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

**CGB**

December 10, 2008

FOIA 2009-091

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") by the Commission's FOIA Office on November 25, 2008. Your request seeks copies of all informal complaints received by the FCC from January 2003 to the present regarding the television show "Countdown with Keith Olbermann."

CGB conducted a search of the databases in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. CGB's search identified the enclosed 15 complaints responsive to your request.

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).

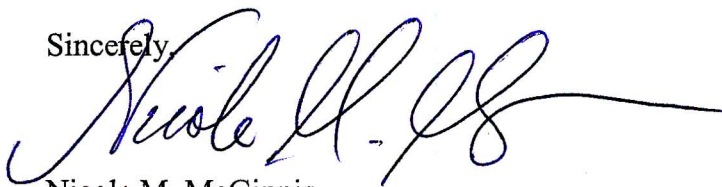
Please be advised that the Commission receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, the existence of a complaint filed against a particular company does not necessarily indicate wrongdoing by the company.

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 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. Because you requested the above information in your capacity as an employee of the *Kansas City Star*, you have been classified as a representative of the news media by the FOIA Office. Under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II), and Section 0.470(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(a)(2), representatives of the news media are responsible for the payment of duplication costs beyond the first 100 pages. Because the enclosed documents are less than 100 pages, there is no duplication cost associated with processing your request.

If you consider this response to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may file an application for review of this decision with the Commission's Office of the 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,



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

Enclosures




# COMPLAINT FOR [REDACTED] <sup>B6</sup>

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint ☐

IC Number:	07-WB12972841	Case Type:	Complaint
Date Received:	04/23/2007 	Complainant:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>
Date Entered:	04/23/2007	Date Assigned:	04/23/2007 <sup>B6</sup>
Entered By:	OSCARServer <sup>B2</sup>	Date Reassigned:	05/02/2007
Assigned To:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	Service Date:	
Date Closed:	05/03/2007 <sup>B2</sup>	Response Date:	
Closed By:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	Original Analyst:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> <sup>B2</sup>
Close Letter Needed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Purged By:	Purged Date:
		Removed By:	Removed Date:
Supervisor Check:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Indecency Referral Code:	

Current Status: Closed

## Complaint Summary:

To Whom It May Concern,, I (provider) for their scandalous murderer. When NBC solely restraint to limit disturbing im News, local news, and Coun without concern for the victim have violated their trust with oversight capabilities, I would

MSNBC, and WRC (local NBC nages of the Virginia Tech an opportunity to show judicious ; instead through the Nightly ntinued to show such imagery I believe NBC and its affiliates ordingly. Given the FCC's n advance for your help.

Apparent Carrier(s):

☐ Yes<<< Check here if you

Problem Number:

Title: None First Name

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Number: Ext.

Fax Number:

Email Address: [REDACTED] <sup>B6</sup>

PO Box: [REDACTED] <sup>B6</sup>

City: Mclean

Consumer's Telephone Number: Ext.

TTY Number:

Internet Address:

Address:

State: VA

Last Name: [REDACTED] <sup>B6</sup>

Ext.

Zip: 22102 <sup>B6</sup>

On Behalf Of:	
Company Name:	
Party's Name:	Relationship with the Party:
Party's Contact Number: Ext.	PO Box:
	Address:
	City:State:Zip:
Other Party that can be contacted?	
Name:	Relationship:
Contact Number: Ext.	Address:
	City, State: Zip:
**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:	Duplicate Credit Checked: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

# COMPLAINT FOR [REDACTED]

Complaint Type: Unknown Media Type

Account Type: Residential

☐ Congressional Complaint ☐

IC Number:	07-WB13427453	Case Type:	Complaint
Date Received:	10/03/2007	Complainant:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>
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Entered By:	OSCARServer	Date Reassigned:	
Assigned To:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	Service Date:	Referral
Date Closed:	10/11/2007	Response Date:	
Closed By:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	Original Analyst:	
Close Letter Needed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Purged By:	Purged Date:
		Removed By:	Removed Date:
Supervisor Check:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Indecency Referral Code:	Denial - Cable or Satellite/Indecent-Profane

