Informal complaints received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding the television show 'Grey’s Anatomy' between 2005 and November 2008

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This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC" or "Commission") and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs ("CGB") and Enforcement ("EB") Bureaus by the Commission’s FOIA Office on November 17, 2008. Your request seeks “all informal complaints received at the FCC regarding the television show ‘Grey’s Anatomy’ between January 2003 and the present.”

CGB conducted a search of the databases in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. Our search identified 122 complaints responsive to your request. The responsive documents are enclosed. EB informed CGB that a search of its records identified no responsive documents. 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 Commission rule Section 0.457(1), 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(1). 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 Commission rule 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 carrier or business entity 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. Your request was categorized as “all other” 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. There are minimal fees accrued in the processing of this FOIA request which are not being assessed. See 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(f).

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,

[Signature]

Julie M. Saulnier
Deputy Chief
Consumer Policy Division
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Enclosures
Complaint Summary

During the broadcast of a scene was aired showing two men passionately kissing and embracing each other in what was clearly a sexual manner. I was offended by the fact that the show was airing in prime time, at 8pm est. The scene was shocking, and as a parent and grandparent I am alarmed to think that the federal government is not protecting children from exposure to such activity in prime time network programming. I respectfully request that the commission address such programming.
Complaint Summary

I believe that there was racist language used on ABC last night on ABC. As a person living and raised in the South, I became very offended at the remarks being made about "Southern People". A family of 3 was involved in a car crash, and were sent to the hospital at which the show takes place to be treated. They were from the south, which was made evident by their accents that were over exaggerated and almost mocking. After only being there a few minutes, referred to the their presence as a "Hillbilly Picnic". I was shocked to hear this. I can't imagine that if the family had been African American, that any such stereotypical language would dare to be used. A few minutes later, referred to the family as "Stupid Hicks". I was in complete amazement at this point. I would like to know why people from the south are not protected from racial slurs of this type, when certainly almost any other culture or race is. Also, I would at least like an apology from ABC. If not to the general public, at least to me. Thank you for your time.
Complaint : INDECENCY

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Address 2: [Redacted]
P. O. Box: [Redacted]
City/State/Zip: MELBOURNE FL [Redacted]

Complaint Summary

[Redacted] wrote on 2/10/2006 2:17:27 PM: [Redacted] I wish to complain bitterly about the recent broadcast of an episode of [Redacted] which feature lewd and erotic behavior in the opening scene, with little or no warning. I had just finished watching Dancing with the Stars with my children Thursday night (February 9, 2006), and immediately following that show, [Redacted] opened with the lead female character in the shower. All of a sudden, there were two other women in there with her, erotically "bathing" each other and moaning and in an obvious state of arousal. The scene turned out to be the fantasy of one of the male characters, but if my 13-year old son had not just left the room, he would have had an eyeful of trash. What are we supposed to teach our children about this kind of nonsense? I am so offended that we allow the broadcast of this kind of filth, especially that early in the evening (9:30 pm EST) and immediately following a family show like Dancing with the Stars. One would think this was done purposefully to try to catch and hold the young audience watching the immediately preceding show. Please do something to prevent the continued pollution of our airwaves. I even have my cable box programmed to block anything R-rated or worse. Could this and scenes like the strip bar scene from Vegas possibly be considered PG-13? How horrifying! Sincerely, [Redacted] [Redacted] FL 32934
Inquiry

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Problem Description

5/8/2008 10:44:31 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to

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: ABC
Program Name: [Redacted]
Broadcast Date: 05/08/08
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm ET
My Affiliate: ABC

Description of Indecency:

The scene involved two military men kissing. One man was the patient of [Redacted] lying in the bed and the other guy was his lover visiting his room.

It is ridiculous the lack of morals shown on tv during prime time when children may be watching or flipping through the channels. This is not acceptable behavior or something I want my children exposed too.

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]
My name is [redacted] and I am very concerned with the direction television is heading. My family and I had just eaten dinner and sat down to watch TV before bed-time and we were watching Grey's Anatomy when out of no where two army soldiers starting french kissing. Since when is this appropriate for primetime TV. The closest to this we have seen has been the show Brother's and Sisters which is on late enough in the evening that our children are in bed. Having a "sex talk" with our children is one thing but we do not appreciate having gay themes thrown into our living room. I know of a time in our history when something like that would have not been seen on TV unless it was an HBO channel or some PPV of some kind. Is everything fair game? Tomorrow are we going to witness someone shooting up on an after school special? It's not like these two men were "dating" or there was any inkling that the kiss was going to happen where we could change the channel. What do you suggest I do about this? Is there some sort of petition I should start because I guarantee that I am not the only parent in this country that would agree. I am not a gay basher or prejudice I just don't think being gay has an appropriate place in primetime TV where children may very well view it.

And while we're on the subject, there is a new television show starting soon called "Swingtown". And along the same lines as I have previously stated, since when is it appropriate to show "Swinging" in primetime or anywhere for that matter? And no I don't have to watch the show but I do, however, see the commercials and am outraged that we have become a country that allows such crap to be on television. People have every right to do whatever in their own homes and if they enjoy "swinging" then to each his own, but to televise such stuff so that our children see these adult themes is outrageous. Parents try to sheild their children and keep them innocent as long as possible and society keeps making it more and more difficult. The more and more lenient we are with these things, the more children will become corrupt and today's children are tomorrow's leaders.

