

## Effects of Hollywood Action Movies on Child Offenders in South Africa

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### Abstract

Different types of media have been tackled to explain the causes of child offenders but there is limited knowledge on the effects of violence from Hollywood movies on child offenders in South Africa. The purpose of this study is to examine whether violence from Hollywood action movies has any effects on child offenders in South Africa. The employed methodology was the quantitative approach, where 66 articles were reviewed by the researcher. The findings of this study included that the frequent watching of Hollywood action movies can negatively affect children and influence their behaviour through desensitisation and imitation of violent behaviour. Violence, drug use and sexual content were found to be the major signatures of Hollywood action movies and that can propel child offenders. Therefore this study recommends that the South African government should intervene on what media portrays to young people who are the future of the nation so as to reduce the factors that contributes to increase of child offenders.

**Keywords:** Child offenders, Movies, Media violence, Child Offenders in South Africa, Hollywood action movies.

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