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Federal Communications Commission  
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20554



January 14, 2008

FOIA 2008-088

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC" or "Commission") and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau ("CGB") and the Enforcement Bureau (EB) by the Commission's FOIA Office on November 29, 2007. Your request seeks any and all records identifiable as complaints regarding the television program "The Simpsons" contained in one CGB and one EB data base named in your request.

Sharon Jenkins contacted you on December 6, 2007, to discuss your request. She informed you that we could provide only informal complaints received at the Commission from January 2003 to the present and that the fee to process your FOIA request could exceed the \$30.00 maximum fee indicated in your request. As a result of this discussion, you agreed to increase your maximum fee amount from \$30.00 to \$60.00 for the legitimate search and duplication costs associated with the processing of the FOIA request. Ms. Jenkins further informed you that consultation about your request was underway among divisions of the Commission and that the FCC would extend the time period for responding for an additional 10 working days as permitted by the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(6)(B)(iii)(III), and Section 0.461(g)(3) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(g)(3).

Sharon Jenkins subsequently contacted you on December 27, 2007, to inform you that fees for EB's search time to identify complaints could exceed the \$60.00 maximum fee limit, and might not produce any complaints that would be substantially different from CGB's complaints. In response, you narrowed the scope of your request by eliminating EB from the request as of December 27, 2007. Specifically, you requested that EB stop its search and provide any documents already identified. You agreed to receive and review the documents that we are enclosing with this response and submit a separate FOIA request at a later date if there is any additional information you wish to obtain from EB.

As Ms. Jenkins advised you, CGB and EB have coordinated to provide a response to your request. CGB conducted a search of the database in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. The complaints identified by

our search that are responsive to your request are enclosed. EB has informed CGB that a search of its records conducted up to December 27, 2007, revealed seven responsive complaints, which are also enclosed.

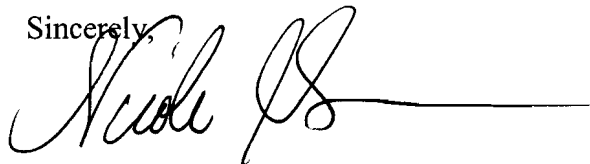
All personal, identifying information relating to the individuals who submitted or are named in the complaints has been redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), and Section 0.457(f) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(f). A release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b). In addition, certain FCC employee names have been redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(2), and Section 0.457(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(b).

Please be advised that the Commission receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, the existence of a complaint filed against a particular company does not necessarily indicate wrongdoing by the company.

We are required by the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i), and Section 0.470 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.470, to charge FOIA requesters certain fees, depending on the classification of requesters into one of three categories as defined in Section 0.466 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.466. The categories are: (1) commercial use requesters; (2) educational and noncommercial scientific institution requesters and requesters who are representatives of the news media; and (3) all other requesters. Your request was categorized as "all other requester" by the FCC's FOIA Office. Section 0.470(a)(3) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(a)(3), provides that all other requesters are not charged for the first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages of reproduction. Because your request falls within these guidelines, there are no charges associated with processing it.

If you consider this response to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may file an application for review with the Commission's Office of General Counsel within 30 days, in accordance with Section 0.461(j) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(j).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole M. McGinnis", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.


Nicole M. McGinnis  
Deputy Bureau Chief  
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Enclosures

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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|----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| IC Number:           | 07-WB12833958  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 03/13/2007  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 03/13/2007   | Date Assigned:    | 03/14/2007   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 03/14/2007   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

My husband and I could not believe the Simpsons were showing two men kissing at 6.30pm. We do not feel this is appropriate for children to see. Lately we have had to change the channel often on our TV due to something in appropriate on. We should not have to do that especially during the day. If something in appropriate is on at 9 or 10pm I can at least say well my kids should be in bed. Or if its on cable that is different too. Well we would appreciate it if you could take this into consideration and help make TV safe for all children. Thank you so much.

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| Apparent Carrier(s): |                    |
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| Contact Name:        | Best Time to Call: |
| Contact Number:      | Fax Number:        |
| Email Address:       | Internet Address:  |
| PO Box:              | Address:           |
| City: Raleigh        | State: NC          |

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| Company Name:                            |                              |
|  | Relationship with the Party: |
|  | City: State: Zip:            |
| Other Party that can be contacted?       |                              |
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|  | City, State: Zip:            |
| **Amount of credit FCC effort generated: |                              |

Contacted the companies to resolve complaint?

If yes, name of company, name and number of company representative you spoke with:

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If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

Willing to provide further written statements for use of the FCC or other agencies in enforcement actions against companies?


Indicate the responsible carrier(s): nextel-sprint

Other Carriers Listed:

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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|----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| IC Number:           | 07-WB13496566  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 10/29/2007  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 10/29/2007   | Date Assigned:    | 10/29/2007   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 10/29/2007   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

While watching the world Series. Fox advertised for the Simpson. The Commercial shows a homosexual encounter with an alien. I think this is inappropriate for the audience that would be watching this program.

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| Contact Name:       | Best Time to Call: |
| Contact Number:     | Fax Number:        |
| Email Address:      | Internet Address:  |
| PO Box:             | Address:           |
| City: Louisville    | State: KY          |

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|  | Relationship with the Party: |
|  | City: State: Zip:            |
| Other Party that can be contacted?       |                              |
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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): verizon

Other Carriers Listed:


Subject Code:

**ANALYSIS SECTION**

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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|----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| IC Number:           | 07-WB13115717  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 06/08/2007  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 06/08/2007   | Date Assigned:    | 06/11/2007   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 06/14/2007   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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Current Status: Closed

**Complaint Summary:**

The trailer for this movie - which aired during The Simpsons - features women screaming in agony while power tools buzz and male tormentors laugh. At the end, one of the torturers is about to pull the black hood from the head of a human figure whimpering in misery, while the announcer promises the "most shocking" ending in movie history. The radio commercial, which I heard yesterday on an Atlanta station, is the audio version of same.; Where is the FCC? How on earth can commercials like this be allowed on BROADCAST media?; I can't believe producers can use OUR public airwaves to make a fortune off this smut.; STOP THEM, PLEASE.

**Apparent Carrier(s)**

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| <b>Contact Name:</b><br><b>Contact Number:</b><br><b>Email Address:</b><br><b>PO Box:</b><br><b>City:</b> Atlanta | <b>Best Time to Call:</b><br><b>Fax Number:</b><br><b>Internet Address:</b><br><b>Address:</b><br><b>State:</b> GA |

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|   | <b>City: State: Zip:</b>            |
| <b>Other Party that can be contacted?</b>       |                                     |
|   | <b>Relationship:</b>                |
|   | <b>City:, State: Zip:</b>           |
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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): TMobile

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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|----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| IC Number:           | 07-WB13513810  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 11/05/2007  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 11/05/2007   | Date Assigned:    | 11/07/2007   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 11/07/2007   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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Current Status: Closed

## Complaint Summary:

During the annual Simpson Halloween Episode, there was a scene where 4 simpson characters, Bart and Lisa Simpson, Nelson, and Millhouse are playing Halloween tricks. One of these "Tricks" was to blow up the hotel where a major political event was taking place "Republican National Convention". I have accepted that this show will take pot shots at the President on occasion however I believe that this crosses the line. The image of the hotel crashing was a mirror image of the Trade Centers from 9/11.; Thank you for looking into this matter.; [REDACTED]

## Apparent Carrier(s)

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| Contact Number: |             | Fax Number:        |    |
| Email Address:  |             | Internet Address:  |    |
| PO Box:         |             | Address:           |    |
| City:           | Charlestown | State:             | MA |

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| Company Name:                            |  | Relationship with the Party: |  |
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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): ATT THE REAL YELLOW PAGES

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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|----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| IC Number:           | 06-WB12562134  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 12/19/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 12/19/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 12/21/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 01/03/2007   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

Homer was asking Marge, his wife, why they took in this really annoying older mooch named Gil. She responded nicely saying, "Christian charity, I guess."; And Homer whined and yelled back, "What does a porn star have to do with anything?!?!"; Extremely offensive to Christians, disgusting actually, combining the two complete opposite worlds in one sentence. I am appalled by that show anyway, but now I'm even more anti-Simpsons.

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| <b>Contact Number:</b>      | <b>Fax Number:</b>        |
| <b>Email Address:</b>       | <b>Internet Address:</b>  |
| <b>PO Box:</b>              | <b>Address:</b>           |
| <b>City:</b> Milwaukee      | <b>State:</b> WI          |

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|   | <b>City: State: Zip:</b>            |
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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): Alltel corporation


Other Carriers Listed:



Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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|----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| IC Number:           | 05-WB11185874  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 11/15/2005  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 11/15/2005   | Date Assigned:    | 11/15/2005   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     |              |
| Date Closed:         | 03/24/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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Current Status: Closed

**Complaint Summary:**

FOX has gotten to where they show those animated shows like Family Guy and The Simpsons. They think that parents are not listening to these programs just because they are animated. They are not the old time cartoons and I don't like the language...it is really disgusting. These programs show disrespect to parents from their children, so in turn, my child tries to disrespect me. There are others that I just don't know the names of right now. I try to put on parental restrictions, but it doesn't always work. I would like to see these shows either changed up to show respect to parents and cut the filthy language or just taken off the air totally. My child hears enough foul language at school and outside of home, he doesn't need to hear it from TV, radio, etc. too!!!!!!