Thank you for your time.

P.S. If you could or would please send me a copy of the "rules or regulations" of what's allowed on tv maybe I would have a better understanding.
I am dependent on the closed captions in watching television, but lately the ABC network programs in Primetime do not include the captions. I have no way of knowing if it is the network or the station, but the station management tells me it is the network. They say they broadcast what they are sent. I am particularly upset about this with Lost, Brothers and Sisters and Grey's Anatomy, which are favorite shows. Can you help. This has happened before and many calls to the station and emails to the network finally produced results. I am not up for doing all that again. It is very frustrating and upsetting.

oh, I also called the cable company. They are not responsible.

Thank you for your help and a response.

Sincerely,

phone:
Inquiry

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Problem Description

2/4/2008 11:52:23 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [redacted]

2/2/2008 11:08:17 AM:

Dear Sirs and Ma'am:

This email is in regard to the level of graphic violence you seem to allow on national television. Mind you, I have been a fan of police dramas all my life. Anyone who puts their life on the line each and every day has my respect. However, said beloved police dramas ie: CSI and Law & Order have not only crossed the line in recent years but have pole vaulted over it. Even the wonderful Grey's Anatomy has crossed a line or two.

I enjoy a good murder mystery as much as the next fan but their is no excuse for allowing the images of a body put through a sausage grinder, severed remains spread throughout garbage cans down an entire neighborhood block, or an escaped prisoner running into a grade school and shooting to death an entire 4th grade class.

I am a full grown adult and well know the difference between fantasy and reality, but allowing these portrayals among a laundry list of others in recent years is inexcusable.

You make too big a deal of colorful language and nudity and don't pay nearly enough attention to how far these otherwise great shows are being allowed to go with violence.

Bottom line: Classroom full of dead children, Obscene. Boobs, Not obscene.

Thank you for your time and I sincerely hope I've assisted in elevating your thinking.

- R.M. [redacted]

P.S. For the record, changing the channel doesn't really help anymore. There is at least one show that crosses the violence line on every one. Sad but true.

Never miss a thing. Make Yahoo your homepage.
Dear Consumer,

Thank you for contacting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). We are reviewing your correspondence to determine how we can best serve you.

The FCC regulates interstate (between states) and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable in all of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions. The FCC is charged with ensuring that communications service providers promote the public interest. Further information is on the FCC's web site at http://www.fcc.gov.

Again, thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. Your views and comments are important to us.

The Federal Communications Commission

Racial & Gender Representations

I have attached a letter in Rich text format. Thank you for your time.

Dear Mr [Redacted],

In my Journalism 101 course, I have learned that the media, especially the major networks, have a great power to define our world.

For this reason, I am writing to express my opinions about ABC's Grey's Anatomy.

I write to tell you that I believe this show expresses diversity well, but still is not perfect.

I feel that casts should be diverse and that stereotypes should avoided, but that shows should not avoid important issues. I feel that the FCC should encourage this, but mandating this policy would infringe on artistic expression.

Grey's anatomy is one of the more diverse casts of today and is a great show. The writers are able to discuss issues of racism in episodes such as a resent one whe [Redacted] has to treat a neo-Nazi. The show does have some stereotypes such as the over achieving [Redacted] and the women's inability to resist the duo of McDreamy and McSteamy, but overall the show has done far better than many other shows.

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The Federal Communications Commission

In my Journalism 101 course, I have learned that media have a great power to define the world for us—this is especially true of network television—still the most highly visible medium in the United States.

In this light, I write to express my opinion about Grey's Anatomy.

I write to let you know that I believe this show provides a good representation of all races. The diverse cast allows any audience to feel included. The overall presentation is a good depiction of the world. It shows many aspects of human life and relationships. People can relate to the friendships and relationship problems even though not many people live the same type of lifestyle as surgeons. After watching the program, mostly everyone feels good and wants to see the next episode. Though many bad things do happen on the show, the realism brings it back to being a good depiction of the world.

I wish more networks would air shows like this. ABC recently released the Grey's Anatomy spin-off, Private Practice, and I have grown to love that as well. In order to get more networks to take part in programs like these, I think you should give them an incentive like more money or something.

Media usually brings things to the table that are inappropriate and that can not be enjoyed by any audience. Grey's Anatomy is inclusive of all audiences and is a program that most age groups can even enjoy.
I am impressed with the writing and all of the elements that have been put into the show, Grey's Anatomy.

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The Federal Communications Commissions

Mr.

Below I have attached my opinion of why I think Grey's Anatomy is a great show and also some ideas for what steps could be taken to make it a more politically correct and culturally appealing show. Although things could be done to change it, I still absolutely love the show and hope there are more seasons in the future.