**Current Status: Closed**

## Associated Case:

### Complaint Summary:

I would like to file a formal complaint against MSNBC, its show "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" and on the host himself, Keith Olbermann.; On Monday, October 1, 2007, Mr. Olbermann said the following:; "Now, the safest thing to do is to assume that Bill is sending one of these junior jack-offs with a camera to stalk us" in a story about Fox News' Bill O'Reilly.; I believe Mr. Olbermann's use of the term "jack-offs" is obscene and profane and should be investigated by the FCC.; Below is the pertinent part of the transcript taken from MSNBC's website:; 'Countdown with Keith Olbermann' for Oct. 1; Updated: 1:08 p.m. CT Oct 2, 2007; (COMMERCIAL BREAK); OLBermann: The Bill O'Reilly saga continues. A week after the revelation of his on-air prejudiced shock that conduct a black owned New York City restaurant would be the same as at any non-black owned New York City restaurant, that no one was shouting, I want more iced tea, MF-er. In our third story on the COUNTDOWN, with the perspective provided by that week, it is evident that the principle issue now is how to defend yourself from O'Reilly unplugged, who responded to this story by threatening to come after, hunt down all those who criticized him, and added he fantasized about strangling all of us. ; Tonight, using state of the art video techniques, we show you what to expect when an O'Reilly attacks and how to defend yourself. O'Reilly himself prolonged the story today after most of the media had moved on, writing that this is not about what he said, that it's about some evil conspiracies, quote, advancing their insane far-left view of the world to try to destroy anyone who disagrees with it. ; Of course, destroying people is the point of the threats O'Reilly made last week, the ones against which we must all be vigilant. ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); BILL O'REILLY, FOX NEWS ANCHOR: These people aren't going to get away with this. I'm going to go right where they live. Every corrupt media person in this country is on notice right now, I'm coming after you. I'm going to hunt you down. And I mean it. The smear stops here. You're all on notice out there. I'm coming for you. ; You know, look, if I could strangle these people and not go to hell and get executed; UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You're not going to do that. ; O'REILLY: I would, but I can't. ; (END VIDEO CLIP); Mr. O'Reilly's reference to hunting you down and coming after you is a dead giveaway that he plans another onslaught of attacks by his stalker producers, the ones who followed Denver Post TV writer Joane Ostrow (ph) from her home to a supermarket, who dogged Washington Post.com blogger Bill Arkin (ph), who tried to do a same thing to Florida Judge Manuel Lopez until Judge Lopez called the cops and they nearly arrested O'Reilly's guy. An example of the process. ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Arkin, how are you doing? Fox News. How's it going? Mr. Arkin, can we talk to you about some of the comments you made. ; BILL ARKIN, WASHINGTONPOST.COM: Can you leave me alone for a second. ; UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Actually, no, we would like to talk to you for a second. How can you say what you said? Don't you think that was really hurtful and harmful to the military families, to the soldiers serving in Iraq? Let's address this. ; (END VIDEO CLIP); OLBermann: Now, the safest thing to do is to assume that Bill is sending one of these junior jack-offs with a camera to stalk us. I do mean us. I'm the smear monger. You're the smear monger (ph). Whatever. So, if we know they're coming, how do we protect ourselves? How do we keep Bill-O from getting anything he would want or legally could put on the air? So tonight, a special segment we call how to talk to Bill O'Reilly's stalker-producer in a way that guarantees the interview does not get on the air. ; Unlike Judge Lopez in Florida, we can't immediately get the cops to come by at the drop of a falafel. So here's what we laymen

