

**TASKFORCESUBMISSION:** submission

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**SUBMISSION1:** The call to address the physical parameters relating to good health you refer to is laudable and timely.

Perhaps it is also timely to address the influences in our community which may impact on the emotional health of people, particularly of children and how that will work out in the next decade. Recently I spent a few days at home on sick leave and found it revealing and confronting to skip through some of the TV programs on air. Here I witnessed examples of degrading human behaviour ranging from a chef using obscene language to bully apprentice cooks, a female American judge berating hapless litigants, and a "panel" of three local judges indulging in appalling and belittling behaviour towards young aspiring contestants.

The legacy of this conditioning on the emerging personalities of young children and adolescents particularly, may well have a far greater impact on our lives and theirs than we have hitherto acknowledged and be worthy of equal attention in your study.

It may also be appropriate to address these adverse influences on "good health" outcomes in your assessments.

**PRIVACY:** yes

**SUBMIT:** Submit