Apparent Carrier(s):

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| <b>Contact Name:</b><br><b>Contact Number:</b><br><b>Email Address:</b><br><b>PO Box:</b><br><b>City:</b> Benton | <b>Best Time to Call:</b><br><b>Fax Number:</b><br><b>Internet Address:</b><br><b>Address:</b><br><b>State:</b> AR |

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|   | <b>City: State: Zip:</b>            |
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Indicate the responsible carrier(s):


Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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|----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| IC Number:           | 05-WB11209982  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 11/22/2005  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 11/22/2005   | Date Assigned:    | 01/09/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  | 03/28/2006   |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 03/29/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

This is only one instance of many. Bart Simpson uses sexual innuendos and similarly degrading talk throughout his 'skirts' to further destroy what's left of our American culture! I'm sure you realize that our culture is what we use to pass on our values and traditions and heritage, all of which literally keep us going - surviving! You I contend are letting us down by allowing this precious culture to be degraded and destroyed. Please do your job or we all will suffer. Thank you!; 

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| Apparent Carrier(s) |                    |
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| Contact Name:       | Best Time to Call: |
| Contact Number:     | Fax Number:        |
| Email Address:      | Internet Address:  |
| PO Box:             | Address:           |
| City: Kingsbury     | State: TX          |

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s):

Other Carriers Listed:

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

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| IC Number:           | 06-WB12031113  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 07/21/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 07/21/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 07/28/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 08/01/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

Although I do enjoy raunchy humor on occasions, I was somewhat taken aback by the topic discussed on The Simpson's television show last night. Homer was discussing "masturbation." ; I didn't think this was a subject for a cartoon character. I would have expected to hear this on a nighttime, adult theme television series or on a talk show, but not as a general discussion for a cartoon character. ; I enjoy watching the Simpson's. I find it is very funny. As I am typing, I'm beginning to realize that just because it is presented as a cartoon does not lessen the importance of the message or the impact it may have on those listening. ; It is adult entertainment where topics involving our everyday lives are played out in a satirical view point to minimize, maximize, or simply bring to the forefront issues which are not always addressed in a open, non-hostile manner. Just a thought. Maybe it isn't really a "cartoon" after all.

**Apparent Carrier(s)**

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| <b>Contact Name:</b><br><b>Contact Number:</b><br><b>Email Address:</b><br><b>PO Box:</b><br><b>City:</b> Compton | <b>Best Time to Call:</b><br><b>Fax Number:</b><br><b>Internet Address:</b><br><b>Address:</b><br><b>State:</b> CA |

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If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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| IC Number:           | 06-WB12569742  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 12/21/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 12/21/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 12/21/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 12/26/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

I am an adult age 50+ and have an open mind but anyone watching the Simpsons show about brothers Cain and Abel showing an reenactment of one brother killing the other brother on TV with knives, Blood and violent language appaled me. It seems that Hollywood has a very strong lobby and the code system they set up is just window dressing. I am sad to say that America is showing major violence, obscene language and BJ sex acts to kids and adults before 9:00 in all US markets. Once I saw the Simpsons episode I started to look at other examples of such indecent acts - On 12/19/06 a female body part was described on 2 and a half men at 8:00 cst (CBS channel 11). Tonight 12/20/06 I turn on the Sundance channel at 6:30 cst and a young male college student is getting a BJ. The excuse is we have parental controls - well there are no kids in my house and I am appaled. Your agency needs to take the bull by the horns and get rid of this type of entertainment before 10:00 pm - otherwise we will continue to see violent acts on kids and women. First amendment free speech on Sex and Profanity can be broadcast after 10:00 to adults not to kids. In most cases we need to protect the kids from the adults that are to lazy to set up a parental control programs - so who do we turn to when these kids get pregent and kill 14 kids in school. Ameriaca makes it to easy to see such trash. Do something - or get out of the job -

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| Contact Name:        | Best Time to Call: |
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| PO Box:              | Address:           |
| City: Houston        | State: TX          |

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| Company Name:                            |                              |
|  | Relationship with the Party: |
|  | City:State:Zip:              |
| Other Party that can be contacted?       |                              |
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| **Amount of credit FCC effort generated: |                              |

Contacted the companies to resolve complaint?

If yes, name of company, name and number of company representative you spoke with:


Name: Phone: Ext:

Date you spoke with company representative:

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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| IC Number:           | 06-R217514   | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 11/17/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 11/17/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 11/24/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 12/01/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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Current Status: Closed

## Complaint Summary:

[REDACTED] wrote on 11/12/2006 8:40:23 PM : ; [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Federal Communications Commission; 445 12th St, S.W.; Complaints and Political Programming Branch; Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau; Washington, DC 20554; This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:; Network: FOX; Program Name: THE SIMPSONS; Broadcast Date: 11/12/06; Broadcast Time: 8:00pm ET; My Affiliate: UPN; Description of Indecency:; IT VETERANS DAY WEEKEND...MANY ARE OVERSEAS AWAY FROM THERE FAMILIES....THE SIMPSONS HAVE CROSSED A LINE....; IM WATCHING THE EPISODE ABOUT HOW THE ARMY RECRUITERS ARE MAKING THE MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SIGN CONTRACT STATING THAT WHEN THEY TURN 18 THEY MUST JOIN....; A SIGN THAT SAYS "SUICIDAL TEENS WELCOME"; "HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO A PLACE AND SERVE IN AN UNRESOVABLE WAR"; AND THE EVER POPULAR DONT ASK DONT TELL POLICY JOKE ALONG WITH ASSIGMENTS OF FRONT LINE INFANTRY FOR EVERYONE.; I FIND THIS OFFENSIVE...OFFENSIVE BECAUSE THE CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTS WATCHING THIS WILL TAKE IT FOR THE TRUTH.; I CURRENTLY AM ATTACHED TO A RECRUITING BATTALION. IT'S HARD ENOUGH AS IT IS WHEN THE ACTIONS OF A FEW UNPROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUALS SOIL THE REPUTATION OF THOSE WHO REPRESENT THE MILITARY. WE WORK HARD TO ESTABLISH RAPPORT WITH THE COMMUNITITES AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS.; ITS VETERANS DAY WEEKEND....ITS NOT EVEN FUNNY....; COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.; Sincerely; [REDACTED]

## Apparent Carrier(s):

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| Contact Name:<br>Contact Number:<br>Email Address:<br>PO Box:<br>City: Saginaw |  | Best Time to Call:<br>Fax Number:<br>Internet Address:<br>Address:<br>State: MI |
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Contacted the companies to resolve complaint?

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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| IC Number:           | 06-R153318   | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 09/12/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 09/12/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 09/19/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 10/02/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

██████████ wrote on 9/5/2006 11:33:26 PM : ; ██████████  
 ██████████ Federal Communications Commission; 445 12th St, S.W.; Complaints and Political Programming Branch; Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau; Washington, DC 20554; This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:; Network: FOX; Program Name: The Simpsons; Broadcast Date: 09-05-2006; Broadcast Time: 6:30pm ET; My Affiliate: WOFL; Description of Indecency:; My family and I tuned into, The Simpsons, television show on this Tuesday afternoon, ; (09-05-2006) at 6:30 P.M. and found in our opinions that this show really should be rated for a mature audience only. Mainly due to the graphic violence and the proposal of drug usage within the cartoon. More than one person and even the animals were being stepped in the heart accompanied with "blood showers", deaths, cruel and unusual violence. Also, the character, Crusty the Clown" was imitating smoking out of a drug pipe, telling the kid characters, "these moon-rocks" is the only thing that makes me feel normal." Etc...; COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.; Sincerely,; ██████████

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| <b>City:</b> Orlando   | <b>State:</b> FL          |

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| <b>Other Party that can be contacted?</b>       |                                     |
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Contacted the companies to resolve complaint?

If yes, name of company, name and number of company representative you spoke with:


Name: Phone: Ext:

Date you spoke with company representative:

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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| IC Number:           | 06-W12409540   | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 11/07/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 11/07/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 11/07/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     |              |
| Date Closed:         | 12/06/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

This is a complaint regarding a claim of False Advertising on the part of the FOX television network. In ads that have been airing for the past 30-60 days they have been advertising a preview of the upcoming "Simpsons" movie during the 2006-2007 season premier of "the Simpsons" television show, to be aired on November 5th, 2006. During the broadcast they placed a commercial stating the the World Premier of the trailer for the "Simpsons" movie would air the following week, November 12th, 2006, during that episode of "Simpsons". This is false advertising on their part. They led viewers to believe that during the season premier that there was going to be a preview of the movie stated above. They did not, nor did they intend to, they simply advertised it to get viewers to watch the episode. I hope that I am not the only one taking the time to file this complaint because this is not a business practice that should be allowed. your agency MUST take action to stop companies from doing this.

