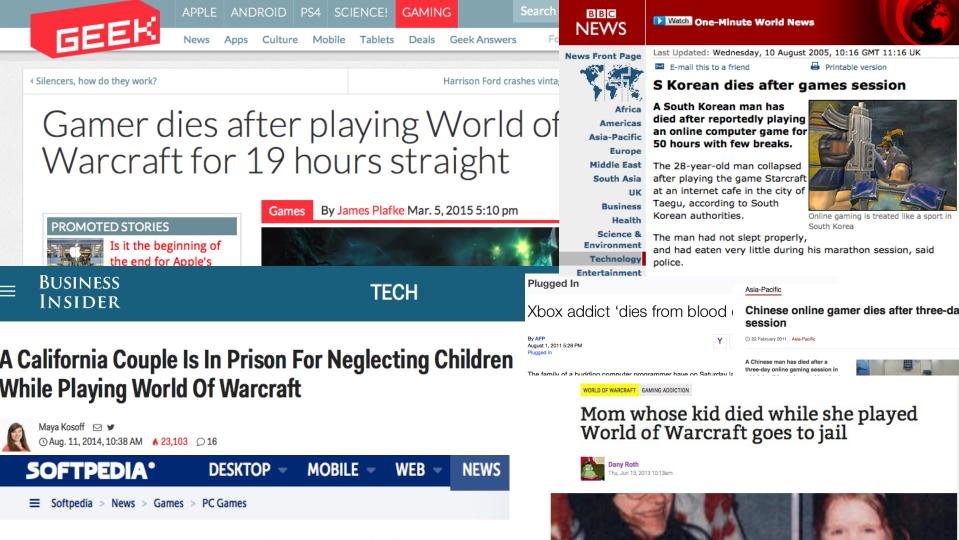
## Media effects

Lukas Blinka



## Two Fanatic World of Warcraft Gamers Have Died Because Of WoW

#### Are there more to come?

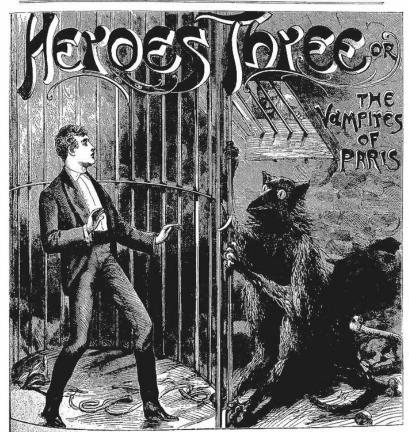
The recent deaths of two net gamers have once again raised the issue of the impact o addiction on the online gaming community, and the health risks involved.





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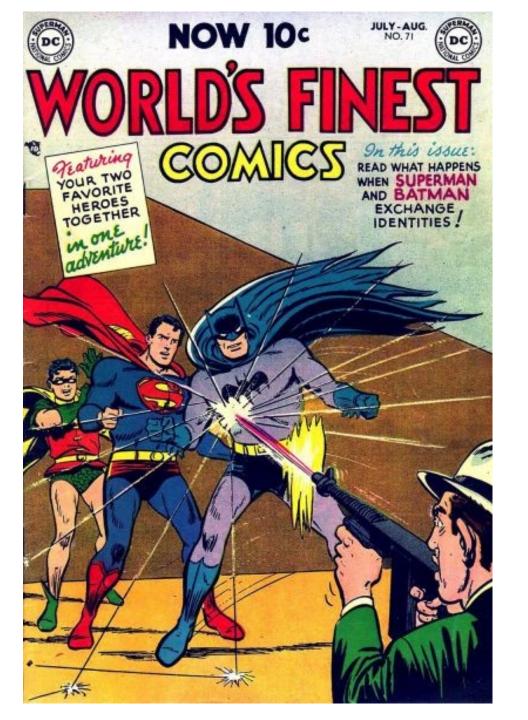
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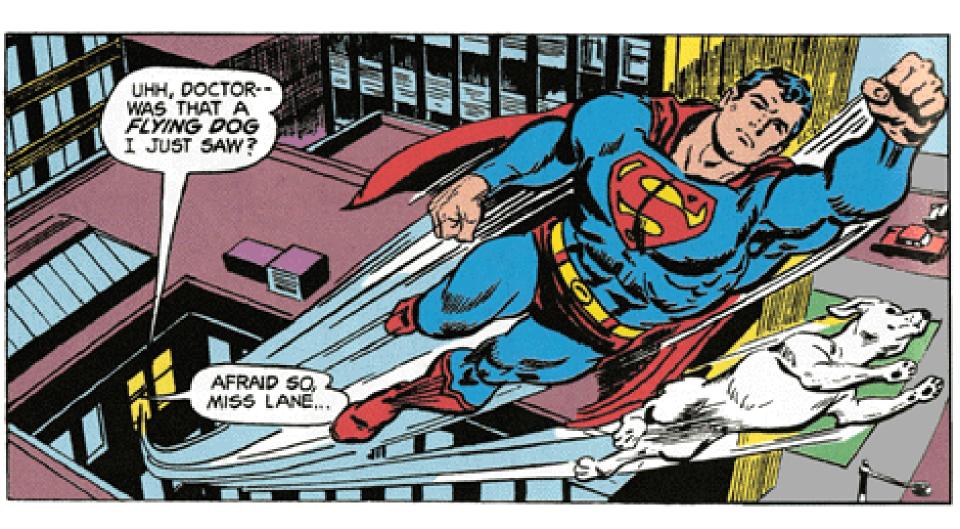