have to do. We have to carefully prepare our answers. You might think putting up an argument is the right way to go, the intellectual approach. But watch and learn from our simulated interaction with a Bill-O stalker-producer just how wrong that really is. ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How you doing? Fox News. Can we talk to you about some of the comments that you made. ; OLBERMANN: Yes, as the great philosopher Marcus Aurelius said in Germany in 49 A.D.; (END VIDEO CLIP); OLBERMANN: Wrong. Next thing Bill-O has launched into some old Europe diatribe and he gets to explain how his boycott of France led to that country going bankrupt or something. Here is another response that instinctively sounds right but isn't. ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); UNIDENTIFIED: How are you doing? Fox News. Can we talk to you about some of the comments that you made? ; OLBERMANN: Well, as the great Roman philosopher Marcus Aurelius once said, if Bill O'Reilly wants to strangle somebody, I'll show you strangle somebody. ; (END VIDEO CLIP); OLBERMANN: Again, satisfying, but Bill now has exactly what he wants and even Fox security might get involved. So no. Nor in our third example is this final simulated interaction the right path. ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How are you doing, Fox News. Can we talk to you about some of the comments that you made? ; OLBERMANN: (EXPLETIVE DELETED) Bill O'Reilly. And (EXPLETIVE DELETED) Roger Ales. And (EXPLETIVE DELETED) (EXPLETIVE DELETED) (EXPLETIVE DELETED) Rupert Murdoch. ; (END VIDEO CLIP); OLBERMANN: Very nice. Now you're also the lead story on Shepherd Smith and probably HARDBALL. No, intellectual, physical or scatological arguments are just not going to work. You're being ambushed by Bill O'Reilly's minion from hell. You have to fight fire with fire. You, as in example number four, ambush back. ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Olbermann, do you have a comment? ; OLBERMANN: Yes, you know, I do, Scoobie Doo. It's like when I was at the World War II memorial at Malmady and I was saying; (END VIDEO CLIP); OLBERMANN: See, that tape will never run. Bill-O cannot afford to have his disastrous insistence that the Americans were the war criminals at Malmady mentioned on his comedy show. You just rendered the interview unusable, congratulations. But he still might edit you down and run something. So there is a stronger weapon yet to employ, as shown in our interaction example five. ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Olbermann, do you have a comment? ; OLBERMANN: Yes, I do. Funny, I was just saying to Andrea Macris (ph) the other day. ; (END VIDEO CLIP); OLBERMANN: Again an interview killing moment. But just to be sure, the COUNTDOWN board has recommended that we all learn and employ yet a third self-defense mechanism when we're inevitably ambushed by little Jesse or little Porter from Fox Noise and 'The O'Reilly Fact or Fiction.' ; (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP); UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Olbermann, do you have is a comment? ; OLBERMANN: Huh? Hey, are you the kid who picks up Bill O'Reilly's loofahs? Or does he get his loofah himself? Or does he belong to a loofah of the month clubs, where you get a subscription and the loofahs are sent directly to your house, so you have a constant supply of loofahs? ; (END VIDEO CLIP); OLBERMANN: There you have it. When the O'Reilly minion comes to your door to wreak revenge by proxy because Bill is too scared to try to do it himself, just keep your wits about you and keep those three words in your head. Repeat them words in any combination, intelligible or not, and you will be safe when the Reilly attack inevitably come, Malmady, Macris, loofahs.

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Contact Name:	<b>B6</b>	Best Time to Call:	
Contact Number:	Ext.	Consumer's Telephone Number:	Ext.
Fax Number:	<b>B6</b>	TTY Number:	
Email Address:	<b>B6</b>	Internet Address:	<b>B6</b>
PO Box:		Address:	<b>B6</b>
City:	Rantoul	State: IL	North Zip: 61866

On Behalf Of:	
Company Name:	
Party's Name:	Relationship with the Party:
Party's Contact Number: Ext.	PO Box:
	Address:
	City:State:Zip:
Other Party that can be contacted?	
Name:	Relationship:
Contact Number: Ext.	Address:
	City, State: Zip:
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## USER FORM

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User Complaint Key: 08-C00008600-1

Complaint Source: Web

Added User: Consumer

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## CONSUMER'S INFORMATION:

First Name: [REDACTED] B6

Last Name: [REDACTED] B6

Company Name:

(Complete only if you are filing this complaint on behalf of a company or an organization.)

