Do you prefer watching TV programmes for knowledge or just for entertainment?

Facing with various TV programmes, such as reality shows, soaps, documents, some people claim that they would like to study certain knowledge through these TV shows. While from my point of view, it is unreasonable and illogical to watch TV programs for learning something, the only function of those shows is entertainment considering the traits of TV shows and lack of self-discipline.

First of all, among numerous TV programmes, some of them are awash with violent and pornography context, which is to say not all knowledge showed in TV are suitable and beneficial for us to learn, especially for those teenagers. Nowadays, it is normal to find in the news that as the reason for imitating the behaviors of the main characters in cartoons or movies, several children try to suicide or even commit crimes. For those who are during the formative stage, they do not form a criterion to distinguish bad behaviors from the good ones. After watching TV, they may regard the heroes in the scient fictions as role models and believe that they do own superpower. Therefore, these young people are willing to perform like their heroes and take some dangerous motions, threatening their lives.

Plus, when it comes to studying, comparing to TV, people today are more likely to choose smartphones or the Internet for convenience and efficiency. Usually, people turn to the Internet for help for information from that source is usually more specific and professional. Through a click, we could get the countless information we want which only needs a few minutes, while in order to obtain the same information, we may need to spend several hours or an even whole day watching a series of documents. Also, smartphones are also better choices for acquiring knowledge. Equipped with strong function, telephones are not only used to connect with friends, bosses or classmates, we can also use phones to take online classes when and where we want. In comparison of heavy and clumpy TV, smartphones are portable and accessible. Thus, having these two alternatives, people nowadays who are busy with daily tasks are unwilling to spend too much time watching TV for studying.

Finally, even people have leisure time and able to separate the sheep from the goats, the intention to watch TV for studying would end up entertaining for lack of self-discipline. It is quite common for someone who claims to study English through watching the programs only spend the whole day soaking in the wonderful plots of programs and forgetting their initial purposes. Instead of a boring and tired study, lots of people prefer to be lazy, especially after an exhausting day. Thus, facing the ups and downs in the dramas, they have already forgotten that studying English is the reason to watch the programs. That’s why people choose to go to the library without their smartphones when they tend to have a whole day on studying.

Based on the discussion above, the only function for TV programs for me is entertainment for I have other better choices to study and lack of self-discipline.