

Do you think Real TV is « Trash TV »? Give precise examples and explain your point of view

Real TV has been broadcast on network television for quite a long time now. First it wasn't successful but for a few years, those shows have hooked people up, particularly teenagers who see in these programmes a new way to build their lives. However, for adults, there has been growing concern about it; some people find it really trash.

In fact, some people think Real TV isn't always interesting. Indeed, shows such as "Big Brother" where the contestants are filmed 24 hours a day and 7 days a week could be a form of voyeurism. We can also believe that watching people living their lives in a special house is foolish and not so funny.

Sometimes those programmes aren't allowed for young viewers because the candidates often use foul language and they could be bad role models for the children.

As far as I'm concerned, shows like "The Weakest Link" where people are humiliated by the presenter or those where the candidates mustn't sleep to win are stupid and even sickening; because the competitors who are forced by the game not to sleep could become really sick and it could be dangerous for their health.

However, I think some Real TV shows are quite interesting. Survivor, for example, has been a success since 2000 and I'm fond of the game. The contestants need to survive on a desert island with no food and no comfort. It's like being Robinson Crusoe and I love the idea.

In "Who want to be a Millionaire", people can earn easy money and it's quite instructive because they have to answer many questions. It's a good way for children to learn a lot of things.

I'm also crazy about "Temptation Island" because I think it's a good means to test the love of your partner.

As a conclusion, I have to admit that I am a real TV fan even if I know that some shows are really trash TV. I enjoy watching them after a long day when I come back from work. It's entertaining and relaxing: you just switch your brain to the off mode for an hour or so and it feels so good. (366 words)

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