Thank you,

In my Journalism 101 course, I have learned that media have a great power to define the world for us-this is especially true of network television-still the most highly visible medium in the United States. In this light, I write to express my opinion about the show Grey's Anatomy. I'm writing to let you know that I believe this show embodies our culture and values in an interesting way. On one hand, the show is culturally uplifting because it incorporates women as doctors who are strong and extremely intelligent. At the same time, however, it plays off stereotypes of women that they are overly emotional (like Izzie), and become too attached. It shows the handsome doctors as players but also showcases many of the women as dependent of their charm. As for Derrick and Meredith, you root for them as it stresses an ideal relationship in our culture. We want them to be together because Derrick is smart, handsome, and treats Meredith very well. It plays to the audience on our fantasies and what we want our partners to be like. The show represents, for the most part, good people saving
lives and doing positive things. It shows them working at their relationships even when there are struggles. I think the firing of Burke was a good idea since it was very inappropriate to say what he did off the set. I think these lessons could also be applied in the show's writing in just a few instances. Karev is often way too arrogant and mean to his co-workers and female companions. His character is too aggressive and portrays men in a negative light. At the same time, Izzie's role of being the sad, emotional and overly concerned girl doesn't portray women in a positive light. Izzie could be made less hysterical all the time. Also, Dr. Yang is Asian and is cast as one of the smartest doctors at Seattle Grace. This title could have gone to anyone but instead it went to the Asian girl, also playing off common stereotypes. Yang's competitiveness could be toned down while McSteamy's conceitedness and arrogance could be diminished a bit.

I believe that the characters have extremes so that you do not become bored with the show, however sometimes their roles are too predictable and categorized into stereotypes. Yang was so competitive that she went to the degree of lying about Burke's hand in last season. Izzie gets so attached to every patient, you'd think it would have stopped after the death of Denny.

Though it plays to some stereotypes, this show is worthy because it has an example of almost every type of person. The women and men aren't better than one another, they have all gone through times where they have slept with co-workers or been chasing after a loved one and neither the males or females are criticized more than one another for their actions. It also showcases different races and all sorts of people as successful and interesting. Their roles keep you involved and there is definitely a character you can relate to because no one has the same personality. Where there are some things that could be changed it is still a groundbreaking show in today's society.

Thank you,

[Signature]

5/13/2008
Dear Consumer,

Please see the attached information regarding filing comments with the FCC.

Thank you.

gender and racial issues in the media

Irrefutable, beautifully smug
As Venus, pedestalled on a half-shell

Dear Mr.  

In my Journalism 101 course, I have learned that the media have a great power to define the world for us- this is especially true of network television- still the most highly visible medium in the United States.

In this light, I write to express my opinion about the two-part Crash Into Me Grey's Anatomy.

I write to let you know that I believe this episode does a great job at explaining both the racial and gender issues.

I think more shows such as this episode should be put on air. I think it brings real issues into perspective to those who do not come across them. It allows these viewers to form an opinion on the issue. One way to do this, I propose, would be to require the fees of airing commercials for shows like this on other networks to be lowered. Another idea would be to make awards available for the most real series aired. By airing a show that effects people of all ethnicities, genders, backgrounds, shows like these appeal to all audiences and appeal in such a way that real life doesn't always force upon the general audience.

When was used to appeal to both the white supremacist and Dr. Bailey, she was hurt, but she did her job. This means women can be professional in a professional setting. When Dr. Bailey disobeyed the Hippocratic oath, Dr. O'Malley didn't disagree with her. This means that women have power in the workplace as well. When Dr. Meredith Grey was caring for the paramedics, she cut herself and didn't stop working. This shows that women can be just as tough as men. The white supremacist worked with a black paramedic. This shows that extremists can live in society and go unnoticed. It also shows that white people can be even more ignorant than that of another ethnicity. This is why the show is worthy of so much.
Sincerely,

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Dear Consumer,

Thank you for contacting the Federal Communications Commission to share your views television programming. Your views and concerns about program material are important to us.

The Federal Communications Commission

Media's power to define

Dear Mr.

In my Journalism 101 course, I have learned that media have a great power to define the world for us-this is especially true of network television-still the most highly visible medium in the United States.

In this light, I write to express my opinion about Grey's Anatomy. I write to let you know that I believe this show depicts a "good" world, and does not damage a sense of self. It shows multiple races in all sorts of positions, not making one seem lesser than another. There should be more shows aired like this. Multiracial shows with relationships between the characters that are not demeaning any of them is very important. It is very nice to find a show where two different races can be in a relationship (like Dr. Yang and Dr. Burke in the last season) and it is accepted. Also, it is nice to see that in a work place, a black man can be the boss over several white men, where in other shows it almost always seems the other way.

I am a very big fan of the show and hope it continues to portray a good message about different races. Thank you for your time.
Dear Mr Martin:

In my journalism 101 course, I have learned that media have a great power to define the world for us- this is especially true of network television- still the most highly visible medium in the United States.

In this light, I write to express my opinion about the television series, "Grey's Anatomy". I write to let you know that I believe that this show is slightly stereotypical on the basis of race. For example the asian character is shown as being extremely smart and that is all there really is to her, where as there is more of an intimate side demonstrated in other characters. Another example would be the black character. Sometimes she is misrepresented because she seems to be outspoken most of the time. Finally my last complaint is about the females in the show dancing to relieve stress. To me that makes me define them as femaless and not as people working the medical field. I do not see the men dancing to relieve stress in the show.

