

Effects of exposure to media violence



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[BMC Public Health](#) is calling for submissions to our Collection on the influence of media violence on societal behavior and public health.

The increasing exposure to aggression across diverse platforms, such as television and social media, raises critical questions about the long-term effects on viewers, particularly among vulnerable populations like children and adolescents. The rise in violent content, along with the normalization of aggression in entertainment, has sparked renewed interest in understanding its implications for mental health, social behavior, and community dynamics. This Collection aims to synthesize current research, explore new findings, and foster interdisciplinary dialogue on the consequences of media violence, making it timely and imperative to address this significant public

health issue.

Suggested article topics include, but are not limited to:

- The association between the exposure to media violence and increased risk of violent behavior on the viewers
- Perceptions of violent content across social media, television, movies, and video games
- The influence of media violence and cyberbullying on children and adolescents' mental health
- The role of media literacy in mitigating adverse outcomes
- Implications for policy and intervention strategies to mitigate the effects of exposure to media violence

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