



TV CENSORSHIP AND THE 9pm WATERSHED

- 1) It is parents' responsibility to supervise what their children watch. The fact that some parents are irresponsible does not justify behaving as though they all were.
- 2) To suggest, as pro-censorship groups do, that because some children are watching TV at all hours of the day and night, TV at all hours of the day and night should be suitable for children to watch is to encourage irresponsible "dump the kids in front of the telly" parenting.
- 3) Children of school age should not be watching TV late at night no matter what is on. They should be in bed.
- 4) In other European countries, the 'watershed' is later, but after it anything goes. This reflects (i) a different attitude towards family life and (ii) a different attitude to what is shown.
- 5) The alleged welfare of children should not be used as an excuse to censor material intended for adults. Would-be censors are very fond of exploiting people's fears about what goes into children's heads.
- 6) Two-thirds of UK households contain nobody under sixteen.
- 7) The CAC believes that all feature films shown on TV should be shown as they were made for the cinema—unexpurgated and uncut.

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