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Bad Influences

In the past, children learned good manners and behavior from their parents and surroundings. Now, in the present, when society has separated the “used to be” bond between parents and children, children are now being raised by televisions, learning from what they watch on the television set. The characters always show bad influences in a form of entertainment. Peter Griffin, Homer Simpson, and Stan Smith are from a popular television series that mostly promotes bad influences for its viewers.

Peter Griffin is an animated character from a popular television comedy series known as “Family Guy.” In this series, Peter acts as a fat American family man, married to a beautiful wife named Lois, and they have three children. Peter portrays a bad influence to his audience by discriminating against women and treating them as second class citizens. For example, in one episode of the series, Peter was accused at work for videotaping the ladies room. He tried to defend himself by quoting in front of his kids “God created women to entertain men.” Later in the episode, his oldest son sexually abused a fellow female class mate because of his father’s attitude towards women. In another episode, he was again accused of having woman slaves in his basement. He also agreed saying, they were just there to do his laundry and clean his shoes just like the family dog used to. Again as he portrays to his children that, women are nothing to the world but just dogs.

Another character that promotes bad influence to his viewers is Homer Simpson.

Homer is also a fat American father in a Fox television series named as “The Simpsons.” Homer is married to a beautiful, healthy wife named Marge. He also has three children named Bart, Lisa and Maggie. Bart is the oldest of the three kids and also the closest to his father. Unlike Peter Griffin, Homer portrays a father who has serious drinking habits. His drinking habit influences his children badly because, whenever he is drunk, his fatherly features change completely. He starts to act like he is in his own little world where anything he says goes. Bart has formed a bad habit of disobeying the law and people around him see him as taking after his father. Although Marge keeps trying to punish Bart for his wrong behavior, Homer always gets him out of punishment with his favorite saying, “kids will be kids.”

Stan Smith is also a character in a Fox Animated series called “American Dad.” Stan is what might be called of a typical American father in this era. Stan loves his family and his country. He is also married to a beautiful blonde and has two kids. Unlike Homer and Peter, the only bad influence Stan portrays to his family is the will to make life miserable for those who do not agree with his beliefs. For an example, in one of the episodes, an Iranian couple moved in the neighborhood. Stan continuously abused their privacy just because he assumed that they were terrorists, planning an attack on their town. He spends his spare time stalking the couples and making them know that he was stalking them. Stan also uses his position as a current CIA agent to avoid getting arrested for his crimes. Stan’s bad influences have influenced his children in that they treat people they don’t like in the same way as their father do.

Television shows like these are what our children are watching day after day. It is what they are been taught as they grow just because they want to be entertained. It is said that kids are the future. Imagine what kind of future there would be, if children are being taught in this way.