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| <b>Email Address:</b>       | <b>Internet Address:</b>      |
| <b>PO Box:</b>              | <b>Address:</b>               |
| <b>City:</b> Schenectady    | <b>State:</b> NY              |

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Contacted the companies to resolve complaint?

If yes, name of company, name and number of company representative you spoke with:

Name: Phone: Ext:

Date you spoke with company representative:

If you contacted more than one company to resolve complaint, please list additional company(ies') name(s), name(s) and number(s) of company(ies') representatives and date you spoke to those representatives here:

Name: Phone: Ext:

Date you spoke with the second company representative:

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No


Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges? No

If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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| IC Number:           | 06-R157865   | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 09/13/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 09/13/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 09/19/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 10/02/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

██████████ is home phone and may be reached during the day.; Sunday 9/10/06 on WBCN, 104.1 FM out of Boston, MA. NFL Sunday game New England and Buffalo Bills game that started at 1PM. Obscenity was during commercial for the Simpsons. "Ass" was used during the commercial which he considers in very poor taste during football with children watching.

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Contacted the companies to resolve complaint?

If yes, name of company, name and number of company representative you spoke with:

Name: Phone: Ext:

Date you spoke with company representative:

If you contacted more than one company to resolve complaint, please list additional company(ies') name(s), name(s) and number(s) of company(ies') representatives and date you spoke to those representatives here:

Name: Phone: Ext:

Date you spoke with the second company representative:

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?

If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

Willing to provide further written statements for use of the FCC or other agencies in enforcement actions against companies?

Indicate the responsible carrier(s):


Other Carriers Listed:



Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint

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| IC Number:           | 06-WB12066344  | Case Type:        | Complaint    |
| Date Received:       | 08/01/2006  | Complainant:      |              |
| Date Entered:        | 08/01/2006   | Date Assigned:    | 08/03/2006   |
| Entered By:          |  | Date Reassigned:  |              |
| Assigned To:         |  | Service Date:     | Referral     |
| Date Closed:         | 08/04/2006   | Response Date:    |              |
| Closed By:           |  | Original Analyst: |              |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                                |                   | Purged Date: |
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**Current Status: Closed****Complaint Summary:**

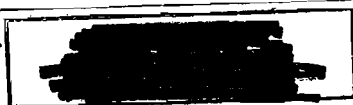
In this episode, the students of Springfield Elementary School have revolted against the teachers and administrators, taking 'control' of the school. The students eventually catch Principal Skinner in the gym. As they begin to overtake and subdue Principal Skinner, one of the students empties out a large brown-colored drawstring bag that is filled with various sports balls (soccerballs/basketballs/volleyballs etc). Mr Skinner is then placed inside the empty sack and the drawstring was pulled snug around his neck, leaving only his neck and head outside of the bag. My concern, and the basis for this complaint, is in the manner of how the image of Principal Skinner was depicted after he had been placed into this bag and the drawstring pulled. The image of the large drawstring bag very clearly, and undeniably, resembled a non-circumcised penis (flaccid state). Mr Skinner's height was the reason for the length of the brown sack, depicted the 'shaft' and where the sack tapered from Mr Skinner's shoulders up to his neck where the drawstring had been pulled into a 'pucker' depicted the foreskin.; Principal Skinner appears in this depiction several more times during the episode.; Toward the end of the episode, Principal Skinner has managed to hop around while still inside this sack and escape from the gym. Alone in the schoolyard, he encounters a squirrel who just happened to be holding a knife or scissors (some type of cutting device). Principal Skinner, still inside of a sack drawn to resemble an intact penis, then said to the squirrel: "Mr. Nibbles, would you please come here and cut my ball sack."; The secondary intention of Principal Skinner's statement should be obvious, but since description is key to an effective complaint, I will briefly elaborate.... ; -Principal Skinner's use of the word 'cut' was an inferred reference to the procedure of circumcision, whereas a circumcised penis is commonly referred to as being 'cut' and a non-circumcised penis is commonly referred to as being 'uncut'.; -Principal Skinner's use of the term "ball sack" would have been a 'double entendre' intended to refer to the male anatomical part of 'scrotum', which is commonly referred to as "ball sac".; I believe the above described content from "The Simpsons" that was broadcast on June 02, 2006, from 7:30pm to 8:00pm, on KBVU channel 29 (Eureka, CA) was indecent. I hope I have provided sufficient information to assist you in reviewing this complaint. I look forward to your response.

**Apparent Carrier(s):**

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| <b>Contact Name:</b><br><b>Contact Number:</b><br><b>Email Address:</b><br><b>PO Box:</b><br><b>City:</b> Eureka | <b>Best Time to Call:</b><br><b>Fax Number:</b><br><b>Internet Address:</b><br><b>Address:</b><br><b>State:</b> CA |

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RECEIVED & INSPECTED

SEP 24 2002

FCC - MAILROOM

Programming Director  
UPN  
11800 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

*August 2, 2002*

*Please look into this!*  
*Thank You!*

Dear sir or madam:

I'm sure you are incorrect in blocking 'The Simpsons' at 6:00pm. On Channel 44 KBHK weekdays in the Monterey Bay area when Channel 35 KCBA is showing sports. I'll bet you've just permanently blocked the 6:00pm slot because usually Channel 35 is showing 'The Simpsons.' I believe your staff is derelict in keeping tabs on when there is non-competitive programming.

I would like you to forward me the FCC regulations that require you to block your programming even when sports is shown during the usual cartoon 1/2 hour. I'd also like you to send me an official complaint form to be sent to the FCC.

Please have your staff research this problem in programming. Please do not block the KBHK Channel 44 signal of 'The Simpsons' when there are no competing episodes on Channel 35 KCBA due to sports programming.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

✓ C: FCC

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## INQUIRY

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| Control ID :        | CIMS00000636790      | Consumer's Name : | [REDACTED]         |
| IC Number :         | 07-R636790           | Phone Number :    | ( 000 ) 000 - 0000 |
| Status :            | Closed               | Email :           | [REDACTED]         |
| Submission Method : | Email                | Address 1 :       |                    |
| Owner :             | [REDACTED]           | Address 2 :       |                    |
| Submitted Time :    | 11/4/2007 8:44:29PM  | P. O. Box :       |                    |
| Response End Time : | 12/11/2007 8:11:59AM | City/State/Zip :  |                    |

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 12/11/2007 8:11:59 AM :

Dear Consumer:

Please see attached information regarding broadcast indecency.

11/4/2007 8:44:44 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote on 11/4/2007 8:44:29 PM :

Isn't it your job to regulate and/or censor explicit content? Obviously, you are not doing your job or not doing it right. The Simpsons has explicit content, yet it is allowed to air on TV at 8:00, but yet, Barney is sometimes not allowed to air due to "explicit content". The message is do your job right.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

\*\*\*\*\* See what's new at <http://www.aol.com>

**INQUIRY**

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| <b>Control ID :</b>        | CIMS00000488252     | <b>Consumer's Name :</b> | UNKNOWN UNKNOWN    |
| <b>IC Number :</b>         | 07-R488252          | <b>Phone Number :</b>    | ( 000 ) 000 - 0000 |
| <b>Status :</b>            | Closed              | <b>Email :</b>           | [REDACTED]         |
| <b>Submission Method :</b> | Email               | <b>Address 1 :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Owner :</b>             | [REDACTED]          | <b>Address 2 :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Submitted Time :</b>    | 8/4/2007 3:13:50AM  | <b>P. O. Box :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Response End Time :</b> | 8/21/2007 1:15:49PM | <b>City/State/Zip :</b>  |                    |

**Problem Description**

8/6/2007 10:16:30 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote on 8/4/2007 3:13:50 AM :

how can the FCC allow the tv stations to show programs such as The Simpsons with all the cursing that is geared to the children ? please reply to [REDACTED]

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Moody friends. Drama queens. Your life? Nope! - their life, your story.  
Play Sims Stories at Yahoo! Games. <[http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=48224/\\*http://sims.yahoo.com/](http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=48224/*http://sims.yahoo.com/)>

