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The objectives of the study were to determine the offenses of the juveniles and the influence of television programs on the behavior of the juvenile delinquents. The subjects were 283 juveniles being trained in the central observation and protection center of the central juvenile and family court. The data were collected through questionnaires. The results of the study were as follows:

1. The television news programs watched by the juveniles from the most to the least were political, sports, entertainment, crime, complaint and international news respectively.
2. The television documentary programs viewed by the juveniles from the most to the least were tourism, historical, human and living, ecological, scientific, international and economic programs.
3. The television entertainment programs seen by the juveniles from the most to the least were comedy, adventure, Japanese/Western cartoons, Chinese/Japanese films, Western films, music videos, criminal films, live musical programs and drama plays.
4. The television sports programs watched by the juveniles from the most to the least were football, motor racing, Thai boxing, international boxing, Takraw, volleyball, swimming, gymnastic, badminton, tennis and golf.

The influence of the television programs on the offenses of the juveniles proved to be that the juveniles who preferred racing, Thai boxing and international news concerning the disasters and crises tended to commit more violent crimes.

The author recommends that there should be control of the television programs especially the game shows, the violent movies and plays. He also suggests that there should be activities that the youths can participate in to create skill in association with others.