

## Media Violence

- The National Television Violence Study found that 61% of the programming on TV contains interpersonal violence. Most of it is portrayed in an entertaining or glamorized manner.
- Of all animated feature films produced in the United States between 1937 and 1999, 100% portrayed violence, and the amount of violence with intent to injure has increased through the years.
- It has been estimated that by age 18, the average young person will have viewed 200,000 acts of violence on television alone.
- Of the 33 most popular video games, 21% feature violence against women.

## Media Violence Can Cause

- Aggressive or violent behavior
- Desensitization to violence
- Nightmares or fear of being harmed

## Teens Who Suffer Violence

- Among urban youth, interpersonal violence is the most prevalent cause of injury—it accounts for a full third of all their injuries.
- 3,500 adolescents are murdered every year
- 150,000 adolescents are arrested for violent crimes annually

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics—Media Matters.  
[www.aap.org/advocacy/mediamatters.htm](http://www.aap.org/advocacy/mediamatters.htm)