Street Address or Post Office Box Number: [REDACTED] B6

City: Champaign State: IL

Zip Code: 61820

Telephone Number(Residential or Business): [REDACTED] B6 Ext:

E-mail Address: [REDACTED] B6

## FORM 2000E:

1. What is the name of the company that is the subject of your complaint? NBC Universal
2. If your complaint is about a radio or television station, provide the following information:
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  - b. Radio station frequency (e.g., "1020" or "88.5"): or TV channel (e.g., "13"):
  - c. Station location: City: State:
3. If you are complaining about a cable or satellite operator (e.g., Comcast, Time Warner, DirecTV), provide the following information:
  - a. Operator name:
  - b. Operator location: City: State:

4. If you are complaining about a particular program, provide the following information:

- a. Network: **MSNBC**
- b. Program name: **Countdown With Keith Olbermann**
- c. Date of program (mm/dd/yyyy): **03/19/2008**
- d. Time of program: **11:00 AM**

5. Provide the details of your complaint, including the time, date and nature of any conduct or activity complained of and identifying information for companies, institutions or individuals involved (if not already described above):

- a. Date (mm/dd/yyyy): **03/19/2008**
- b. Time: **11:00 AM**
- c. Description of Problem:

The purpose of this submission is to inform the FCC of a violation of FCC Regulations with respect to advertising for political campaigns. What: A commercial advertising tonight's episode of Countdown With Keith Olbermann. It is a virtual campaign commercial for Senator Barack Obama. The commercial unfolds like this: The narrator says, "First, he faced America's racial divide", which is voiced over black and white footage of Obama moving through a crowd in slow motion and shaking hands with supporters. Then, it cuts to Obama in color video footage from yesterday's speech on race that he made, with Obama saying, "America can change....that is the true genius of this nation." Then the audio cuts back to the narrator who says, "Now, he's facing the nation's struggle in Iraq. Keith looks at Obama's March strategy. Is he taking charge of thie issues?" This is a pro-Obama campaign commercial; He should have to pay for it. It is unfair to both Hillary Clinton and John McCain.





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Company Name:

(Complete only if you are filing this complaint on behalf of a company or an organization.)

Street Address or Post Office Box Number:

City: State:

Zip Code:

Telephone Number(Residential or Business): ( ) - Ext:

E-mail Address: **concernforamerica@yahoo.com** [View History](#) [Edit Form](#)**FORM 2000E:**

1. What is the name of the company that is the subject of your complaint? **MSNBC**
2. If your complaint is about a radio or television station, provide the following information:
  - a. Station call sign (e.g., "KDID," "WZUF," "KDIU-FM," "WZUE-TV"): **MSNBC**
  - b. Radio station frequency (e.g., "1020" or "88.5"): or TV channel (e.g., "13"):
  - c. Station location: City: State:
3. If you are complaining about a cable or satellite operator (e.g., Comcast, Time Warner, DirecTV), provide the following information:
  - a. Operator name:
  - b. Operator location: City: State:

4. If you are complaining about a particular program, provide the following information:
  - a. Network: **MSNBC**
  - b. Program name: **Countdown with Keith Olberman**
  - c. Date of program (mm/dd/yyyy): **09/05/2008**
  - d. Time of program: **09:00 PM**
5. Provide the details of your complaint, including the time, date and nature of any conduct or activity complained of and identifying information for companies, institutions or individuals involved (if not already described above):
  - a. Date (mm/dd/yyyy): **09/05/2008**
  - b. Time: **09:00 PM**
  - c. Description of Problem:

**Isn't there any government agency responsible for ensuring that New Broadcasts are objective and unbiased? MSNBC has really gone overboard, especially Keith Olberman. Someone needs to step in and do something about the offensive content of his show. One thing is freedom of speech, but another thing is not living up to their responsibilities as a News Broadcast organization to report facts. Keith is a biased liar. He is a total turn-off. He reporting is not factual, but pure SPIN. I want to watch the news, not an angry liberal sewing out insults. I would rather turn off the TV than watch his show. His show is a waste of RF frequencies.**



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User Complaint Key: 08-C00055623-1

Complaint Source: Web

Added User: Consumer

## CONSUMER'S INFORMATION:

First Name: [REDACTED] B6

Last Name: [REDACTED] B6

Company Name:

(Complete only if you are filing this complaint on behalf of a company or an organization.)