## INQUIRY

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| <b>Control ID :</b>        | CIMS00000439598      | <b>Consumer's Name :</b> | UNKNOWN UNKNOWN    |
| <b>IC Number :</b>         | 07-R439598           | <b>Phone Number :</b>    | ( 000 ) 000 - 0000 |
| <b>Status :</b>            | Closed               | <b>Email :</b>           | [REDACTED]         |
| <b>Submission Method :</b> | Email                | <b>Address 1 :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Owner :</b>             | [REDACTED]           | <b>Address 2 :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Submitted Time :</b>    | 6/17/2007 9:16:09PM  | <b>P. O. Box :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Response End Time :</b> | 6/20/2007 11:03:32AM | <b>City/State/Zip :</b>  |                    |

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 6/17/2007 9:16:09 PM :

THE FCC NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS NOW AND FAST IT IS TERRIBLE AND WRONG TO WHAT HAPPENED AND THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT GETTING PUNISHED AT ALL, I AM DISUSTED AND HORRIFIED AT WHAT HAPPENED. FOX ALLOWED THE SIMPSONS TO AIR THIS SUNDAY NIGHT JUNE 17 AT 730 PM THAT WAS RATED PG AND IT SHOWED SOMEBODY WEARING S AND M GEAR ON THE SHOW THIS IS TERRIBLE, DISGUSTING, AND DEGENERATE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO WATCH THE SHOW IS TV PG SO KIDS 8 YEARS OLD AND UP ARE WATCHING THIS AND WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT I AM GOING TO I ALREADY MADE A PETITION AND IF ANYMORE OF THESE DISGUSTING EPISDOES OR DISGUSTING FOOTAGE IS SHOWN THAT BREAKS THE FCC CONTRACT AND RULES AND GUIDELINES, THERE WILL BE DIRE CONSEQUENCES. THIS WAS SHOWN ON CHANNEL 7 FOX OF MIAMI AND FORTLAUDERDALE IN SOUTHFLORIDA THIS WAS THE SIMPSONS SHOW, I HOPE THAT YOU GUYS CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT THIS VIOLATES THE FCC GUIDELINES OF DECENCY AND IS DEGENERATE AND DISGUSTING THERE ARE MANY THINGS TTHAT ARE DEGENERATE AND DISGUSTING THAT PEOPLE SEE ON TV AND THAT WE HAVE SEEN ON TV BUT THIS BY FAR HAS COMPLETLEY PASSED THE LIMIT ESPECIALLY WHEN WE MUST PROTECT OUR NATION'S INNOCENT GOOD CHILDREN AND THEIR MINDS, AT 8 TO FIND OR BE CURIOUS ABOUT S AND M, NOT ON OUR WATCH WE HAVE ALREADY FILLED A PETITION AND THERE ABOUT 80 PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED FINE THAT STATION OR AT LEAST MAKE SURE NO MORE SMUT AND GARBAGE AND INDENCENT DEFAMING PROGRAMMING IS SHOWN WHEN BABIES ARE WATCHING TELEVISION AT 7 PM SHOWING S AND M.

## INQUIRY

Control ID : PROBLEM00559371 Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
IC Number : Phone Number : ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Status : Closed Email : [REDACTED]  
Submission Method : Email Address 1 :  
Owner : [REDACTED] Address 2 :  
Submitted Time : 7/16/2004 10:25:33AM P. O. Box :  
Response End Time : 7/28/2004 2:39:47PM City/State/Zip :

Problem Description

mike.landis wrote on 7/28/2004 2:39:47 PM :

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your comments concerning the Fox Network program, "The Simpsons" The FCC's Enforcement Bureau has been informed. Please see the attached information on broadcast indecency.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote on 7/18/2004 9:36:12 PM :

Hello,

I sent this message a few weeks ago but I have not received any reply that is has been noted.

I was reading your website and it says that I should specify the date and time. Unfortunately, I don't remember the date but the time is before 7 p.m. I am sure Simpson producer knows what episode was it with the line a I quoted below.

Thanks for your attention in keeping the good moral values of American strong.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: "[REDACTED]"  
To: <Michael.Powell@fcc.gov>  
Cc: <Kathleen.Abernathy@fcc.gov>; <Michael.Copps@fcc.gov>; <KJMWEB@fcc.gov>;  
<Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov>  
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2004 12:22 PM  
Subject: The Simpson TV Program - Verbal Indecency

[REDACTED]

>  
> Dear Mr. Powell,  
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>  
> I am so pleased with the new bills passed in Congress regarding higher  
fines  
> for sexual and verbal indecency in radio and TV.  
>  
> I don't watch TV programs very much because there is hardly anything  
decent  
> anymore. The only programs I watch are news and religious programs, and  
> Bill Cosby's Show.  
>  
> I just want to bring to your attention one program that needs to be  
> monitored closely - Simpson! I don't watch this program but sometimes I  
> stumble on it.  
>  
> A few months ago, I happened to hear a very disturbing comments by Homer  
in  
> the program. He said that "he wants to have sex with his wife infront of  
> their son (Bart). That statement is very troubling, awful, bulgar,  
> unacceptable, deplorable, you name it, and those descriptions are an  
> understatements. It has troubled my spirit so much hearing it, up to this  
  
> time whenever  
> I think of it. Such statement should never be said in TV especially by a  
> father. I cannot wait for the day when Simpson will finally not be shown  
> in TV!  
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> This program is shown during Primetime and supposedly good for children or  
> family. If such program is good for children or family, I don't know  
anymore  
> what is  
> the definition of a good family TV program. The Americans and our  
country  
> had gone too far south when it comes to common sense moral values and  
> anything goes as long as it will make people laugh.  
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> Since I don't watch this program, I am not even sure if it is shown in Fox  
> News Channel. I wanted to copy FNC but I am not certain if this is the  
> channel that carries this program.  
>  
> I would appreciate very much if you can attend to this comment. As a  
> concerned citizen of this country wanting to preserve the good moral  
values  
> that desperately needed to be carried forward to the future generation, I  
> pray and hope that your commission will strictly moonitor programs even  
> programs supposedly good for children or family.  
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> I sincerely hope to hear from you and to know that my e-mail is read and  
> acted upon. Thank you in advance and more power to you and your  
> organization in bringing sanity and decency in the communication business.

## INQUIRY

**Control ID :** CIMS00000581755      **Consumer's Name :** [REDACTED]  
**IC Number :** 07-R581755      **Phone Number :** ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
**Status :** Complaint      **Email :** [REDACTED]  
**Submission Method :** Email      **Address 1 :** [REDACTED]  
**Owner :** [REDACTED]      **Address 2 :** [REDACTED]  
**Submitted Time :** 10/1/2007 2:57:16PM      **P. O. Box :** [REDACTED]  
**Response End Time :** 11/9/2007 3:23:18PM      **City/State/Zip :** [REDACTED]

**Problem Description**

10/2/2007 11:07:03 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] note on 10/1/2007 2:57:16 PM :

Sir:

I would like to voice my objections to the September 30th (7:00 pm CST) broadcast of "The Simpsons", in which a female character does the following:

- \* The character dis-robes (no frontal nudity) in a very suggestive manner
- \* The character is wearing a scanty chains and leather outfit, and is being led around like a dog by a male character.

While The Simpsons have always pushed the boundaries of good taste, I feel that they went over the line with this episode. I will no longer allow my children, aged 12 and 14, to watch the program. Please take a look at the program to gain your own opinion. If you're in concurance with me, please take the appropriate action to limit this type of content on the public airwaves.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error please notify the system manager. This message contains confidential information and is intended only for the individual named. If you are not the named addressee you should not disseminate, distribute or copy this e-mail.



## ARCHIVED

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**Submitted Time :** 12/29/2004 10:18:58PM      **Address 2 :**  
**Response End Time :** 12/30/2004 1:27:04PM      **City/State/Zip :**

**Problem Description**

[REDACTED] wrote on 12/30/2004 1:27:04 PM :

Please see the attached fact sheet regarding Indecency/Obscenity.

[REDACTED] wrote on 12/29/2004 10:18:58 PM :

Dear Mr. Powell,

I feel that the simpson TV show has gone over its restricted limit when they had showed a series filmed on Simpson gone wild. I don't know if you had a daughter or perhaps know someone who do, but the show does overdo itself when it displays numerous unintelligent remarks about anything. Perhaps by talking to the host of the show, you may reduce its content or limit its unintelligent remarks about other cultural. I thought the United States was supposed to show patriotism or kindness to other countries, in order to gain a respect in our global community. I don't know if you ever served in the military or not, but people who served the military fought war and died to preserve the country dignity. By showing disrespect to other cultures, perhaps it would be better for the country. As a citizen of the country, I ask you to address the issue to the host. Thank you!

