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The Greatest Invention of all Time

Hey girl, I see you watching the latest episode of *Survivor*. No please, don’t let me distract you from your all-important show. I just wanted to let you know about a little invention there in your living room that made all of this possible. You think I’m talking about the TV? Heck no! I’m talking about that magic wand in your right hand: the TV remote. Did you know there was a time in history when TVs didn’t have remotes? I’m like, what, do I really have to get up to change the channel? Forget that; I’ll just read a book. In fact, I’d like to wager that the TV remote is the single most important invention ever created by mankind. What, don’t believe me? Well, I’ll show you:

1. First off, the TV remote promotes obesity. Now, I know, I know, you’re like, do we really need more obesity in America? The answer is yes. There used to be a time when America was ranked #1 in the world for obesity. Now we’re in second place. To Mexico. Since when has America been #2 in anything? And to Mexico! Not on my watch! This glorious country needs to do its sacred honor and fatten up. What better tool than the TV remote to help us regain our status of superiority by saving us all those wasted steps and calories going to and from the TV.
2. Secondly, the TV remote helps facilitate authentic conversation. With the latest voice recognition technology, you can actually tell your TV to “play *Orange is the New Black*” and it will do it for you. It really listens to you! Better still, it doesn’t talk back, so you’re never struck with that awkward situation where you don’t know what to say in response to something someone else says. The conversation is all about you! Imagine that.
3. Third, the TV remote helps small children learn their numbers. By pressing buttons to discover their favorite channels, children will inevitably begin to associate numbers with their favorite shows. If there’s a better way to learn how to count, I sure can’t think of one.
4. The TV remote also promotes literacy. I can’t always remember where the buttons are to flip channels, raise or lower the volume, or jump between shows, so I have to *read* what’s written on the buttons. By the end of a single night of TV watching, I feel like I’ve read an entire novel! And this is the kind of reading that is important for future use, unlike those boring poems and short stories you study in school.
5. Lastly, the TV remote helps build manual dexterity and fine motor skills. All that navigating around buttons sure gives my fingers a real workout. It’s like cardio for your hand if cardio could be done while sitting on a comfy couch while shoveling Cheetos into your piehole with the other hand.

Some people might argue that there are better inventions out there, like say Sled Pants or Boatless Water Skiing, but I think that both of those promote healthy lifestyles that are not part of our American identity. The TV remote is one of those few inventions that simply embrace our lazy, fat, stupid, antisocial culture in ways other inventions simply cannot. So the next time you think about getting up and changing that channel, sit your butt down and let the TV remote do it instead.