Street Address or Post Office Box Number: [REDACTED] B6

City: Toledo State: OH

Zip Code: 43614

Telephone Number(Residential or Business): [REDACTED] B6 Ext:

E-mail Address: [REDACTED] B6

## FORM 2000E:

1. What is the name of the company that is the subject of your complaint? MSNBC and their bias rants
2. If your complaint is about a radio or television station, provide the following information:
  - a. Station call sign (e.g., "KDID," "WZUF," "KDIU-FM," "WZUE-TV"): MSNBC
  - b. Radio station frequency (e.g., "1020" or "88.5") or TV channel (e.g., "13"): 44
  - c. Station location: City: State: NY
3. If you are complaining about a cable or satellite operator (e.g., Comcast, Time Warner, DirectTV), provide the following information:
  - a. Operator name:
  - b. Operator location: City: State:

4. If you are complaining about a particular program, provide the following information:
  - a. Network: **MSNBC**
  - b. Program name: **Countdown with Keith Olbermann**
  - c. Date of program (mm/dd/yyyy): **09/23/2008**
  - d. Time of program: **10:00 PM**
5. Provide the details of your complaint, including the time, date and nature of any conduct or activity complained of and identifying information for companies, institutions or individuals involved (if not already described above):
  - a. Date (mm/dd/yyyy): **09/23/2008**
  - b. Time: **10:00 PM**
  - c. Description of Problem:

They had a rant about the war, and said that it was just for oil there were no fact which makes it slander. She stated that the fact oil businesses were in the proved it was for oil, when it only proved it was a stronger economy. She also never mentioned how Saddam Hussein isn't around anymore and how that is good for the people who had their family members gassed by Saddam Hussein, and that is fact it was even mentioned in the trial. I'm sure you have heard the words agenda setting this is a text book example. I know you have recieved complains about this program and network before and I'm sure most of the complaints were legitimate. I thought journalists were supposed to report the news as it happens not distort facts with bias and opinon for their own agendas.





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Company Name:

(Complete only if you are filing this complaint on behalf of a company or an organization.)

Street Address or Post Office Box Number: **B6**City: **Boca Raton** State: **FL**Zip Code: **33433**Telephone Number(Residential or Business): **B6** Ext:E-mail Address: **B6****FORM 2000E:**

1. What is the name of the company that is the subject of your complaint? **NBC and MSNBC**
2. If your complaint is about a radio or television station, provide the following information:
  - a. Station call sign (e.g., "KDID," "WZUF," "KDIU-FM," "WZUE-TV"):
  - b. Radio station frequency (e.g., "1020" or "88.5"): or TV channel (e.g., "13"):
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3. If you are complaining about a cable or satellite operator (e.g., Comcast, Time Warner, DirectTV), provide the following information:
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  - b. Operator location: City: State:

4. If you are complaining about a particular program, provide the following information:

- a. Network: **MSNBC**
- b. Program name: **Countdown with Keith Obermann**
- c. Date of program (mm/dd/yyyy): **10/21/2008**
- d. Time of program: **08:00 PM**

5. Provide the details of your complaint, including the time, date and nature of any conduct or activity complained of and identifying information for companies, institutions or individuals involved (if not already described above):

- a. Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
- b. Time:
- c. Description of Problem:

This show is a hate mongering biased sexist lunatic that has an influence on many from the younger generation. This is also a show along with the Rachel Maddow, Morning Joe and others from NBC & MSNBC which distorts the truths and promotes negative bias towards women. I specifically am appalled at the character assassinations and distortions of Governor Sarah Palin. I have written into many of their programs protesting their unfair and unbiased information but have been consistently been mocked or ignored. This is very wrong for our country and how these media people are not doing their jobs in getting the facts without biased opinions to the American public. The American public is forced to watch cable networks and which they pay for but are not getting the facts without bias. This is wrong. The hate mongering, specifically by Mr. Obermann is appalling. I am asking you to please look into this horrible type of media coverage and the complete failures of this network.

Case Information			
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Indecency			
Date of Program : 10/03/08	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : 47		
Time of Program : 7:00 PM	City/State of Program : Bothell, WA		
Network : MSNBC	Program Type : Cable/Satellite		
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Keith Obermann			
Complaint Summary			

"At GE, it isn't enough to think big. Imagination must be practiced within boundaries of ethics, compliance and integrity".

