Do Video Games Make You Violent?

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Are video games making children violent in the 21st century, at school and at home by putting too much gore into the games?

This has been a popular topic among parents, they think that too much gaming can lead to either violence or bad language. However the children seem to disagree. We took a survey at Whitecross High School and the percentage of people who agree with the statement is 33% where as 67% of people disagree.

Although there are not many studies that have directly compared television programs and video games there are factors which increase your aggression/violence and or bad language. It is very hard to recognise if you are playing the game but to the people who surround you it is obvious to see. Many children are oblivious. As well as this, in story driven games which normally consist of two different routes, an aggressive route and a peaceful route. Most of the time players choose the aggressive choice as they want a more realistic gaming experience .

It has been proven it is very beneficial for young children to play. In fact, children are not getting enough creativity and social time today, leading to poor social skills and worsening of ADHD in people who have this condition. Children learn many things through play, it has been scientifically proven that videogames improve a child's social skills by 10% and their intellectual skills by 20% which helps the brain adapt develop and thrive in multiple ways including building social competence and prosper in school.

In conclusion, we believe that video games do not make you violent however if you play them for long periods of time it could make you violent and aggressive.