I believe that the show sends the wrong message about the medical field. My mother works in the medical field, I have been with her while shes worked on numerous accounts and I honestly believe that the show misconstrudes the atmosphere. Yes, hospitals are intense, but they are not fake and I believe that a television series such as this one should not dramatize a workplace already surreal. I could never watch E.R. and it is difficult for me to even watch Grey's Anatomy because I have experienced the environment on numerous occasions.

Thank You for your time,

[Redacted]

12/14/2007 4:54:59 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [Redacted].

[Redacted] wrote on 12/14/2007 6:05:09 AM:
Dear Consumer,

You should direct all concerns and/or comments about a specific broadcast or statement, in writing, to the local station and network involved so that the people responsible for making programming decisions can become better informed about audience opinion.

The FCC is barred by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution from trying to prevent the broadcast of any point of view, no matter how unpopular or distasteful that point of view may be to most people. Consumers often complain that certain broadcasts are "un-American," too violent, or ridicule or demean certain groups because of their race, gender, religion, or nationality. Such views that do not rise to the level of a "clear and present danger of serious substantive evil" are protected by the First Amendment. Expressions that are obscene, however, are not protected. Similarly, expressions that are indecent or profane may be restricted to avoid their broadcast to children. FCC rules prohibit indecent or profane broadcasts between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The Communications Act prohibits the FCC from censoring broadcast material, in most cases, and from taking any action that would interfere with freedom of speech.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Your help and direction, please

Dear Sir/Madam,

Could you please advise whether the FCC has any jurisdiction with regard to the information portrayed on television programs such as "Grey's Anatomy" and the like on the ABC station. As the Executive Director of the Malignant Hyperthermia Association of the United States (MHAUS), I was very much concerned with their November 1st presentation of a patient showing signs of malignant hyperthermia. They was a gross misrepresentation of the disorder (which we have been trying to educate medical professionals and patients alike for over 25 years) and we received concerned calls as a result.

We did write a letter to the producers of the program voicing our concerns (see attached), but I wonder if there is anything further we could do via your auspices to assure this kind of sensationalism is verified as "correct" before presenting to the public and possibly putting patients in jeopardy!

Is there someone in particular I could forward the attached letter to for assistance with this matter? Please advise.

Thank you for your help and direction.
Best regards,

MHAUS Executive Director

November 7, 2007

Co-Executive Producer and Director
- Grey's Anatomy
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Dear Mr. _____

As President of the Malignant Hyperthermia Association of the United States, the only organization dedicated to
the control of the life-threatening genetic disorder, malignant hyperthermia (MH), I would like to comment on the
episode of Grey's Anatomy airing on Thursday, November 1, 2007 - the segment about a gentleman who
developed "MH" while undergoing cardiac catheterization and then having his open heart surgery, off pump,
under awake epidural because of his "allergy" to anesthesia.
The episode is unrealistic and deceptive in the extreme. The depiction of an episode of MH is untrue. One does not
make such a diagnosis without data, not just a rise in heart rate. More disturbing is the description of malignant
hyperthermia as an "allergy". MH is an inherited disorder that leads to an increase in body metabolism on
exposure to certain (not all) anesthetics. The patient who is at risk to MH may undergo general anesthesia, but not
with the gas anesthetics. There are many other alternatives. Our association has spent over 25 years educating the
public and the medical profession on how to manage this problem and have emphasized repeatedly that the MH
susceptible patient may have general or local anesthesia and necessary surgery should not be avoided just because
of the susceptibility to MH.

Although we realize this episode was scripted for dramatic effect and is purely fictional, it must also be considered
that your network appeared on Oprah and made a statement you have "actual medical professionals" review your
episodes to assure authenticity. If so, someone was not doing his or her job.
Furthermore, the absence of involvement of any anesthesia professional in the care of the patient before, during or
after the surgery insults the over 60,000 anesthesia professionals who have dedicated their professional lives to the
care of patients.

The success of the Grey's Anatomy program should convey the power and believability of your work to your
audience. While ABC's "writer's license" is understood, you must also take on the responsibility of researching
what is presented to the public. If requested, MHAUS would be happy to help in the future through review by any
of our Professional Advisory Council members - MH experts all.

Point of fact: Our administrative office received calls from concerned individuals as a direct result of this
particular episode; one in particular who had a relative going in for heart surgery and was now concerned they
would just be left to die! How is this serving the public-at-large? Shame on ABC.

Sincerely,

President,
**Inquiry**

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**City/State/Zip:** OLYMPIA WA 98501

**Problem Description**

TRANSFER THIS COMPLAINT TO DRO-Francine

12/4/2007 9:32:26 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to...

From:...

To: "DIRECTV Customer Service" ...

Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2007 18:27:21 -0800

Subject: Re: My account [Reference #: ... Reference #: ]

I have a list of TV programs with garbled captions, including Desperate Housewives, Two and a Half Men, and Grey's Anatomy. I notice programs on traditional channels (ABC, CBS and NBC) transmit garbled or partly captions. I notice captions on satellite programs are clear, e.g. programs on History Channel and Animal Planet. The list that I have has the dates, times and channels.

