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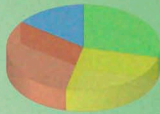
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and real-life violence.

By Phil Crook, Reuters

The study, titled "What the hell is wrong with U.S.?" compares our cultural levels of violence with the escalation of television violence and the lack of positive sexuality in the United States. This study comes as the death toll in Iraq passes 700,000 and on the heels of the Virginia Tech and Idaho shootings. "We are not sure why we didn't think of this before." Said Jack Abernethy, CEO of Fox Television. "I suppose it was all the money we were making from showing torture and murder." The new programming also addresses the sexualization of children in television shows, advertising, and entertainment. "For some reason, we

NASCAR: Conference on morality of races in current climate

By Michael Dumberg and James Loofauer
USA TODAY

Concord, NC – NASCAR Executives, drivers, and their corporate sponsors discussed the morality of holding races in a time of global warming, record gas prices, and war over oil in the Middle East. The talks were held at the National NASCAR Convention in Concord, North Carolina on Tuesday.

The panel openly discussed the impact that fetishizing cars has on the environment and international policy. The topics ranged from air pollution, drilling in the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge, and global warming to war how future generations will view our actions. "We are ourselves to blame." Said Kasey Kahne, winner of the 2006, Coca-Cola 600, who spoke at the convention, who has decided not to drive in future races in protest. "I love to drive, that's my weakness. But when you consider all the people dying and what will amount to the destruction of our planet, it's not much of a decision."

"I'm not sure I can live with this." Said former NASCAR president, Bill France. "You guys are making it real hard to sleep at night with these ideas. Will my great grandkids have to wear oxygen masks? It kind of hurts my head." The former president went

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