

Psychology 20

Unit 3

Learning Violence

Learning Objective

To understand the role and function of social cognition as the processes behind how people think about the world.

Lesson Objective

What influence does the media have on developing aggression and violence, especially in children?

Instructional Procedure

Review

In Unit 2 students learned the five uses of media, review what those five are and address any questions they may have

- Entertainment
- Identity Formation
- High Sensation
- Coping
- Youth Culture Identification

After completing the discussion provide students with the following definition

Social Learning Theory

According to this theory people are more likely to act in ways that they seen modeled. This means that the more we observe certain behaviours the more likely we are to act in a similar manner.

Show video

Tough Guise

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1139643/>

(Usually available through your local library)

Divide students into small groups of 3 or 4 and have students discuss different situations in which they have witnessed or experienced the effects of social learning theory, and come up with potential solutions to help alleviate the pressures that some adolescents feel to engage in violent activities.

After aprox. 10 min have students return to the larger group and ask them the question:
Do you feel that the amount of violence in the media and advertisements today has
desensitized us to violence or have we become more violent?