I am not sure as to what is the point of talking with your technician whereas it is very difficult to fine-comb captioning issues. It is my intention to write to DirecTV with a list of TV programs with captioning problems so that DirecTVV could use it as a document to rectify these problems. It could be a network or a satellite TV that DirecTV needs to rectify. Otherwise, it has been my experience that DirecTV technicians would watered down my concerns that are important to millions of deaf and hard of hearing subscribers. If you still insist that I call your technician, I then will write a letter to your Customer Service, include this email as an attachment, and send a copy of the letter to FCC.

Thank you,

CC: Federal Communications Commission

On 12/2/07, DIRECTV Customer Service <...>
Dear [Name],

Thank you for writing us back. I’m happy to hear that your programming has now been put back on. Your e-mail did not provide enough information to verify your concerns with the closed captioning on your DIRECTV service. Nevertheless, since it’s difficult to troubleshoot technical issues by email, please call our technical support center and discuss the problem with one of our technical representatives. To reach them, just call 1-800-531-5000 and select the option for technical assistance.

Thanks again for writing and I hope we're able to fix the problem quickly.

Sincerely,

DIRECTV Customer Service

Make the most of DIRECTV by registering your account on directv.com. You’ll learn about exclusive online promotions, new features of DIRECTV and the latest programs and packages. Visit www.directv.com/register today.

NFL SUNDAY TICKET is the best way to catch your favorite team every week and it's only on DIRECTV. Visit to order today.

Thank you for taking care of my account. I called DirecTV and they were able to help me to get my DirecTV subscription back :) I have closed-captioning issues with DirecTV. Is there a key person who oversees closed-captioning that I could write a letter of complaint to? If so, please give me the contact information.

On 12/2/07, DIRECTV Customer Service wrote:

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5/13/2008
Thanks for writing us about your DIRECTV account. I understand that you'd like to rectify the account info and not having service. As one of our valued customers since 04/23/07, your satisfaction is one of our primary concerns. It is with great pleasure to assist you with this.

Upon careful review of your account, our records shows that the account number under your name is actually not with regard to the service address, the address is at while your billing address is at . So as of this date, I have already rectified the correct address you have provided. I also requested to resend you a copy of your up to date bill charges. For your convenience you can access your account online at directv.com.

If you have any additional questions, our Customer Service Representatives are available at 1-800-531-5000, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you.

Thanks again for writing and stay tuned to directv.com for the latest news and information about our services.

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Employee ID

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Customer 12/02/2007 09:40 AM

DIRECTV FEEDBACK MESSAGE

Name: [Redacted]
Status:
[Account Number: [Redacted]
[Phone Number: [Redacted]
Email Address: [Redacted]
[Topic Selected: DIRECTV Billing]
Details: Strange, my DirectTV now is not in service. I have not received your bill since October 2007. My correct address is: Olympia WA 98501 Please rectify the problem IMMEDIATELY so that I can watch my favorite show tonight.
Complaining about the times of scheduled programming - for example Greys Anatomy 8-9:02 etc - and the amount of commercials on broadcast - he thinks it is a deception -
Inquiry

Control ID: CIMS00000611327
IC Number: 07-R611327
Status: Closed
Submission Method: Email
Owner: [Redacted]
Submitted Time: 10/18/2007 10:13:14 PM
Response End Time: 10/22/2007 9:43:12 AM

Problem Description

10/18/2007 10:14:02 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [Redacted]

[Redacted] wrote on 10/18/2007 10:13:14 PM:

ABC consistently runs over the time slots of its prime time tv programs - Grey's Anatomy, for example - so its impossible to watch a show on another network in the next time slot. Please do something.
Problem Description

wrote on 10/7/2007 2:00:48 PM:

Hello. I am sending an e-mail because I could not find a form that fit my concern.

Over the past couple of years, the various networks have started to "play games" with the starting and ending times of their programs. If I remember correctly, ABC started it by having a couple of their shows (LOST is one of them) run until one minute past the top of the hour. This has grown into many stations starting programs after the top of the hour or half-hour and ending past the top of the hour. Worse, they inform the various program guides (used by DVR system, such as TIVO) of one set of times and then they change it from week to week and sometimes right before the show airs.

Now they go beyond that. CBS, for example, says that Two And A Half Men will begin at 9:00 and end at 9:31 and that Rules of Engagement will begin at 9:31. And yet, each week, Rules of Engagement begins BEFORE 9:31, so if you are recording that show, and set the recorder to begin at 9:31, you miss the first minute of the show. Many of the shows run over the stated ending time so you miss the last minute or two of the program.

I believe the reason for all of these games is that the networks are trying to make it difficult for consumers to tape programs on other stations. The best example happens on Thursday. ABC started running Grey's Anatomy until 10:01. This caused a problem when you also wanted to record ER on NBC, which began at 10:00. Since Grey's Anatomy was still on, ER would not record. Then NBC changed ER so that it begins at 10:01, removing the conflict. This year, ABC added ANOTHER minute to Grey's Anatomy, so now it ends at 10:02, recreating the conflict with ER.

