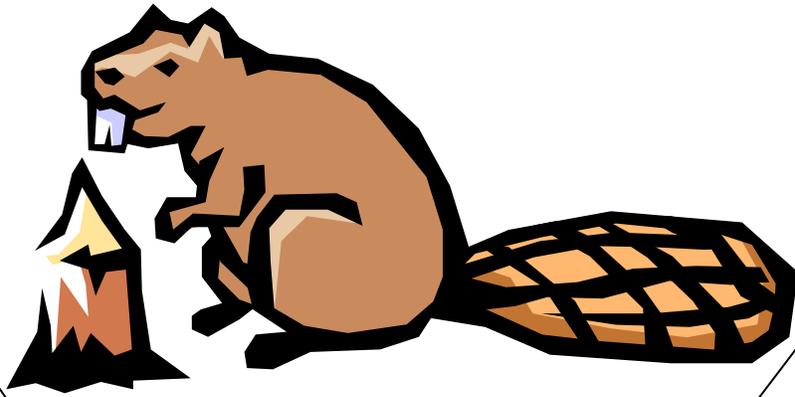


Tyler

What Laws in Your Area do You Disagree With?

Some laws I disagree with are getting your driving licence. You have to be 16 years old. I think we should be 15 years old because you need to get some responsibility and try to learn how to drive too! The other law I disagree with is the one to get your baby sitting licence. I think we should be at least 11 years old. The other law I disagree with is the handicapped parking. I think we should be able to park anywhere we want. The other law I disagree with is the one for smoking because if you are not old enough then you can't get cigarettes and the age is 19 years old. I think we should be at least 16 years old to buy cigarettes.

Haley



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