

Immigrant youth and Popular Media

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The study examined the use of media among immigrant youth in Finland. It was conducted in three schools during 2006, 2007 and 2008. The research design included one month of media lectures during the winter 2007–2008, documentary workshop, tasks such as surveys and media diaries, three focus group interviews and 22 individual interviews. Teenagers who took part in the research were from 16 to 20 years old high school students from two S2 classes. S2 classes are meant for students with Finnish as their second language. These teenagers had backgrounds in Iran, Iraq, Turkmenistan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Russia, Moldova, Bolivia, Bosnia, Vietnam, China and Estonia. The project examined particularly the meanings of the transnational media in the everyday lives of young immigrants pointing out the growing importance of transnational online communication for identity construction and the exclusionary dimensions of the national media.

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