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**Submitted Time :** 12/17/2004 2:06:47PM      **Address 2 :**  
**Response End Time :** 12/22/2004 11:56:24AM      **City/State/Zip :**

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 12/17/2004 2:06:47 PM :

[REDACTED]  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St, S.W.  
Complaints and Political Programming Branch  
Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau  
Washington, DC 20554

Network: PBS  
Program Name: The Simpsons  
Broadcast Date: December 15, 2004  
Broadcast Time: 5:00pm MT  
My Affiliate: dasadf

## Description of Indecency:

The Simpsons cartoon features two women in swimsuits. While there were no nudity, this scene certainly was inappropriate because women should be dressed conservatively and obey the wishes of their husbands.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

My original email to you:

Re: Appalling Simpson's episode  
Sunday November 14, 2004 at 8:00pm  
Fox

Can this "comic" really be left to run, unchecked, reaching an audience at 8:00 pm on a Sunday night, and no one notices the ridiculous and violent episode? There are CHILDREN watching this show, impressionable CHILDREN. Many without an adult. And really, what adult could shield their child against the sudden and gratuitous violence that pops up at the very end of the show?

Marge decided to give up the competition after Maggie helps her to see she is wrong to cheat in the contest. The victory goes to the default competitor, and she leaves her hill billy husband for a movie star, James Con I think they said. The hill billy friends (about 10) of the husband ambush the two as they run out of town at a toll booth, shooting James Con with machine guns. After he fall out of the car, bullet holes in his back and blood running out all over, one of the hill billies comes up and kicks the dying man in the head.

I was totally shocked. What is this? How can we as with any shred of decency allow this to be sprung on anyone, let alone children?

I highly protest this program! It is rude, violent and extremely damaging to our children.

And people wonder WHY we have situations like Columbine. Time to wake up and be responsible adults, people.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc: CRTC

How to Connect with Our Living Earth:

Telepathic Love from the Dolphins

A true story of the author's experiences with real dolphins. Healing our bodies and preserving our environment is indeed a spiritual action. Find out why...

Deborah A. Frenette, Author

<http://hometown.aol.com/debfrenette/>

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**Submitted Time :** 2/21/2005 11:05:45AM      **Address 2 :**  
**Response End Time :** 2/24/2005 11:51:37AM      **City/State/Zip :**

**Problem Description**

[REDACTED] te on 2/24/2005 11:51:37 AM :

Please review the enclosed information.

[REDACTED] om wrote on 2/21/2005 11:05:45 AM :

I have a complaint about the Simpsons' episodes that were on TV last night (2/20/04).

My complaint is NOT regarding the same-sex marriage episode...which for reasons I can't understand had the 'parent's watch out warning' at the beginning of it. I realize that was probably for religious reasons.

My complaint is regarding the end of the following episode which did not have the warning before it. At the end of that episode a man was shot to death by armed gunmen...and didn't die. After he was shot he still was able to talk.

Personally I feel it is more important for children to learn that when you shoot someone they DO DIE....rather than trying to protect everybody for gay-marriage which isn't going to kill anybody.

I live in Denver....I guess the Columbine tragedy is what's gotten me upset.

Personally I'd be more comfortable with my children watching the same-sex marriage episode where they might be confused about marriage and sex rather than them learning that when you shoot somebody they don't die....and having them instead be confused about what happens when you shoot somebody with a gun.

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| <b>Response End Time :</b> | 2/28/2005 3:04:59PM  | <b>City/State/Zip :</b>  |                    |

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/20/2005 11:40:17 PM :

Hi!

Earlier tonight, I saw an episode of "The Simpsons" on Fox dealing with gay marriage. I want to state, plainly and firmly, that I did NOT consider it obscene in any form or fasion. In fact, I was more offended by the fact they had to have a disclaimer at the beginning of the program than the program itself. Please consider this with respect to this program.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

## ARCHIVED

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**Submitted Time :** 2/20/2005 10:33:21PM **Address 2 :**  
**Response End Time :** 2/23/2005 10:46:53AM **City/State/Zip :**

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/23/2005 10:46:53 AM :

Please review the attached fact sheet regarding obscene, profane, and indecent broadcasts. Be sure to include complete information as requested in the fact sheet when filing a complaint.

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/20/2005 10:33:21 PM :

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to file a complaint in re to: the Sunday, February 20th, 2005 episode of "The Simpsons" as aired on FOX affiliates. My complaint is not in regards to the content of the episode, but rather the advisory that ran before it.

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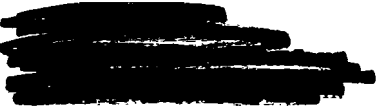
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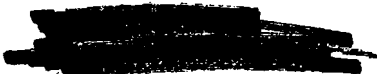
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Submission Method : Email Email : [REDACTED]  
Owner : [REDACTED] Address 1 :  
Submitted Time : 2/20/2005 8:56:10PM Address 2 :  
Response End Time : 2/22/2005 10:01:20AM City/State/Zip :

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/20/2005 8:56:10 PM :

Greetings:

I watched the last few minites of the Simpsons on Feb. 20, 2005. It showed Homer marring two Lesbians on prime time. This has gone far enough! The show desensitises the concept of homosexuality that the Bible says is an abomination. Children are watching this, and if one is on the verge of being gay, it is saying it is OK. You better moniter what is being broadcast better than this. They could not have gotten away with this 10 years ago.

[REDACTED]

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**Submitted Time :** 2/20/2005 8:36:19PM      **Address 2 :**  
**Response End Time :** 2/24/2005 12:12:04PM      **City/State/Zip :**

**Problem Description**

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/20/2005 8:36:19 PM :

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Do You Yahoo!?

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Submitted Time : 2/20/2005 4:25:00PM Address 2 : [REDACTED]  
Response End Time : 2/22/2005 10:01:53AM City/State/Zip : [REDACTED]

Problem Description

[REDACTED] on 2/22/2005 10:01:53 AM :

The FCC does not pre-approve or review programming prior to airing by a licensed broadcast station. It is the station's responsibility to broadcast in accordance with FCC regulations. Information is attached. Thank you.

[REDACTED] on 2/20/2005 4:25:00 PM :

Hello

I am very concerned about the upcoming episode of "The Simpsons" scheduled for February 20, 2005 at 8 pm. It is regarding same sex marriage/relationships and I and my family strongly feel that this is an obscene subject that should not be aired on television at ANY time, much less at 8 pm on a show that children are drawn to.

Please do what you can to shut this down. Thank you!

[REDACTED]

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| Owner :             | [REDACTED]           | Address 1 :       | [REDACTED]         |
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| Response End Time : | 2/23/2005 9:07:52AM  | City/State/Zip :  | [REDACTED]         |

Problem Description

[REDACTED] on 2/18/2005 10:49:50 PM :

Dear Members of the FCC:

I wrote the below letter to FOX-TV complaining about the upcoming broadcast of The Simpson's TV show this Sunday at 8PM. I hope you will consider it's content.

To Whom It May Concern:

I do my best to monitor and guide what my 8- and 11-year-olds see on TV. I do manage to filter out a good portion of things that I do not want my children to learn from the media. Obviously in today's world, that is a difficult thing to do, considering the number of channels available and the type of material that is available at all hours of the day.

I am no homophobe, but I am a parent. I cannot believe that the writers, producers and network executives have decided to air the episode about homosexuals getting married on Sunday at 8PM! (A time when most children are awake and watching TV!) And my children saw the promo for this show at 8:50PM on a Friday night. My eight-year-old asked, "Mommy, why are those two men kissing?" I HAVE HAD IT! I may be able to control them not watching the actual show, but I can't predict when these commercials are going to air.

True, I can turn the TV off during any show I find objectionable, or choose to watch a show more geared toward children. But you know what? I am so sick and tired of the media telling my kids that it is great to be gay. If one of my kids grows up and discovers that they are homosexual, that is one thing. They will be adults who know their feelings and preferences. But to constantly offer homosexuality to children as an "option" or a "choice" really makes me angry; I certainly do not need either a homosexual writer/TV producer/TV executive encouraging homosexuality as a "cool" way to be. I am not asking you to say that the lifestyle is wrong, but please, during the hours of family TV viewing, can you not encourage it -- or any sexual activity -- either? Children do not need to learn how to be gay or how to have sex from TV, period. They will eventually discover their sexuality on their own, and will learn about sex and values from their parents.

If you had this show on after the hours of normal family viewing, I would object a bit less. But then my concern would be that it will end up in re-runs, typically airing at an even EARLIER time than 8PM.

You do not have the right to teach my children about sex. It is my choice what and when they will learn about sex. And I resent the Hollywood community for constantly bringing sexual topics into my household during family viewing hours, forcing me to have conversations with my children that, frankly, I do not think they are yet ready for. Can't we let children -- particularly children under 13 -- remain as children?

I plan on boycotting any advertiser I see running commercials during this show. I am not protesting homosexuality, but I am protesting against FOX and the creative team behind the production of The Simpson's for deciding be a sex education teacher during hours when children can tune in andd LEARN. And make no mistake -- they do LEARN from what they see on TV.

