

Community split on porno TV

The phones never stopped ringing during this week's Oral Quarrel query. Nearly 100 persons responded, and the callers were nearly evenly divided on the question of allowing X- and R-rated films on cable television, which is coming to Farmington and Farmington Hills soon. More were opposed to the idea of showing sexually explicit material on television than in favor of it. Here are some of the comments phoned in by your neighbors:

Now we can have two-way sewers. We have been pumping sewage out, now we can have it piped in.

I don't like to see X-rated films on cable because children may get access to them, even if there is a key. But at the same time I wonder about the X-rated films being lent and sold at video stores, and I wonder if they have a license from the city of Farmington Hills because there are a lot of those films available, even though it's for adults.

I really don't see anything wrong with it. I think watching what you want in your own home, that's your business.

I vote yes for having R-rated movies on cable television. I just think there should be a discretionary hour when they are shown. I think it's a freedom of choice if people want to watch X-rated movies, that's their choice, especially if they are paying for it.

I would love to have the cable offer the R- or X-rated films that are adult entertainment, and I figure adults control children over their TV watching. If they can't, maybe they shouldn't have it in their house or have better control over their children.

I have no qualms about it. What you do in the confines of your own home should be your own business as long as you harm no one physically.

I think R- and X-rated (films) should not be shown on cable TV because that is where many of the people get the ideas for many of the crimes they commit. And I think most of the crimes wouldn't happen if they weren't shown on TV. If they want to go to see it in the movies and destroy their lives, fine, but don't show it on our cable TV.

That is one of the reasons I got cable TV and what I watch is my business and nobody else's. I think they are very entertaining.

I am entirely opposed to the concept, and I don't believe that the average person(s) whose backyards are being ripped up for the purpose of laying cable have any idea of this purpose in mind, and I would like to see more in the newspapers telling the exact purpose of this. I have other problems with it as well.

I am very opposed to it, and I would like to see it stopped.

Yes, I am in favor of R- and X-rated movies. A responsible adult should be

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able to choose what they want to watch, and they should be able to control what their children watch.

Yes, I am all for showing X- and R-rated (films) on cable. There are some excellent foreign films who happen to have an X or R rating. They are very well done, and for those people who don't want to watch it, that's why they have the channel selector or an off-on switch or they don't even have to subscribe to cable.

Absolutely no porno. None whatsoever.

I think that it's fine for cable TV to have X- and R-rated films. People have the right to have an option. If there are some people who object, they don't have to subscribe to it. I favor X- and R-rated movies on TV.

I feel that as long as the movies are put on at 10 o'clock at night or later, there is no problem with it. People have a choice if they want cable television hooked up to their house, and that should be the end of it.

I love it.

Since cable television is a pay situation and the people are allowed to purchase what they want, I think they should be allowed to show R- and X-rated movies on cable TV. However, it should not be accessible on public television where young people who may not understand what is going on would be able to view it.

I don't like the idea of showing X- and R-rated films on cable television. I feel it's very poor for our community, and it's poor for our children to see.

I am totally opposed to X- and R-rated movies on cable TV. I am concerned about the children and am 100-percent opposed.

I am all for showing R-rated films on cable television. Some of the best films are R-rated. I am not so sure about X, but if I had to take X in order to get R, then I say let's show R and X. You can always turn off the set if you don't want to watch.

The fact that X- and R-rated films are going to be shown on TV doesn't bother me. If some people are not mature enough to watch them, they should turn the channel.

I personally think there is nothing wrong about X- and R-rated movies being shown on cable television. It is the viewer's discretion as to whether or not he or she wants to watch these movies. They can exercise their discretion by the flip of a switch, which is very simple.

Once again, this is a matter of censorship, and although I wouldn't want these films in my home, I believe in respecting the rights of other people to have this in their homes if they wish.

If X- and R-rated movies are going to be offensive or embarrassing to someone, they have the option to turn the channel. As far as I'm concerned, if it's a good movie, I will watch it.

X- and R-rated movies are shown on cable television all over the country. You can get it in various parts of Michigan. I see no reason why they should be prohibited in the Farmington area.

If anybody wonders when they should be shown or worries about the kids watching, just show them after midnight. The kids certainly can get in to see the R-rated movies and X-rated if they really want to go.

I have nothing really against people choosing what they want to see, however, I do feel that on cable TV, it is wrong to show R- and X-rated films, especially when there are babysitters around or younger people around and not often a responsible adult present to turn the channel. I know the argument about changing the channel is valid, however, a weak mind does not turn the channel.

I judge X- and R-rated films on their film quality, and I am still glad I am able to watch what I want in this country without some religious hypocrite telling me what to do.

Absolutely against it. I think it should not be allowed and the reason for it is obvious. We don't need to have that in the home. The home is for the family, and porno movies do not belong there.

No way do I want to see X- or R-rated films on the cable television. I am no prude, however, I do not feel it is necessary to have that on for the younger people or the older people, for that matter. I know the argument about changing the channel is present. However, I don't feel that the weak person can always change the channel when he should, and I don't think we should make it available for that person.

Do it to it and the sooner the better.

I would prefer more family entertainment and sports and cultural things. I would prefer not to have R- and X-rated films on cable TV.

I don't like it. I think it's dangerous for the children. There are plenty of other places for the adults to go to, and we should have more old movies on cable TV.

Everyone should have a free choice to see what they want. If there's a problem with kids watching this, each parent should be able to police or curtail the kid's viewing of certain shows.

I don't think X- and R-rated movies should be shown on cable TV, primarily because of the children that they can tune in when parents aren't watching.

I feel it's fine to have it. If people don't want to watch it, they should just turn to a different channel.

I don't think we should have it in our community.

I think if anyone doesn't like them, they don't have to watch them. They should have the choice, though.

X-rated should not even be in existence, as they are degradation of human sexuality and therefore nobody needs them, either adults or children, so it would be better if our community didn't have them at all.

I feel there should be a limit. If you want to have them on, you should be able to have them on, but if you don't, there's always the button to turn them off, so I guess I am for and against. I don't feel that young kids should be watching X- and R-rated movies.

I think we should be allowed because you can always put a lock on it just so that it can be controlled by the parents, and if they want to watch it, they can watch it. Otherwise, they can keep it locked.

Actually, I am against censorship. But I am very much against having porno movies - X- and R-rated movies shown on TV, especially before 10 p.m.

I am in favor of this type of movie on cable. It's very expensive to go to the movies now, and I am sure most of these movies will be shown late at night where children can be restricted from viewing it. I am very much in favor of it.

I see no problem in X- and R-rated films. I think it's the question of your own morality as to whether or not you want to watch it.

The citizenry should say no, no, no to this question.

I am for X- and R-rated movies, but I would like to see them at night instead of during the day so the children can't see them.

I object very much to having X- and R-rated films. If that is what cable is going to be, I am not going to get it. I am in favor of sporting events and cultural events and no X-rated.

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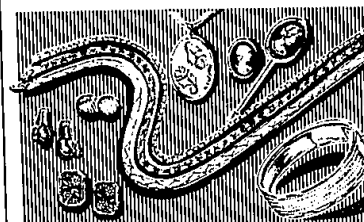
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