A clear violation of ethics, compliance and integrity occurred. Keith Olbermann, on Countdown, told his viewers that National Review editor Rich Lowry's published opinion of Sarah Palin's performance during Thursday's debate "read like soft core porn."

Obermann concluded: "I don't really care if you sat there last night during the debate and MASTURBATED. But was it really necessary to tell America about it?"

I beleive GE owes the nation an appology - not for what Obermann said, but for owning NBC and encouraging this type of behavior. This is clearly obscene and networks should not be making comments like that.

**Case Information**

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**Indecency**

Date of Program : 10/03/2008	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : 64
Time of Program : 20:00 AM	City/State of Program : bryan,tx.
Network : msnbc	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : countdown with keith olberman	

**Complaint Summary**

IN HIS USUAL NIGHTLY "WORST PERSONS" SEGMENT, HE READ A PIECE HE SAID CAME OFF SOME CONSERVATIVE WEBSITE. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO READ IT AS IF IT WAS A CHEAP PORNOGRAPHIC NOVEL. IF THAT WASN'T CLEAR ENOUGH HE SAID"  
IF YOU WERE MASTUBATING IN FRONT OF THE DEBATE ,THERE WAS NO NEED TO TELL EVERYONE." I WOULD APPRECIATE A REVIEW OF THE SEGMENT WHICH TOTALLY OFFENDED ME AND MY 18 YR OLD DAUGHTER WHO ALSO WAS WATCHING. THANK YOU



**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00001000176	IC Number : 08-WB13901702	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
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Owner Rep Number : [REDACTED]	Creator : [REDACTED]	Problem Submitted Time : 7/2/2008 7:59:41PM	Date Closed : 7/4/2008

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Behalf Of City/St/Zip :	Behalf Of Company Name :	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 03/15/2008	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : Unknown
Time of Program : 5:00 pm	City/State of Program : Palm Coast, FL
Network : MSNBC,CNN	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Hardball, Keith Olberman,CNN	

**Complaint Summary**

I do not have the exact times and dates of all of the disgusting comments made By Chris Matthews, David Shuster, Keith Olbermann and others on MNBC, CNN and other news programs. You can watch the vitriol in the link below and perhaps you can fill in the blanks that I can't. Thank you for looking into this for me.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUmbjoEp2IU&feature=related>

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00000942282	IC Number : 08-WB13853847	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
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Owner Rep Number : [REDACTED] B2	Creator : [REDACTED] B2	Problem Submitted Time : 5/21/2008 11:28:31AM	Date Closed : 7/15/2008

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**Indecency**

Date of Program : 5/20/2008	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : Cox Channel 65
Time of Program : 7 PM	City/State of Program : Phoenix, AZ
Network : MSNBC	Program Type : Cable
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Keith Olbermann	

**Complaint Summary**

On Tuesday, May 20th 2008 while watching MSNBC's coverage of the Kentucky/Oregon Primaries Keith Olbermann used the racila slur "gyped". For those of Gypsie or Eastern European descent this slur is hateful and has no place on television!

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00000904764	IC Number : 08-WB13826283	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Complaint Type : Unknown Media Types	Assigned Subject Code : Programming Issues	Sub-Category : Content Criticism	Assigned Code Acronym : PCCR
Owner Rep Number : [REDACTED] 82	Creator : [REDACTED] 82	Problem Submitted Time : 4/25/2008 3:17:15PM	Date Closed : 5/2/2008

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**Indecency**

Date of Program : 4/23/08	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : 23
Time of Program : 8pm ET	City/State of Program : Pelham, NY
Network : MSNBC	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Countdown with Keith Olbermann	

**Complaint Summary**

Keith Olbermann is so vile I can not repeat what he said about Senator Hillary Clinton. He was saying that a super delegate should take Hillary into a back room and only he should come out. That was bad enough, calling for her to drop out by using a method of extreme intimidation. I have the links: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24293391> and the video link: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540...82366#24282366>

Olbermann needs to be sanctioned and removed from the airwaves.