The reality of TV broadcasting is that people use DVRs to be able to watch programming at times THEY choose. As the networks are using public airways to broadcast their shows, the FCC should mandate that these scheduling games should cease. The networks may say that the extra minute (used for commercials, not increased content), helps their revenue and that's why they do it. However, the example noted above (Grey's Anatomy vs. ER) clearly shows that this is broadcasting one-upmanship, an attempt to make it difficult to record a competitor's show. This practice is NOT in the best interest of consumers. It has gotten completely out of hand.

I hope that the FCC takes a stand on this practice and decides to side with the consumer and require the networks to eliminate this overrun practice.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Dear Mr. Martin,

Although the FCC licenses broadcast stations, we have virtually no control over the content of what the stations broadcast. Because of the First Amendment's freedom of expression and the no-censorship provision of the Communications Act, the FCC does not have the authority to tell the stations what to air. (An exception to that is obscenity and indecency broadcasts.) Consequently, in most cases, it is within the stations' discretion to determine what it will broadcast.

7/6/2007 3:44:49 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [redacted].

[redacted] wrote on 7/6/2007 3:44:35 AM:

Hello,

I read the editorial comments in the Jan. 18-24, 2007, BACK STAGE about racism and discrimination in the entertainment industry and I want to voice my opinions.

I am a young African-American guy. There are no roles out there for me. No one is really creating roles and stories of substance for African-Americans. Why do a lot of the roles for African-American guys have to be them playing: thugs, gang members and drug dealers? I am very disappointed and discouraged that most of the soaps are basically just full of White people. What ever happened to diversity and integration? Even Broadway is mostly just full of all White people. Is this the dream of (the late) Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior? There are serious race issues here in 2007 that we need to talk about and do something about.

In the Jan. 25-31, 2007, edition of BACK STAGE an actress who remained anonymous stated, "...we're seeing the return of racial stereotypes in casting. There is a slow erosion of the progress that had been made, and we don't know why. Once again black characters can't speak English and the women are overweight. Many of us are educated and are not overweight. As a very light-skinned African American, I have a particular problem precisely because I don't fall into any stereotypes. I seem to be having a more difficult time getting cast now than ever before...It's not the casting directors who are at fault, but the producers making the decisions..."
The lack of diversity issue needs to be talked about and dealt with on shows like THE VIEW, THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW, and on news programs like 20/20, DATELINE, AND 60 MINUTES. Most White people don't want to or like to talk about this race issue because they are not being discriminated against because of it but White people need to see this issue and deal with it.

There is a show on TV called GREY'S ANATOMY. This show is probably the most racially diverse show on TV. This show is part of the dream of (the late) Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Every show on TV should be as ethnically diverse as GREY'S ANATOMY is. More films needs to be as diverse as GREY'S ANATOMY is. More Broadway shows need to be as diverse as GREY'S ANATOMY is. The creator and executive producer of GREY'S ANATOMY is an African-American woman. There needs to be more people of color working in the industry that are: creators, executive producers, producers, directors, writers, network executive and casting directors. Good, quality, integrated, diverse shows can be successful, hit shows like GREY'S ANATOMY.

Sincerely,

[Redacted address]

Join Excite! - http://www.excite.com
The most personalized portal on the Web!
Thank you for contacting the FCC Consumer Center.

Please see the attached and contact information should you have any further questions.

Good morning,

I was doing some research for my upcoming move to Hartford, CT and I noticed something interesting. In some of the Charter Cable markets, they do not carry the HD feed from the local ABC affiliate (WTH - New Haven). As this is available over the air, I'm confused as to how they bypass the must-carry rule in this case? Is it because they do offer the SD feed?

I understand there's a lot of discussion over "dual must-carry", so I'm looking for greater understanding in this area. Other cable and satellite providers do offer the feed, so it doesn't make sense to me.

There is a message on the WTH web site explaining their position, but it's still confusing to me:

"It is truly unfortunate that you cannot view our exceptional HD programming on WTH/ABC (i.e. Lost, Desperate Housewives, and Grey's Anatomy) programming and WCTX/MyNetwork TV via Cablevision or Charter cable systems.

Our company, LIN Television, is one of the premier industry leaders in technology and digital broadcasting. In fact, we were the first television station in Connecticut to provide HD programming back in 1998. However, despite numerous attempts on our behalf to reach amenable agreements with your cable operator, it has been unable or unwilling to negotiate acceptable carriage terms. Please note that while we may not have succeeded in getting carriage in your town, we do have successful partnerships with other cable companies throughout Connecticut, indeed some of them have been carrying our HD signal/programming for several years.

WTH's signal is, of course, available over the air (free) through the use of an indoor or outdoor antenna that can be purchased at your local Best..."
Buy, Circuit City or [location].

We apologize for any inconvenience and encourage you to contact your cable representative immediately."