# 1929 – The Payene Fund Studies

- How cinema effects children?
- Measuring galvanic skin reaction while watching movie sequences
- Romantic scenes did not effect children at all but sex scenes blew the sixteen-year-olds off the graphs
- Survey part with parents and teachers children are heavily under influence of bad moral in films





### 40s-50s – Wertham's studies

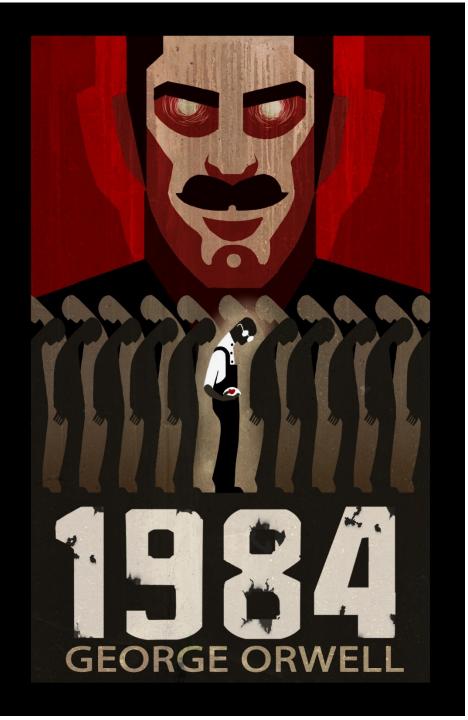
- Comic books are evil!
- Youngsters spend up to 3 hours a day reading them!
- Surely they have lost their sense of reality!

- Content analysis of popular comic books
- Tried to find and match between unrealistic hero behaviour and cases when children died

## 50s Television studies

 Frankfurt school, T. Adorno – critique of the pop – low- culture

Televize – serialization, advertising, parasocial relationships



### 60s behaviorism

A. Bandura – social learning theory

Bobo doll experiment

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjTxQy\_ U3ac&t=2s

#### **BIG MEDIA EFFECTS**

- Direct and causal relationship between media use and effect (on attitudes, moods, behaviours,...)
- Technological determinism

 Internet, computer games, Facebook, smartphones,... make us addicted, aggressive,...



Neil Postman

#### Amusing Ourselves to Death

Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business



"This comes along at exactly the right moment... We must confront the challenge of his prophetic vision." —Jonathan Kozol

Fresh Ideas for Enjoying Family Time

What To Do After You Turn Off The I

by the author of DIET FOR A SMALL PLANET

Frances Moore Lappé and Family

DAVID BURKE

JEAN LOTUS

Read this book

switch off and have more fun

DR ARIC SIGMAN

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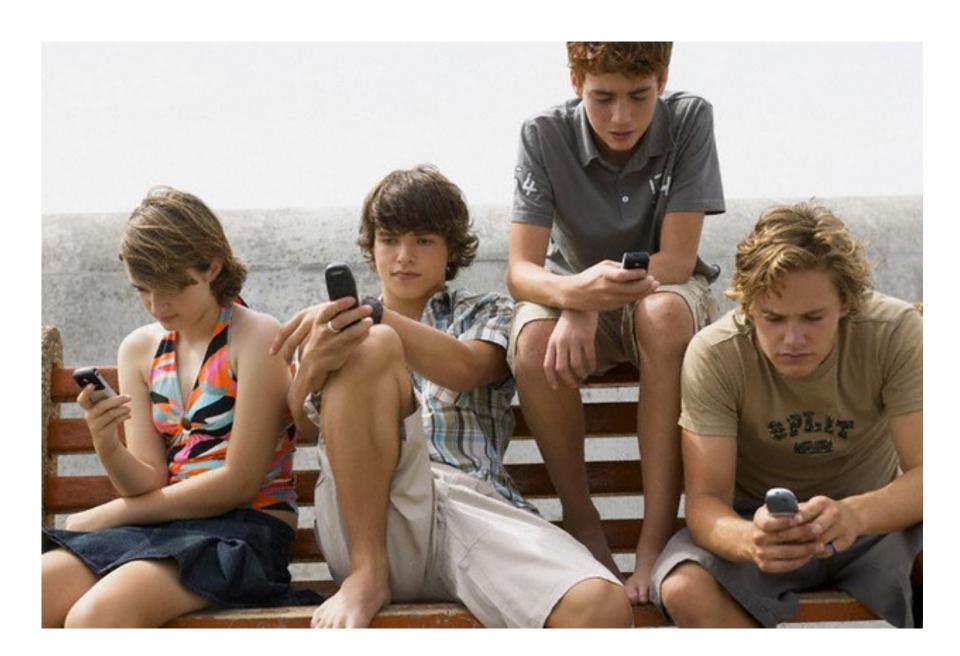
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**Television, Children,** and the Family