Case Information			
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Indecency			
Date of Program : 4/23/08	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MSNBC		
Time of Program : 8:00 ET	City/State of Program : Laurence Harbor, NJ		
Network : MSNBC	Program Type : Cable/Satellite		
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Keith Olberman			
Complaint Summary			

The following is an excerpt from the Countdown show listed above, in regard to Senator Clinton (More from the show transcript is included below): "What this is going to require, at some point, all of Chuck?s excellent numbers aside, there?s some adults somewhere in the Democratic Party to step in and stop this thing like a referee in a fight that could go on for 30 rounds. That?s what?s going on. Those are the super-super-superdelegates who are going to have to really decide this. OLBERMANN: Right. The one?somebody who can take her in a room and only he comes out that kind of a question.

Keith Olbermann's statement above can only be construed as, at the very least, violence against Senator Clinton, and at its closest meaning, a death threat.

Verbal abuse against women by the mainstream media has been tolerated far too long. And in last few months it has escalated at an unbelievable rate. And it is tolerated. Many studies have shown that this acceptance of violence toward women leads to actual violence toward women. And yet it continues unabated. This is so far the most explicit of these instances I have heard. This is not symbolic, misconstrued or taken out of context. Someone taking a woman in a room and only "he" comes out can have no other meaning. The FCC must take action against this obscene, and dangerous, abusive language by Keith Olbermann.

Details:

Countdown on MSNBC.com

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Countdown with Keith Olberman

4/23/08

Approximately 03:05 minutes into the broadcast

Video: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/24282366#24282366>

Location of transcript: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24293391/>



'Countdown with Keith Olbermann' for Wednesday, April 23

Read the transcript to the Wednesday show

updated 11:06 a.m. ET April 24, 2008

Guests: Chuck Todd, Howard Fineman, Richard Wolffe, Rachel Maddow, Paul Mecurio

KEITH OLBERMANN, HOST (voice over): Which of these stories will you be talking about tomorrow

Last night as Senator Clinton was celebrating her win in Pennsylvania, the 'New York Times' editorial board, which endorsed her bid for the Democratic nomination before the New York primary, publishing a new editorial that could be filed under the category of buyer's remorse, the title - 'The Low Road to Victory.'

The board is criticizing Senator Clinton for running a nasty campaign, quote: 'The Pennsylvania campaign, which produced yet another inconclusive result on Tuesday, was even meaner, more vacuous, more desperate, and more filled with pandering than the mean, vacuous, desperate, pander-filled contests that preceded it.

Voters are getting tired of it, it is demeaning the political process and it does not work. It is past time for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton to acknowledge that the negativity, for which she is mostly responsible, does nothing but harm to her, her opponent, her party, and the 2008 election.'

The word inconclusive there is literally true, probably not practically so. But the 'Times' pointing to the final TV ad, Senator Clinton ran in the Keystone State on Monday as evidence.

'On the eve of this crucial primary, Mrs. Clinton became the first Democratic candidate to wave the bloody shirt of 9/11. A Clinton television ad - torn right from Karl Rove's playbook - evoked the 1929 stock market crash, Pearl Harbor, the Cuban missile crisis, the cold war and the 9/11 attacks, complete with video of Osama bin Laden.'

Left out everything but the disappearance of Judge Crater (ph).

Let's turn to our own Howard Fineman, senior Washington correspondent for 'Newsweek' magazine. Good to see you here, sir.

HOWARD FINEMAN, MSNBC POLITICAL ANALYST: Hi, Keith.

OLBERMANN: The 'Times' editorial board claimed negative campaigning does not work. It clearly worked, didn't it? I mean, she won. But what's the endgame after it working and where else does it work?

FINEMAN: Yes. I don't think they were in Pennsylvania when they wrote that editorial. In fact, it did work on a lot of the late deciders who went for Clinton partly on the strength (ph) of those negative ads and attacks that Clinton carried out, and she's going to continue doing that.

You talk about the endgame through the rest of the primaries. Hillary Clinton has nothing to lose. She has a negative rating that's about 50 percent. She wants to win on any terms she can win on and she's going to keep on keeping on. And if you think you've seen mean and vacuous so far, you ain't seen nothing yet.

