

# Point of View

## Editorial

Do violence and sex on television affect crime and rapes on the street?

Some evidence seems to point to the possibility that there is some relationship to what is seen on the screen and what happens in the streets. If perchance this is true, it would be wise to turn off or turn from the television stories which portray violence and sex.

Many will say that in America we have freedoms which allow us to look at anything we wish. These freedoms are precious and must be preserved in all cases. But, because of the problems created by and for our youths when these freedoms are abused, we must take steps to help our young overcome the desire to see violent and sexual pictures.

If the old adage that "violence breeds violence" is true, then we must do all that we can to minimize the effects of violence on television, on the streets, in our homes, or wherever it may be found.

If the researchers are correct, then the violent and sexual movies on television may be just the place to start.

## Letter To Editor

### Neutralize Waste

Dear Editor:

Plutonium or "nuclear waste" is currently being considered for dumping in Deaf Smith County near Amarillo, Texas or at Yucca Mountain, 100 miles north of Las Vegas. Hanford, Wash. appears to welcome this incredible substance for its 10,000 years life span in questionable containers.

What never appears in the media is any reference to steps conceivably taken by scientists to neutralize plutonium. To say it "cannot be done" (by heat, pressure or electronics) is to repeat what some claim as to a nuclear shield technique (erroneously termed "star wars") so disliked by the Soviets.

As late as 1932, the great Professor Albert Einstein reportedly claimed that a nuclear bomb could not be made.

Robert Fairbank

## We Need Workers~

"The race needs workers, not leaders, ... such workers will solve the problems which race leaders talk about... and raise money to enable them to talk more and more ... When you hear a man talking, ... always inquire as to what he is doing or what he has done for humanity."

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Carter G. Woodson  
Mis-education of the Negro

## To Be Equal

By John E. Jacob

# STRENGTHEN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

School vouchers and tuition tax credits are being promoted as alternatives to the public school system for low-income families and minorities ill-served by many urban school districts.

But to go that path is to reject a more viable alternative—making the public schools work better for the children in our inner cities and rural poverty areas.

That's a lot harder to do, but it is a necessity since the overwhelming majority of blacks attend public schools and will do so in the future.

Anything that weakens the system of public education weakens black prospects and

weakens American pluralism. Tuition tax credits would undermine the system of public educa-



tion upon which black people, like minorities before them, depend.

A major claim for tuition tax credits is that they would allow more black people to send their children to private schools. That's argu-

able.

Most black families could not afford to do so even with tax credits. The typical black family earns less than the government's estimate of a no-frills, lower living

courage white flight from public schools.

Tax credits would also encourage the skimming process whereby some of the better students would shift to private schools, leaving the

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standard budget. Half of all black children are in one-parent households.

There is no way those families could find room in their budgets to afford the costs of most private schools. Tuition tax credits would not address the problem of access. Their prime effect would be to help whites afford segregation academies and en-

public ones with higher percentages of problem pupils and without the public support needed to educate those children.

Fairness is an issue here as well. How can we justify federal tax subsidies, the vast majority of which would go to the affluent, at a time of disastrous federal deficits

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## AMERICANS SHOULD DEMAND FREEDOM FOR BLACK JEWS

By Bayard Rustin

Operation Moses, Israel's rescue of Ethiopian Jews, is another dramatic example of worldwide Jewish unity—a unity that transcends both color and culture. It is also a

age in Arab countries, the continuing stream of those seeking freedom from the Soviet Union, and the Vietnamese "boat people" plucked from the sea by Israeli ships. Throughout history, Jewish morality

tural assimilation. They have maintained their identity as descendants of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. Their



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condition grew worse under the current Ethiopian Marxist regime and today they are faced with the famine that is decimating Ethiopia's population.

In 1977 Prime Minister Begin began the dar-

ing rescue of this long-lost Israelite tribe. The mission's "shroud of secrecy" was dictated by Ethiopia's hostility towards Israel and by the fear of reprisals should the Sudanese government admit to collaborating with Israel, even in such a humanitarian effort. In return for certain still unpublished incentives, the black Jews were permitted to enter Sudanese territory, where they were met by Israeli planes waiting to transport them safely to Israel.

When the rescue effort was leaked to the press, Ethiopia labeled it a "sinister" and "illegal" operation, and accused the Sudanese government of accepting money for its cooperation.

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striking reminder of Israel's commitment to its role as a haven for refugees, a role that entails financial burdens.

The history of Israel is a history of refugees, encompassing the survivors of Hitler's death camps, the North African Jews held in bond-

has commanded that refugees be taken to safety.

Now we have the heart-rending case of Ethiopia's black Jews, a poor farming people and an ancient sect, which has resisted centuries of religious persecution and efforts at forced cul-

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