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ESSAY 4

Today we are bombarded with information about everything from the latest technology in music to the latest statistics of teen pregnancy.

We are truly the information age. I remember when our parents, ^{along with our teachers} were the source of what is important. Now we can get on our computer and google any topic we wish to gather information, good or bad. In the article, "Frightening - And Fantastic," by Anna Quindlen, she ~~discusses~~ ^{ponders} whether or not our ~~children~~ are being manipulated by fear through ~~the~~ politics, media,

Good
thesis

film and television. I agree, I feel we are

manipulated by fear through our modern

no topic sentence

(Growing up, I use to walk to the

store for my mother for a few eggs or

some milk. I would day dream and

visit with neighbors on the way. If it

began to rain, I could count on friends

to pick me up and give me a ride home.

Now, with the threat of sexual

predators, I dare not send my daughter

or son to walk the streets for milk.

My memories of those walks to the

store are still with me and they

are fond memories. It is a shame my

technology could
be aoler 5.

Children are not able to have ~~these~~ these same memories for fear of injury or ^{wir 20, even death.}

Watching television can make you think that if you do not wear a condom during sex, ^{you will} ~~surely~~ ^{receive a} death sentence. As ~~Quindlen~~ ~~states~~ ~~in~~ ~~her~~ ~~essay~~ In the article, Quindlen talks about a discussion she had with her son ^{about} ^{impregnating a woman} and how some day her son will have unprotected sex and the unbelievable look he gave her ^{at that very thought}. Television does not discuss the love associated with sex nor the joy of finding that special someone you will share your life with and have a family ~~with~~. Television

Only instills fear of death or disease.
And when there are those stories of love
and happiness, that come with sex, they
are brushed aside as rare or a fairy tale
and can not possibly be true for the
masses. When ~~it~~ happen sex and a long life happen ^{everyday.}

~~It is truly a shame that our
political leaders use fear to push us
toward a war that we can not win.~~

Fear is not only used by the media
and ~~at~~ parents to shape our world but ~~also~~ fear
is also used by our political leaders
to push a war on us that we can not

win. President Bush and his advisors told ~~Americans~~ we the people that if we didn't go after Saddam Hussain and stop him, he would use his weapons of mass destruction on us. ~~And~~ ~~the~~ The leaders of our ~~of~~ country, whom we depend on for our safety, used the horrible effects of September 11th to convince us to send our children to fight for our freedom. "We are fighting them there [in Iraq] so we do not have to fight them here [the US]" is what ~~was~~ the President ~~has~~ ~~told~~ ~~us~~ ~~but~~ ~~also~~ and most of the people who ~~believe~~ the President:

plan to attack Iraq. We now see
that we can not impose our will on
the Iraqi people and the fear we felt
on 9/11 is not going to change the middle
east. Fear is not a reason to ~~kill~~ kill or
to be killed.

The old days are gone, we have
let the cat out of the bag and can not
put it back. Information, good and bad
is everywhere and we have to hope
that fear can be ~~used~~ not only used
for manipulation but, ^{used} for what it was
intended, to stop us from harm, real harm.
~~Yes the kind of harm we can get by not~~

The kind of harm we all know about,
getting in cars with strangers or watching
the drink you ordered when out with
friends. I do not feel we need to use
information against ourselves, against
what would possibly be a brighter happier
yet safer life. A life with information
for information sake. Knowledge as power
not a weapon.