I hope you will reconsider the hour that you air this program, and please do not allow it to become a re-run where it will be shown on FOX at 5PM for all children to see.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

P.S.: If your argument is that no graphic sex is shown during the show, I would argue that long French kisses between hetero-, or homo-, sexuals implies more than just friends. I DO NOT kiss my friends - male or female - in that way. And it clearly caught my 8-year-old's attention and caused her to ask questions. Questions she wouldn't have even thought about had she not seen that commercial. Additionally, I have seen other episodes of The Simpson's when my son has come across them on re-runs in the late afternoon/early evening. And in my opinion, this CARTOON (a type of show typically geared toward children) should never be shown before 9PM

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## ARCHIVED

Problem ID : PROBLEM01096190

Consumer's Name : [REDACTED]

Status : Closed

Phone Number : ( 000 ) 000 - 0000

Submission Method : Email

Email : [REDACTED]

Owner : [REDACTED]

Address 1 :

Submitted Time : 2/8/2005 4:14:10PM

Address 2 :

Response End Time : 2/9/2005 8:34:22AM

City/State/Zip :

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/8/2005 4:14:10 PM :

I want to complain about the episode of The Simpsons that aired directly after the Superbowl on Fox. The episode was depicting the story of Cain & Able. It was extremely goory & disgusting and it clearly showed someone being stabbed with blood squirting out & blood dripping from the knife that was used. This show was totally in poor taste, especially when there is a high possibility of children still being around the tv.

[REDACTED]

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Submitted Time : 2/8/2005 2:46:06PM Address 2 :  
Response End Time : 2/9/2005 3:48:17PM City/State/Zip :

Problem Description

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/9/2005 3:48:17 PM :

Dear Consumer,

Thank you for contacting the FCC. Please see the additional information that is being sent to you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote on 2/8/2005 2:46:06 PM :

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Thanks for you time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Thanks for you time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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| <b>Owner :</b>             | [REDACTED]           | <b>Address 2 :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Submitted Time :</b>    | 9/15/2006 10:11:35AM | <b>P. O. Box :</b>       |                    |
| <b>Response End Time :</b> | 9/15/2006 10:11:51AM | <b>City/State/Zip :</b>  |                    |

██████████ wrote on 9/15/2006 10:11:33 AM:

Lastly, I have enclosed information that explains the broad discretion that broadcasters have in choosing their programming/exercising Freedom of Speech Rights.


[REDACTED] wrote on 9/5/2006 11:33:38 PM:

My family and I tuned into, The Simpsons, television show on this Tuesday afternoon, (09-05-2006) at 6:30 P.M. and found in our opinions that this show really should be rated for a mature audience only.



Mainly due to the graphic violence and the proposal of drug usage within the cartoon. More than one person and even the animals were being stabbed in the heart accompanied with "blood showers", deaths, cruel and unusual violence. Also, the character, Crusty the Clown" was imitating smoking out of a drug pipe, telling the kid characters, "these moon-rocks" is the only thing that makes me feel normal." Etc...

COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,  




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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 3-B443  
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 15, 2004

In Reply Refer to:  
EB-04-IH-0089

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California 90017  
[REDACTED]

This letter responds to your complaint in which you allege that Fox Television Stations, Inc., licensee of Station WTTG(TV), Washington, D.C., aired indecent programming on December 7, 2003, at 8:00 p.m. during "The Simpsons" program. Specifically, you complain that a segment of the show involving the Simpsons' dog contained inappropriate sexual innuendo. Although we appreciate your concern, the information that you have submitted to us concerning this broadcast does not provide us with a legal basis to take action. Accordingly, for the following reasons, we deny your complaint.

The Federal Communications Commission is authorized to license radio and television broadcast stations and is responsible for enforcing the Commission's rules and applicable statutory provisions restricting obscene or indecent broadcasts. Specifically, title 18 of the United States Code, section 1464, prohibits the utterance of "any obscene, indecent or profane language by means of radio communications." 18 U.S.C. §1464.

Because the standard for proving that programming is indecent is less rigorous than that for proving obscenity, when considering broadcast complaints, the Commission generally focuses its analysis on indecency. In this regard, consistent with a subsequent statute and court case, section 73.3999 of the Commission's rules provides that no radio or television station shall broadcast indecent material during the period 6 a.m. through 10 p.m. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 73.3999. We note that the Commission's role in overseeing program content is limited, however, by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and section 326 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), which prohibit the Commission from censoring program material and from interfering with broadcasters' freedom of expression. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 326. Therefore, consistent with relevant court decisions, the Commission must exercise great care when evaluating programming for possible indecent material.

The Commission defines indecent speech as language or material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory activities or organs. In determining whether the complained-of material is patently offensive, three factors are particularly relevant: (1) the explicitness or graphic nature of the description or images; (2) whether the material dwells on or repeats at length descriptions of sexual or excretory organs or activities; and (3) whether the material appears to pander or is used to titillate or shock. The Commission applies these three factors as part of a balancing test to determine if the material is indecent. *See In the Matter of Industry Guidance On the Commission's Case Law Interpreting 18 U.S.C. § 1464 and Enforcement Policies Regarding Broadcast Indecency*, 16 FCC Rcd 7999 (2001).

We recognize that the material that you have cited may well be offensive to you, and we have analyzed your complaint carefully. However, your complaint does not provide us with the basis by which we may take action. Specifically, the material in your complaint, in context, is not sufficiently graphic and/or sustained to meet the Commission's standard for indecency. Accordingly, we deny your complaint.

We appreciate and recognize your concern. To assist you further, we include an information sheet that discusses the law with respect to indecent and obscene broadcasts and our enforcement procedures. In addition, there is a way that one can avoid objectionable programming. Most television and cable networks voluntarily rate much of their programming to alert viewers if a show contains language or other material that a viewer may find inappropriate. The Act requires that all televisions 13 inches or larger manufactured after 1999 be equipped with a V-chip, which can use these ratings to block individual programs or channels. (Set-top boxes are available to allow consumers with older sets that lack this capability to use V-chip technology.) For further information on how to restrict access to objectionable programming, as well as other useful facts, see <http://www.fcc.gov/parents/>. We also encourage you to convey your concerns directly to station management, because this can be an effective method to influence a station's programming decisions.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

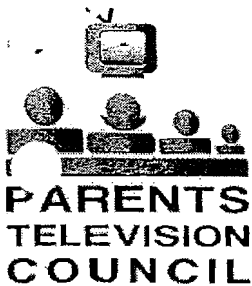
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William D. Freedman

Deputy Chief

Investigations and Hearings Division  
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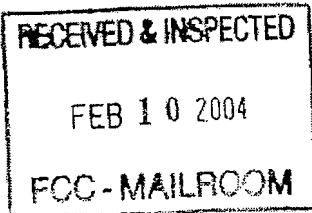
East Coast PTC Office  
325 South Patrick Street • Alexandria, VA 22314  
Tel (703) 684-1699 • Fax (703) 683-9736

January 22, 2004

[REDACTED]

Washington, DC 20554

[REDACTED]



On behalf of the Parents Television Council and its over 850,000 members, I am filing an indecency complaint against the Fox network television program, *The Simpsons*. The episode that contained the indecent material originally aired at 8:00 p.m. Eastern and Pacific and 7:00 Central on December 7, 2003. This program was seen in homes across the country on Fox, and in Washington DC, the program aired on WTTG-TV.

If the content is found to be indecent, then a Notice of Apparent Liability should be levied against each Fox affiliate that aired the program.

A transcript of the indecent segment follows. I would be happy to provide you with a videotape of this episode to further demonstrate the indecency of this episode.

I look forward to your timely judgment and response.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Cc:  
Chairman Powell  
Commissioner Abernathy  
Commissioner Copps  
Commissioner Martin  
Commissioner Adelstein

Sen. Hollings  
Sen. McCain  
Sen. Brownback  
Sen. Dorgan  
Sen. Hutchison  
Sen. Shelby

Sen. Smith  
Rep. Tauzin  
Rep. Dingell  
Rep. Greenwood  
Rep. Markey  
Rep. Shimkus  
Rep. Upton



### Partial Transcript

**Program:** *The Simpsons*

**Date:** 12/07/2003

**Time:** 8PM Eastern & Pacific, 7PM Central Standard Time

**Network:** Fox

**DC Affiliate:** WTTG-TV

- Dr. Hibbard accuses the Simpsons' dog, Santa's Little Helper, of having sex with his dog, Rosa Barks.

Dr. Hibbard: "Two months ago, Santa's Little Helper paid a booty call to my pure-bread poodle, Rosa Barks. And he had his eyes on her prize."

- Homer remembers that on the night he was supposed to take Santa's Little Helper to get neutered, he instead took the dog for a night on the town.

Homer: "On our way to the clinic I decided to give him a night his wang would never forget."

- Homer and Santa's Little Helper drive by a XXX movie theater for dogs whose sign advertises movies titled: "Behind the Doggie Door," "Long Dog Silver," and "On Golden Retriever."
- Homer buys Santa's Little Helper a prostitute dog, which it has sex with in a bush.
- Homer takes Santa's Little Helper to "Nuts Landing Dog Neutering," but decides not to neuter the dog and warns it:

Homer: "You better save all your loving for the couch cushions."



