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Ever since the dawn of video games people have been wondering, 'Do video games cause violence?' These questions have created anxiety. Even with the release of the Nintendo Switch many people say that there is nothing to be worried about.

Some gamers believe that video games do not cause violence though they may actually cause aggression. This fact has been claimed by numerous scientists. Aggression has been seen mainly in men, but research has shown that males are more likely to play video games.

A school IT technician, also ex-gamer, said, 'Video games potentially cause violence. Games like GTA should only be played by adults though I realize that children play them to.'

Many people say that children should accept and follow the PEGI age rating so they do not watch inappropriate content. This is what they were created for.



GAMES LIKE POKEMON GO CAUSE  
VIOLENCE, PEOPLE FIGHTING OVER  
THINGS THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE  
-TEENAGE GAMER

Many children play violent video games that lead to aggression and possibly violence, so are the parents to blame?



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A year 8 pupil said ‘My brother almost smashed the controller on the floor’ this is one of many times people have raged over games. The year 8 pupil added, ‘Games like GTA should continue, if people the correct age play them. My parents allow me to play violent video games that are 16 or under. Sometimes I follow the PEGI rating.’



A computing teacher said: ‘I think that video games do encourage violence however if they are played correctly I don’t think they can. Each and every person that plays a video game takes it from a different point and hopefully if you play it for the right reasons you won’t take bad information from it. My experience with violent video games is that I have played many, I have played some that have been banned in some countries, I have played games like GTA that do encourage violence, I have played sporting games that encourage aggression. I have enjoyed the games and I do know the difference between games and life, I would never ever dream of doing some gaming things in real life. That said, I would not encourage people to play games that are not suitable for their age group.’

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