

Worksheet 2

MEDIAWATCH-UK**TV FILM ANALYSIS**

In 2003, Mediawatch-UK analysed a total of 205 films shown on BBC1, BBC2, ITV1, Channel 4 and Channel 5 (Five) - (these include eleven films which were shown twice).

The programme monitors identified:

- 1121 incidents involving firearms
 - 288 on BBC1
 - 32 on BBC2
 - 107 on ITV1
 - 129 on Channel 4
 - 565 on Five

- 765 Violent assaults
 - 177 on BBC1
 - 16 on BBC2
 - 89 on ITV1
 - 111 on Channel 4
 - 372 on Five

- 103 incidents of fire raising/causing explosions
 - 18 on BBC1
 - 3 on BBC2
 - 15 on ITV1
 - 10 on Channel 4
 - 57 on Five

- 277 incidents involving knives and other offensive weapons
 - 85 on BBC1
 - 4 on BBC2
 - 20 on ITV1
 - 47 on Channel 4
 - 121 on Five

Five's output of films accounted for 44.6% of the 205 films monitored by Mediawatch-UK in 2003. Accordingly, the figures for violent incidents on Five are startlingly higher in all categories.

John Beyer, director of Mediawatch-UK said:

Once again our analysis of film content indicates that the broadcasters continue to buy in and repeatedly show films that normalise and glamorise violence for its own sake. This deliberate policy of promoting a culture of violence is at variance with the Government's serious attempts to restore law and order. We again appeal to the broadcasters and regulators to exercise responsibility and do more to solve the problems associated with social disorder rather than perpetuate it in film and on television.

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