

TV can expand a child's aspirations

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time in front of a television than in a classroom.

"How children see people, particularly people their age, portrayed is important," wrote Katherine Heintz-Knowles, the author of the study. "TV can expand a child's aspirations, or it can limit her horizons; it can teach him what is important or unimportant; what is to be valued and what is to be shunted aside."

Wilkinson points to problems with some U.S. programs aimed at kids, such as the stir a few years ago over the animated U.S. program Power Rangers. That pseudo-martial arts behavior was easy for kids to mimic and we saw a lot of copy-cat behavior in school yards.

In fact, concern about what kids see on U.S. TV has prompted a flurry of activity there: the passage of legislation requiring a V-chip on tele-

vision sets; a call for a ratings system for programs; demands that TV stations provide a minimum of three hours of educational TV each week and a return to more suitable programs in the first hour of prime time TV—a return to the family hour.

The situation is nowhere near as critical here, Wilkinson said, unless your kids are watching a lot of U.S. programming unsupervised.

"Kids—especially kids who watch with their parents—have no problem knowing the difference between reality and fantasy. They know you don't drop rocks on your friends," she said.

A recent survey by the organization revealed that more than 80 per cent of Canadian parents actively intervene—watching with children; setting limits or screening programs in advance. In the U.S., they're still fighting to get near 30 per cent," Wilkinson said.

Primary Colors shines as political satire

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It's one of September's best offerings.

Actually, two of the month's best films—Wild Things and Primary Colors—have already been released (three of the best, if you count that movie about the ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage—you know the one I mean).

Wild Things is a comedy all dressed up as a thriller and it's loads of fun. Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon, Denise Richards and Neve Campbell romp through this campy adventure, along with some great supporting work from Bill Murray and Robert Wagner.

Primary Colors stars John Travolta

as the Clinton-like presidential candidate who can't keep his hands off young ladies. One critic described it as "the best political satire Hollywood has made in the 1990s."

But that was before Wag: The Dog came out.

Other films on video this month include:

Sept. 15—Mercury Rising, Hush, Deep Rising, Terminal Justice, City of Angels and He Got Game.

Sept. 22—Dangerous Beauty, Nightwatch, Trail of a Serial Killer and Scooby-Doo on Zombie Island.

Sept. 29—Object of My Affection, For Hire, Paulie, Two Girls & A Guy and One of Our Own.

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