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“Conservatives” and their actions.

■ So called “conservative,” and “Christian” values - actions speak louder than lip service. USA Today looks back...

■ Mark Foley (Rep.) Formerly a crusader against child abuse and exploitation, Foley resigned from Congress on September 29, 2006 after allegations surfaced that he had sent suggestive emails and sexually explicit instant messages to teenagers who had formerly served as Congressional pages.

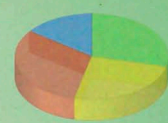
■ Ted Haggard - Former evangelical preacher and counsel to George W. Bush. Preached against homosexuality. Removed from leadership when homosexual sex and drug abuse were announced by whistleblower Mike Jones, a former male prostitute.

■ George W. Bush - Authorized Lewis "Scooter" Libby to disclose the contents of a highly classified intelligence assessment to the media to defend the Bush administration's decision to go to war with Iraq. (More Bush on 2A, 2C, 2D, 2F, 2G)

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Television violence replaced by sex

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By age 18, the average American child sees 200,000 violent acts on TV.

By age 18, a child witnesses almost 20,000 murders on TV — most by handguns.

80% of Hollywood executives think there is a link between TV violence and real-life violence.



By Phil Crook, Reuters

Los Angeles, CA – The major networks ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox have announced the replacement of violent imagery with scenes of sexual intercourse and nudity in their most violent shows. This marks a major shift in their programming, which regularly features scenes of torture, rape, and murder.

“It’s time we get our priorities straight in this country,” says Jeff Zucker, CEO of NBC Universal. “We have financed studies that show a significant drop in violent crimes, including sex crimes, when we replace graven images of death and torture with adult-rated sexual content.”

The study, titled “What the hell is wrong with U.S.?” compares our cultural levels of violence with the escalation of television violence and the lack of positive sexuality in the United States. This study comes as the death toll in Iraq passes 700,000 and on the heels of the Virginia Tech and Idaho shootings. “We are not sure why we didn’t think of this before.” Said Jack Abernethy, CEO of Fox Television. “I suppose it was all the money we were making from showing torture and murder.” The new programming also addresses the sexualization of children in television shows, advertising to children.

NASCAR: Conference on morality of races in current climate

By Michael Dumberg and James Loofauer USA TODAY

Concord, NC – NASCAR Executives, drivers, and their corporate sponsors discussed the morality of holding races in a time of global warming, record gas prices, and war over oil in the Middle East. The talks were held at the National NASCAR Convention in Concord, North Carolina on Tuesday.

The panel openly discussed the impact that fetishizing cars has on the environment and international policy. The topics ranged from air pollution, drilling in the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge, and global warming to war how future generations will view our actions. “We are ourselves to blame.” Said Kasey Kahne, winner of the 2006, Coca-Cola 600, who spoke at the convention, who has decided not to drive in future races in protest. “I love to drive, that’s my weakness. But when you consider all the people dying and what will amount to the destruction of our planet, it’s not much of a decision.”

“I’m not sure I can live with this.” Said former NASCAR president, Bill France. “You guys are making it real hard to sleep at night with these ideas. Will my great grandkids have to wear oxygen masks? It kind of hurts my head.” The former president went

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