OLBERMANN: But, it seems to me that there is something to lose here apart from the election, which is another issue altogether. Even if separate that out, don't you have to worry about, at this stage, we've been extended? she got a reprieve from the governor for two weeks.

After last night, nobody is going to do anything. We're going to see how these next two votes take place. If she doesn't deliver in the way that she thinks she can on May 6th, are we now talking about retribution or the threat of retribution to get her out of the race? Are we now? is it as bloody back as it is emanating from her campaign?

FINEMAN: Oh, I think there's been talk of retribution. I know there's been talk of retribution for weeks. Well, that's only beginning behind the scenes and that's what Democratic leaders, if that isn't a complete oxymoron is all about. That's what they're worried about.

What this is going to require, at some point, all of Chuck's excellent numbers aside, there's some adults somewhere in the Democratic Party to step in and stop this thing like a referee in a fight that could go on for 30 rounds. That's what's going on. Those are the super-super-superdelegates who are going to have to really decide this.

OLBERMANN: Right. The one? somebody who can take her in a room and only he comes out that kind of a question.

FINEMAN: Yes, exactly.

OLBERMANN: More voters may have thought Senator Clinton went too far with her attacks according to the exit polls: 67 percent, but half of them believe the same of Senator Obama. Does Obama fight back? How does he do it? Can he run an aggressive campaign without being seen as rising to the bait and does he maintain the step down for Clinton supporters that she doesn't care about in terms of Obama supporters?

FINEMAN: Well, I think, they've been trying to do it both ways in the Obama campaign. They went on the attack to some extent, they didn't go full bore. There's been a debate within their camp as to how to proceed. I think the calmer heads are trying to prevail and say, 'Look, we're ahead in delegates, we're ahead in money, we're ahead in votes. Let's be careful

and not give away the one thing that we have that makes us unique.?

And they're going to try to ease over the finish line that way rather than become open to the charge that they're just another campaign and he is just another politician. It's tricky but they're trying to calculate how to just get over the finish line without losing all their dignity. It's difficult politics.

OLBERMANN: Yes. I get it. Boy, oh, boy.


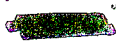
And also, the last point about electability, which I just don't know understand. I don't know this well know enough to understand why this hasn't been raised by the Obama campaign. No matter who won them, each primary and each caucus, during this, from the poll numbers at the?wherever you want to start the starting line, more than like three days before, his numbers, I did this last night on air (ph), his numbers go up as time goes by, whether he wins or not. And her numbers as time goes by, go down. And there may be a little bump back as there was in New Hampshire and there was in Pennsylvania, obviously.

But is that not the ultimate measure of electability if as time goes by you gain voter as opposed to losing them?

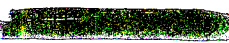

FINEMAN: Yes, but the question is how much time do you have? The election is in November.

OLBERMANN: Right.

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**Indecency**

Date of Program : Apr 23, 2008	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MSNBC
Time of Program : 8 pm	City/State of Program : Beckley, West Virginia
Network : MSNBC	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Countdown - Keith Olbermann	

**Complaint Summary**

On April 23rd, 2008, during his show "Countdown" Keith Olbermann stated that a democratic leader should take Hillary Clinton in a room and "only he walks out." This is insinuating nothing other than the murder of Hillary Clinton. If he had said that about Barack Obama, there would be an outrage against him. Because Hillary is a woman, it's suddenly okay? He called for the MURDER of a US Senator and Former First Lady! Support her or not...this is wrong. He has a problem and this is ridiculous!

**Case Information**

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**Indecency**

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Time of Program : unknown	City/State of Program : spokane, wa
Network : nbc	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Keith Olberman Show	

**Complaint Summary**

taking lords name in vain



**Case Information**

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**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/07/2008	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MSNBC
Time of Program : 7PM Central Time	City/State of Program : South Holland, Illinois
Network : 52/MSNBC	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Countdown with Keith Olbermann	

**Complaint Summary**

Mr Olbermann has once again used obscenity in his program. He used the phrase "Son of a Bitch". this is my third time complaining about him and you people have done nothing