

TELEVISION ADDICTION:

Some Thoughts on Mass Information Consumption



The first TV was an obscenity.
The second one was a crime.
The third was an inevitability.
And now it seems
people can't live
unless their TVs
are near them
all the time.

Melissa : I have no problem with people wasting massive amounts of time in front of their tellies.

Tim : (wryly) Well, neither does Big Brother.

Melissa : I like to think of television as a harmless tranquilizer that keeps many people out of trouble.

Tim : (nodding) It's a superb propaganda tool. And as people migrate from traditional TV towards the Internet, no doubt governments will try to control that too.

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