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Washington, D.C. 20554

**JUN 19 2006**

In Reply Refer to:  
EB-06-IH-0305

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Kingsbury, Texas 78638  
[REDACTED]

This letter responds to your complaint in which you allege that unlawful programming was broadcast over an undisclosed station, in Seguin, Texas, during its airing of "The Simpson's" on November 21, 2005, at approximately 6:00 p.m. Although we appreciate your concern, the information that you have submitted to us concerning this broadcast does not allow us to determine whether the material about which you complain is actionable.

As you may know, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is responsible for enforcing its rules and applicable statutory provisions restricting obscene, indecent or profane broadcasts. Because the standard for proving that programming is indecent or profane is less rigorous than that for proving obscenity, when considering broadcast complaints, the FCC generally focuses its analysis on indecency and profanity.

We are unable to make a determination that the material about which you complain is actionably indecent or profane because: (1) you have not specified the call sign of the station over which the material aired; (2) you have not provided us with sufficient information regarding the details of what the station broadcast and its context. As a result, we dismiss your complaint.

Please note that you may refile your complaint with additional information if you so choose. Should you refile, to expedite our consideration of your complaint, we recommend that you submit it on FCC Form 475B, which you can access utilizing the Commission's web site on Regulation of Obscenity, Indecency and Profanity, at <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/oip/Welcome.html>. This site also contains information that details the nature of the Commission's regulation of such material and its complaint processes. The web site contains instructions that will allow you to submit the form via the Internet. You may also mail your complaint, to the Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

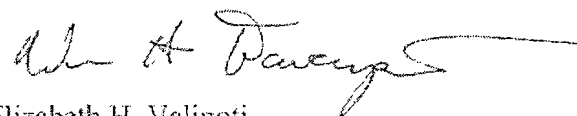
If you choose to refile your complaint by means other than our Form 475B, please ensure that you provide: (1) your name and address; (2) information that allows us to identify the station that broadcast the material in question, such as the station's call sign or channel number (television) or frequency (radio); (3) the location of the station on

which you viewed or heard the material in question; and (4) the date and time of the broadcast. In addition, please include information as to the nature of the complained-of material. This can be in the form of a significant excerpt of the material, a full or partial recording or transcript of the broadcast, or a description of what was aired. In whatever form you supply this information, it must be sufficiently detailed to allow us to ascertain the actual words and language used during the broadcast and to evaluate whether the material, as broadcast, was obscene, indecent or profane. If you include electronic media with your complaint, such as video or audio tape or a CD or DVD, please mail the complaint and such media, to Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743, rather than the address noted in the preceding paragraph. Please note that any material you send to the FCC becomes part of the record of the case and cannot be returned.

While we dismiss your complaint, we appreciate and recognize your concern. To assist you further, we include an information sheet that discusses the law with respect to indecent, profane and obscene broadcasts and our enforcement procedures. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to convey your concerns directly to station management, because this can be an effective method to influence a licensee's programming decisions.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

  
For Elizabeth H. Valinoti  
Acting Assistant Division Chief  
Investigations and Hearings Division  
Enforcement Bureau

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EB-06-IH-0305

Complaint Type:

Account Type:

☐ Congressional Complaint ☐ C

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| Date Entered:        | 11/22/2005  | Date Assigned:    |               |
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| Assigned To:         |   | Service Date:     |               |
| Date Closed:         |   | Response Date:    |               |
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Current Status:

Associated Case:

**Complaint Summary:**

This is only one instance of many. Bart Simpson uses sexual innuendos and similarly degrading talk throughout his 'skits' to further destroy what's left of our American culture! I'm sure you realize that our culture is what we use to pass on our values and traditions and heritage, all of which literally keep us going - surviving! You I contend are letting us down by allowing this precious culture to be degraded and destroyed. Please do your job or we all will suffer. Thank you!

Al Hays

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| Email Address:           | Internet Address:                      |
| PO Box:                  | Address:                               |
| City: Kingsbury          | State: TX Zip: 78638                   |

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| Company Name:                      |                              |
| Party's Name:                      | Relationship with the Party: |
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**\*\*Amount of credit FCC effort generated:**

Duplicate Credit Checked: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?

If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

a. Name of carrier(s) or company(ies) involved in your complaint: American Health

b. Telephone number for the carrier(s) or company(ies) involved

with your complaint, including area code:

Phone: Ext:

c. Which type of service is involved with your complaint:

TCPA Information from 475

1. the telephone number of the individual or company who called or faxed you:

Ext:

2. your telephone number(s) on which the call or fax was received:

Ext:

3. a description of the telemarketing call, pre-recorded message, or unsolicited fax, including an identification of the company whose products or services were being advertised, and any phone numbers that were included in the call or fax:

4. the "opt-out" number(s) provided in the call(s) or on the fax(es):

(List number(s) given in the call(s) or fax(es) for you to contact if you do not want to receive any additional calls or faxes.)

Ext:

5. Have you: (a) purchased anything from the company being advertised in the call or fax; (b) made an inquiry or application to that company; or (c) given consent to the company to send you the call or fax? If so, please describe and state when you had such contact with the company.

Broadcast Information from 475B

(1) Date of Program: 112105

(2) Time of Program: 6pm

(3) Network: ?

(4) Call Sign, Channel OR Frequency of the station on which you viewed/heard the material:

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(5) City and State Where Program Was Viewed:

Sequin, Tx

(6) Name of Program or DJ/Personality/Song/Film:

The Simpsons

**ANALYSIS SECTION**

**Correspondence Type:**

☐ Complaint ☐ Inquiry

**Source Code:**

**Apparent Carrier(s):**

**Re-Serve Carrier(s):**

**Responding Carrier(s):**

**Assigned Subject Code:**

**Supervisor Check:**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Activity Code:**

Direct

**Assigned Code Acronym:**

**Final Responsible Party:**

**Sub-Category:**

**Copy of Response Sent to Consumer by Carrier?:**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Mediation with Carrier/Complainant?:**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Response Type:**

**Referral Information**

**Date Referred:**

Consumer Referral Letter NS Word Agency Referral

**Referred To:**

**Agency Name(s):**

**Company Name(s):**

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Washington, D.C. 20554

JUN 1 2006

In Reply Refer to:  
EB-06-IH-1600

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Pikeville, North Carolina 27863  
[REDACTED]

This letter responds to your complaint in which you allege that unlawful programming was broadcast over Station WLFL(TV), Raleigh, North Carolina, during the airing of the program, "The Simpsons" on March 24, 2006, at approximately 8:00 p.m. Although we appreciate your concern, the information that you have submitted to us concerning this broadcast does not allow us to determine whether the material about which you complain is actionable.

As you may know, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is responsible for enforcing its rules and applicable statutory provisions restricting obscene, indecent or profane broadcasts. Because the standard for proving that programming is indecent or profane is less rigorous than that for proving obscenity, when considering broadcast complaints, the FCC generally focuses its analysis on indecency and profanity.

We are unable to make a determination that the material about which you complain is actionably indecent or profane because: (1) you either have not alleged that the station broadcast the material during 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., the only time period within which the FCC enforces the prohibitions on indecent or profane broadcasts, or (2) you have not provided us with sufficient information regarding the details of what the station broadcast and its context. As a result, we dismiss your complaint.

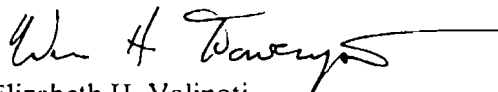
Please note that you may refile your complaint with additional information if you so choose. You may provide such information in the form of a significant excerpt of the broadcast or a full or partial tape or transcript of the broadcast, but these are not required. Please note that any material you send to the FCC becomes part of the record of the case and cannot be returned. In whatever form the information is provided, it is important that it is sufficiently detailed to allow us to ascertain the actual words and language used during the broadcast. Please also provide (1) information that allows us to identify the station that broadcast the material in question, such as the station's call sign, channel number or network affiliation, (2) the location where you viewed or heard the material in question, and (3) the date and time of the broadcast. You should send your complaint to

the Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. If you include electronic media, such as video or audio tape or a CD or DVD, with your complaint, please send the complaint and such media to Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743.

While we dismiss your complaint, we appreciate and recognize your concern. To assist you further, we include an information sheet that discusses the law with respect to indecent, profane and obscene broadcasts and our enforcement procedures. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to convey your concerns directly to station management, because this can be an effective method to influence a station's programming decisions.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

  
*for* Elizabeth H. Valinoti  
Acting Assistant Chief  
Investigations and Hearings Division  
Enforcement Bureau

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EB-06-1H-1600

Complaint Type:

Account Type:

☐ Congressional Complaint ☐ C

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| Assigned To:         |   | Service Date:            |               |
| Date Closed:         |   | Response Date:           |               |
| Closed By:           |   | Original Analyst:        |               |
| Close Letter Needed? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Purged By:               | Purged Date:  |
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| Supervisor Check:    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Indecency Referral Code: |               |

Current Status:

Associated Case:

## Complaint Summary:

This show is deploring to society as a whole. The value of the show has contributed to the dilapidation of true fundamental family values.