Whatever information you can provide on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, [name]
Inquiry

Control ID: CIMS00000384680
IC Number: 07-R384680
Status: Closed
Submission Method: Phone
Owner:
Submitted Time: 5/10/2007 2:23:49PM
Response End Time: 5/10/2007 2:29:11PM

Problem Description

wrote on 5/10/2007 2:29:11 PM:

1. How do I complain?
   a. The fastest and easiest way to file a complaint about an obscene, indecent, or profane broadcast is to use the FCC's new electronic complaint Form 475B, available on our Web site at
   b. You may also file a complaint by e-mail at fccinfo@fcc.gov or you may mail your complaint to:
      Federal Communications Commission
      Enforcement Bureau
      Investigations and Hearings Division
      Room 4-C330
      445 12th St., SW
      Washington, DC 20554.

      You should include the following information in your complaint:
      - Information regarding the details of what was actually said or depicted during the broadcast.
      - The date and time of the broadcast.
      - The call letters, channel, or frequency of the station involved.
      - If possible, the city and state where you saw the program, the name of the program, or the DJ personality, song, or film you are complaining about.

      If you are submitting a video tape, DVD, CD, or other type of media with your complaint, please send it to the following address to avoid mail processing damage:

      Federal Communications Commission
      Investigations & Hearings Division
      Enforcement Bureau
      Capitol Heights, MD 20743

2. What is the FCC doing about indecency/obscenity?
   - The FCC helps administratively enforce the law that prohibits or restricts the broadcasting of obscene, indecent, or profane programming. The FCC must also be mindful of the First Amendment to the United States
Constitution and Section 326 of the Communications Act, which prohibit the FCC from censoring program material, or interfering with broadcasters' free speech rights.

If the FCC determines that a violation of these laws has occurred, it may take any of a range of enforcement actions against the broadcaster involved. [See Question 7]

The Department of Justice enforces the criminal provisions of the law applicable to broadcasting obscene, indecent, or profane programming.

3. What constitutes a violation?
It's against the law to broadcast obscene programming at any time. Indecent and profane programming may not be aired between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., the period when children are most likely to be in the audience.

In determining whether a broadcast is indecent or profane, the context in which the material appears is critically important. A word, for example, that may be considered indecent in one setting, may not be considered indecent in a different context.

4. Are there certain words that are always unlawful?
No. Offensive words may be profane and/or indecent depending on the context. The FCC has stated that it will address the legality of broadcast language on a case-by-case basis. There is no list of specific words that cannot be said over radio or TV. You may have heard a reference to the “seven dirty words” that may never be said on radio or TV. This reference comes from a monologue by comedian George Carlin, broadcast in 1972. The broadcast became the subject of an indecency ruling by the FCC. The FCC’s ruling was appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court upheld the FCC’s authority to limit indecent broadcasts.

5. Do I need to provide a tape or transcript of the program?
The FCC does not require complainants to provide tapes or transcripts in support of their complaints. Failure to provide a tape or transcript of a broadcast will not cause automatic dismissal or denial of a complaint. Nonetheless, a tape or transcript is helpful in assessing whether a violation has occurred. If a tape or transcript is available, please provide it.

[See Question 1]

6. What happens to my complaint once it is filed?
FCC staff will review each complaint to determine whether it contains sufficient information to suggest that there has been a violation of the obscenity, profanity, or indecency rules.

If it appears that a violation may have occurred, the staff will start an investigation, which may include sending a letter of inquiry to the broadcaster.

If the FCC determines, after its investigation, that a violation did occur, it can take any of a range of enforcement actions, depending on the facts of the case, including:

- Issuance of a letter of admonition or warning to the station involved
- Imposition of a monetary forfeiture (a fine) on the station
- Revocation of the station’s broadcast license

The FCC has proposed large forfeitures for indecency violations and has indicated that it will consider proposing forfeitures based on each indecent utterance in a program, rather than a single forfeiture for the program as a whole.

License revocation proceedings require that the case be sent to an administrative law judge for a hearing. The FCC has not yet used this procedure to revoke a broadcast license for violations of the rules against obscenity, indecency, or profanity, but it has made it clear that, in the proper circumstances, it would consider such a remedy.

7. How do I determine the status of my complaint?
You can ensure that you remain informed of the status of your complaint by sending a copy to the station that broadcast the material you are complaining about and informing us that you have done so. In doing this, you become a party to the investigation, and all other parties to the investigation, including the FCC and the station, must send you copies of all written communications.

You can also check the status of your complaint by calling 1-888-CALL-FCC.
8. How long will it take for the FCC to act on my complaint?
   • Numerous FCC staff review and investigate obscenity, indecency, and profanity complaints. The FCC strives
to address every complaint within nine months of receipt. Because each case is different, however, we can’t tell
you how long it will take to resolve a particular complaint.
9. Will I be notified once the FCC has made a decision on my complaint?
   • If the description of the material contained in the complaint is not sufficient, FCC staff will send the
complainant a dismissal letter explaining the deficiencies in the complaint and how to have it reinstated. In such a
case, the complainant has the option of re-filing the complaint with additional information, or of appealing the
dismissal by filing either a petition for reconsideration, or, if the decision is a staff action, an application for
review by the full Commission.
   • If the facts and information contained in the complaint suggest that a violation did not occur, FCC staff will
send the complainant a letter denying the complaint, or the FCC may deny the complaint by public order. In
either situation, the complainant has the option of appealing by filing either a petition for reconsideration or, if the
decision is a staff action, an application for review by the full Commission.
   • If the FCC determines that the complained-of material was indecent, profane, and/or obscene, it may issue a
preliminary finding that the law or the FCC’s rules have been violated and propose a specific fine. Subsequently,
this preliminary fine may be confirmed, reduced, or rescinded when the FCC issues a Forfeiture Order.
   • For a list of enforcement actions in this area, visit the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau Web site at:

