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Video ethics and young children

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Abstract

This editorial starts an important discussion concerning the contemporary use of video that involves young children, including infants, in an age of visual culture within the open learned society that comprises the *Video Journal of Education and Pedagogy*. The author puts in motion an agenda for ethics committees and researchers to consider these issues carefully before determining the use of video involving young children in educational research.

Introduction

The ethics surrounding video with and for young children is a complex field. On the one hand international statutes protect the privacy of the child whilst on the other granting access to their 'voice'. This editorial starts an important discussion concerning the contemporary use of video that involves young children, including infants, in an age of visual culture within the open learned society that comprises VJEP. The extent to which children can be seen and heard in this domain is contemplated in light of important considerations concerning rights, access, privacy and participation, to name but a few. Taken together, this editorial puts in motion an agenda for ethics committees and researchers to consider these issues carefully before 'veto-ing' the use of video involving young children.

The video is available to download if requested to editorial@videoeducationjournal.com. <http://childethics.com/home/background/>, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses>, Dery et al. (2010), Elwick et al. (2014), Papademas (2009). (MOV 2049839 kb)

Declarations

The parents of the children who feature in this video from Cambridge Early Learning Centre have given their written consent for their child's image to be included in this footage, as have their teachers. Their consent has been approved by the University of Waikato Ethics Committee in a memo. The remaining footage was extracted from open access YouTube clips that are cited accordingly in the acknowledgements.

Competing interests

The author declares that she has no competing interests.

Other ethical agreements for consideration

World Medical Association, Declaration of Helsinki
US Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects
European Medicines Agency, Guidelines for good clinical practice
American Anthropological Association

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