

# **Student Essay on Censorship of Music Videos**

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# Essay

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Music videos sometimes communicate distorted and dangerous messages. Do you think censorship is the answer? I do not. Music videos may portray messages parents do not want their children to see, but censoring the music video industry does not solve the problem. There are many different problems with censorship in the music video industry; I will discuss a number of different ways to address the problem.

Censorship is a violation of the artists' rights. The first amendment clearly states freedom of speech, and censorship violates these rights. Censorship can lead to a slippery political and legal slope. These issues have the possibility to change what our founding fathers based our Constitution on.

Sometimes the easiest answer to something that offends your moral values is to remove it. I believe that doing that offends your moral values is to remove it. I believe that doing that is not always the best answer. Parental guidance can help parents resolve the moral conflicts they have with music videos. Talk to your children about the values you have, and want them to abide by. Restrict television channels you find inappropriate, and tell your child that you disapprove of the videos that go against your values.

There are many technological options parents can use to prevent their children from seeing inappropriate music videos. There is now a special microchip in most TV's that allows parents to control the content of what they allow their children to watch. Satellite and cable receivers also have a chip that blocks specific channels and programs. This allows parents to control the content of what music videos they allow their children to watch.

In conclusion, I feel that censorship of music videos, however inappropriate is not the way to solve the problem. Music videos may portray messages parents do not want their children to see, but censoring the music video industry does not solve the problem. With a combination of methods, we can prevent our children from the distorted messages music videos can portray without using censorship.