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| City:  | Pikeville   | State: NC                    | Zip: 27863 |

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| On Behalf Of:                            |   |
| Company Name:                            |   |
| Party's Name:                            | Relationship with the Party:  |
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| Other Party that can be contacted?       |   |
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Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?

If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

b. Telephone number for the carrier(s) or company(ies) involved

with your complaint, including area code:

Phone: Ext:

c. Which type of service is involved with your complaint:

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1. the telephone number of the individual or company who called or faxed you:

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2. your telephone number(s) on which the call or fax was received:

Ext:

3. a description of the telemarketing call, pre-recorded message, or unsolicited fax, including an identification of the company whose products or services were being advertised, and any phone numbers that were included in the call or fax:

4. the "opt-out" number(s) provided in the call(s) or on the fax(es):

(List number(s) given in the call(s) or fax(es) for you to contact if you do not want to receive any additional calls or faxes.)

Ext:

5. Have you: (a) purchased anything from the company being advertised in the call or fax;

(b) made an inquiry or application to that company; or (c) given consent to the company to send you the call or fax? If so, please describe and state when you had such contact with the company.

**Broadcast Information from 475B**

(1) Date of Program: 24 March 2006

(2) Time of Program: 1800

(3) Network: WLFL

(4) Call Sign, Channel OR Frequency of the station on which you viewed/heard the material:

12

(5) City and State Where Program Was Viewed:

North Carolina

(6) Name of Program or DJ/Personality/Song/Film:

The Simpsons

Updated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**ANALYSIS SECTION**

Correspondence Type:

☐ Complaint ☐ Inquiry

Source Code:

Apparent Carrier(s):

Re-Serve Carrier(s):



Responding Carrier(s):

Assigned Subject Code:

Activity Code:

Direct

Assigned Code Acronym:

Final Responsible Party:

Sub-Category:



Copy of Response Sent to  
Consumer by Carrier?:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Mediation with  
Carrier/Complainant?:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Response Type:

**Referral Information**

Date Referred:

Agency Name(s):

Company Name(s):

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Referred To:



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**Deferment Information**

Date Deferred:

Reason:

Date UnDeferred:



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Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 3-B443  
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 13, 2003

In Reply Refer to:  
EB-03-IH-0103 [REDACTED]  
ID# 33770

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Fort Worth, Texas 76132  
[REDACTED]

This letter denies your complaint against Station KDFW(TV), Dallas, Texas, for airing allegedly indecent material on February 16, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., during the program "The Simpsons." Specifically, you are concerned that the program broadcast the word "penis."

The Federal Communications Commission is authorized to license radio and television broadcast stations and is responsible for enforcing the Commission's rules and applicable statutory provisions. However, the Commission's role in overseeing program content is very limited. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution and section 326 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, prohibit the Commission from censoring program material and from interfering with broadcasters' freedom of expression. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 326. The Commission does, however, have the authority to enforce statutory and regulatory provisions restricting indecency and obscenity. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 73.3999. The Commission defines indecent speech as language or material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory activities or organs. In making indecency determinations we also consider the graphic nature or explicitness of the material, whether there is a repetitive or persistent focus on sexual or excretory material and whether the material is pandering or titillating or has shock value. The use of specific words, although offensive, is not in and of itself indecent.

Applying this standard, we cannot conclude, based on the information you provided, that the material is indecent. Although we understand that you may have been offended by the broadcast, the single use of the word penis does not constitute a repetitive or persistent focus on sexual or excretory material, and the Commission has previously found that fleeting and isolated remarks of this nature do not warrant Commission sanction. *See, e.g., L.M. Communications of South Carolina, Inc. (WYBB(FM)), 7 FCC Rcd 1595 (MMB 1992).* Thus, although we appreciate your concern, we do not have an appropriate basis for action. As a result, we are denying your complaint.

To assist you further, we include an information sheet which discusses the law with respect to indecency and our enforcement procedures. We also encourage you to express your concerns directly to the management of Station KDFW(TV), because viewers' opinions will often effect a change in programming.

Sincerely,

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Maureen F. Del Duca  
Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division  
Enforcement Bureau

Enclosure

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February 26, 2003

Federal Communications Commission  
Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear sir or madam:

I am writing to file an indecency complaint against the Fox Television Network for an episode of *The Simpsons* that ran in primetime on Sunday, February 16, 2003, at 7:00 pm Central Time (watched on KDFW in Dallas). The episode was the highly-advertised 300<sup>th</sup> episode of *The Simpsons*., watched by 21 million viewers, according to Hollywoodreporter.com.

At the end of that episode, several characters, including Homer Simpson, are filming a commercial for a drug that is a combination of Viagra and Rogaine, and the announcer for that commercial says the sentence: "May result in the loss of hair and/or penis."

I believe that Fox used the opportunity of a high-volume audience for *The Simpsons* to push the envelope on decency. I believe that this attitude of the networks (not just Fox) of having willful disregard for decency needs to be arrested.

I request that you consider action on this incident. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
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June 15, 2004

In Reply Refer to:  
EB-04-IH-0089

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California 90017  
[REDACTED]

This letter responds to your complaint in which you allege that Fox Television Stations, Inc., licensee of Station WTTG(TV), Washington, D.C., aired indecent programming on December 7, 2003, at 8:00 p.m. during "The Simpsons" program. Specifically, you complain that a segment of the show involving the Simpsons' dog contained inappropriate sexual innuendo. Although we appreciate your concern, the information that you have submitted to us concerning this broadcast does not provide us with a legal basis to take action. Accordingly, for the following reasons, we deny your complaint.

The Federal Communications Commission is authorized to license radio and television broadcast stations and is responsible for enforcing the Commission's rules and applicable statutory provisions restricting obscene or indecent broadcasts. Specifically, title 18 of the United States Code, section 1464, prohibits the utterance of "any obscene, indecent or profane language by means of radio communications." 18 U.S.C. §1464.

Because the standard for proving that programming is indecent is less rigorous than that for proving obscenity, when considering broadcast complaints, the Commission generally focuses its analysis on indecency. In this regard, consistent with a subsequent statute and court case, section 73.3999 of the Commission's rules provides that no radio or television station shall broadcast indecent material during the period 6 a.m. through 10 p.m. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 73.3999. We note that the Commission's role in overseeing program content is limited, however, by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and section 326 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), which prohibit the Commission from censoring program material and from interfering with broadcasters' freedom of expression. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 326. Therefore, consistent with relevant court decisions, the Commission must exercise great care when evaluating programming for possible indecent material.

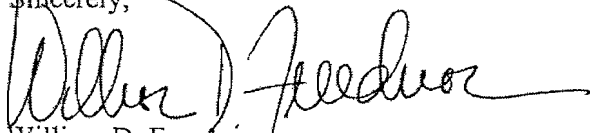
The Commission defines indecent speech as language or material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory activities or organs. In determining whether the complained-of material is patently offensive, three factors are particularly relevant: (1) the explicitness or graphic nature of the description or images; (2) whether the material dwells on or repeats at length descriptions of sexual or excretory organs or activities; and (3) whether the material appears to pander or is used to titillate or shock. The Commission applies these three factors as part of a balancing test to determine if the material is indecent. *See In the Matter of Industry Guidance On the Commission's Case Law Interpreting 18 U.S.C. § 1464 and Enforcement Policies Regarding Broadcast Indecency*, 16 FCC Rcd 7999 (2001).

We recognize that the material that you have cited may well be offensive to you, and we have analyzed your complaint carefully. However, your complaint does not provide us with the basis by which we may take action. Specifically, the material in your complaint, in context, is not sufficiently graphic and/or sustained to meet the Commission's standard for indecency. Accordingly, we deny your complaint.

We appreciate and recognize your concern. To assist you further, we include an information sheet that discusses the law with respect to indecent and obscene broadcasts and our enforcement procedures. In addition, there is a way that one can avoid objectionable programming. Most television and cable networks voluntarily rate much of their programming to alert viewers if a show contains language or other material that a viewer may find inappropriate. The Act requires that all televisions 13 inches or larger manufactured after 1999 be equipped with a V-chip, which can use these ratings to block individual programs or channels. (Set-top boxes are available to allow consumers with older sets that lack this capability to use V-chip technology.) For further information on how to restrict access to objectionable programming, as well as other useful facts, see <http://www.fcc.gov/parents/>. We also encourage you to convey your concerns directly to station management, because this can be an effective method to influence a station's programming decisions.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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William D. Freedman

Deputy Chief

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