

Statement by Dr. E. Koop, Surgeon General, 11-10-82

In replying to a question following a speech on family violence at the University of Pittsburgh, I indicated that some video games may tend toward violence in their tone. This represented my purely personal judgment and was not based on any accumulated scientific evidence, nor does it represent the official view of the Public Health Service.

My off-the-cuff comment was not part of any prepared remarks. Nothing in my remarks should be interpreted as implying that video games are per se violent in nature, or harmful to children.