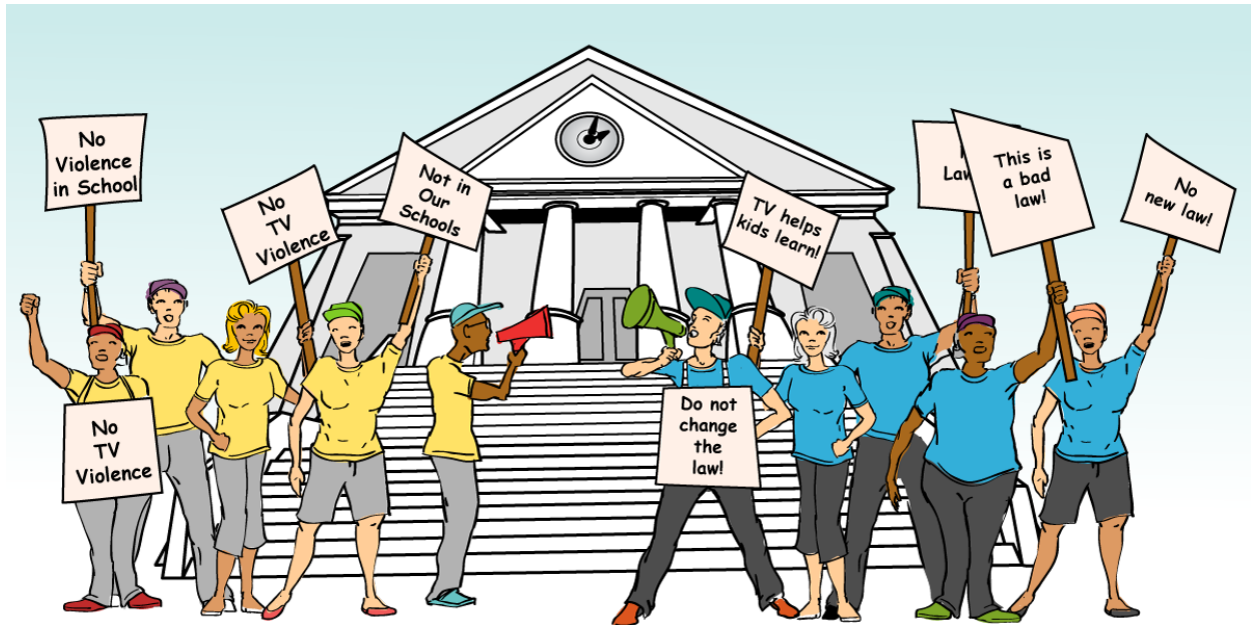
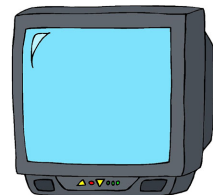


## RFJ001-P: Television violence, perspectives



Some scientists think that that all violent TV shows are bad for children, because they can teach children to hurt other people. Other scientists disagree. They think it is okay for children to watch some violent TV shows.

One group of parents was so sure that violent television causes children to misbehave that they tried to pass a law that would stop children from watching violent TV in school. Another group of parents was against this idea, because they thought it was okay for students to watch violent TV shows if they helped students learn. The second group of parents tried to stop the first group of parents from passing the law.



1. If you were trying to decide which group of parents were right, what things would be most important to think about?

- Choose 1<sup>st</sup> item from a list of considerations (under construction).
- Explain why this would be important to think about.

- Choose 2<sup>nd</sup> item from a list of considerations (under construction).
- Explain why this would be important to think about.

2. Which group of parents (below) do you think had a better idea? (Check the box next to your choice.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Did NOT want a law against TV violence	<input type="checkbox"/> Wanted a law against TV violence
	

3. Some parents wanted to pass a law that would stop children from watching violent TV in schools.
- What do you think is the main reason why parents wanted to stop students from watching violent TV shows in schools? (Choose from list, under construction.)
  - Explain why you think the reason you chose was the main reason.



4. Another group of parents wanted to stop the first group of parents from making the new law.
- What do you think is the main reason why this group of parents wanted to stop the other group of parents from making the new law? (Choose from list, under construction.)
  - Explain why you think the reason you chose was the main reason.



5. Is there anything the two groups of parents could have done to end their argument? What? How would that have helped? *Explain your answer.*