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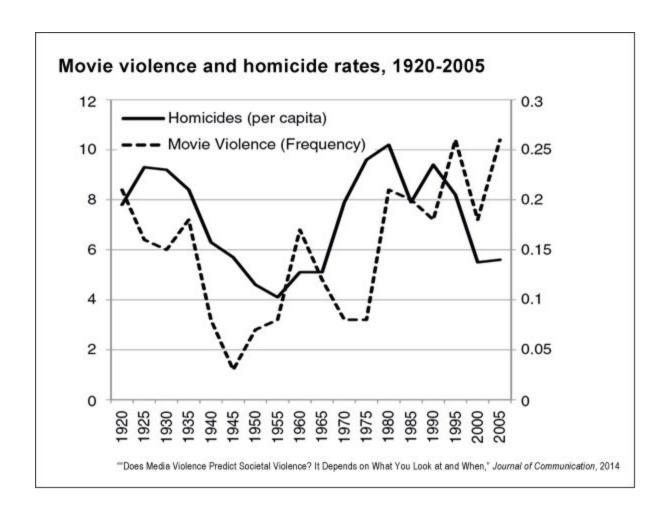
Media panic, it tend to diminish over time

 We tend to be blind on media that has become common

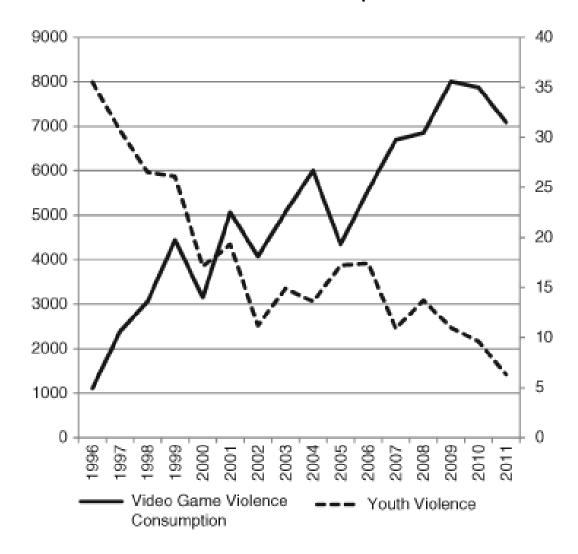
E.g. Paul Felix Lazarfeld studies on political campaigns



#### Does Media Violence Predict Societal Violence? It Depends on What You Look at and When



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 Meta-analytical studies show very small correlations about r= .1

Not surprising in complex systems

But surprising because it does not agree with case studies

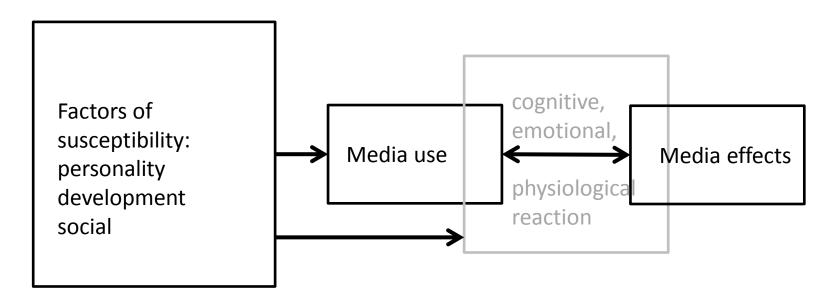
• Example: effect of scary media content on fear reaction of small children: generally small r=.18, but number of clinical case studies showed extreme reactions (Pearce & Field, 2015).

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For some children under some conditions some television is harmful.

For other children under the same conditions or for the same children under other conditions it may be beneficial.

For most children under most conditions, most television is probably neither particularly harmful nor particularly beneficial.



• Valkenburg, P. M., & Peter, J. (2013). The differential susceptibility to media effects model. *Journal of Communication*, 63(2), 221-243.