10. What are the statutes and rules regarding obscene, indecent, and profane programming?
   • Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1464, prohibits the utterance of “any obscene, indecent or profane
language by means of radio communication.” Consistent with this provision and a subsequent statute and court
case, Section 73.3999 of the FCC’s rules prohibits the broadcast of obscene material and bars the broadcast of
indecent material between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
11. What makes material “profane”?
   • The FCC has defined profanity as “including language so grossly offensive to members of the public who
actually hear it as to amount to a nuisance.”
   • Like indecency, profanity is prohibited on broadcast radio and television between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and
10:00 p.m.
   • The question of whether broadcast material is profane includes consideration of the context in which the
material is presented.
12. What is the “safe harbor”?
   • The “safe harbor” refers to the time period between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when a station may air indecent and/or
profane material, because it is less likely that children will be in the audience. In contrast, there is no “safe
harbor” for the broadcast of obscene material, which may not be broadcast at any time.
13. Does the FCC monitor radio or television programs?
   • The FCC does not monitor particular programs or particular performers, but rather enforces the prohibition on
obscenity, indecency, and profanity in response to complaints.
   • Why doesn’t the FCC censor broadcasts?
   o The FCC is barred by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution from trying to prevent the
broadcast of any point of view, no matter how unpopular or distasteful that point of view may be to most people.
Consumers often complain that certain broadcasts are “un-American,” too violent, or ridicule or demean certain
groups because of their race, gender, religion, or nationality. Such views that do not rise to the level of a “clear
and present danger of serious substantive evil” are protected by the First Amendment. Expressions that are
obscene, however, are not protected. Similarly, expressions that are indecent or profane may be restricted to avoid
their broadcast to children. FCC rules prohibit indecent or profane broadcasts between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10
p.m. The Communications Act prohibits the FCC from censoring broadcast material, in most cases, and from
taking any action that would interfere with freedom of speech.
   o Obscenity is defined as any material that depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct
specifically defined by applicable law; and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.
Grey's Anatomy - man's penis was shown. On the last one, the two hour special, showed the entry to a woman vagina. Advised how to file complaint online.
Dear FCC Commissioners,

I would like to thank you for anything you do to help me protect my children from violence, sex, and inappropriate language in television programming. I am extremely frustrated by the increasing violence on TV, sexual content/innuendo, and inappropriate language. I don't allow my children to watch any shows that have such content, and frankly, I'm so sick of it all that I've stopped watching shows that cross the line even for a few seconds in these areas. As you might guess, therefore, there is very little that my children are allowed to watch at all on TV. What bothers me most is when my family is sitting down to watch a show together that is on during the day, no later than 9 p.m., and here come the commercials advertising products, movies and upcoming TV shows. The content of those commercials is often quite graphic in content in all three areas I previously mentioned. We can't even enjoy watching a baseball game in the evening without having to change the channel many times during a commercial. Simply muting the commercial isn't even enough because of the picture content. Commercials promoting hygiene products show nearly every square inch of the naked body; the trailers for movies and shows, like CSI, show dead people, murders, horrible violence; the language used is often inappropriate as is the sexual content, such as the recent trailer for "Grey's Anatomy" showing a naked woman in bed uttering things I don't even want to discuss with my children. These commercials are full of adult programming and yet they are being shown during hours when children are most certainly watching television.

It is obvious that the TV production companies do not make their shows or their commercials in a manner that shows concern for children. I wish that they would take the high road and hold the bar higher instead of continuing to lower their expectations; even using the excuse that it's what the public wants. They simply feed human nature and call it okay because there is an appetite for their content. Of course there is, but that doesn't make it okay. That makes as much sense as me letting my kids eat whatever they want without doing what I can to teach them good habits that will help keep them healthy all of their lives.

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| Status           | Closed          | Email           |  |
| Submission Method| Phone           | Address 1       |  |
| Owner            |                 | Address 2       |  |
| Submitted Time   | 4/27/2007 7:36:30PM | P. O. Box       |  |

Problem Description

grey's anatomy - showing the head of a penis
Hi,
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They say they impose scheduling restrictions on some commercials to make certain that they air only within programs appropriate to their target audience. This was between 7-8:30pm before their bedtimes.

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Now, I am too afraid to watch TV when the grandkids come over. I only watch decent shows, but PLEASE can we clean up the commercials some way???? Forget limiting the time to show these commercials because they don't care when they show them. Just clean them up!

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Thank you for contacting the Federal Communications Commission.

The Communications Act of 1934 that established the Federal Communications Commission PROHIBITS the Commission from censoring broadcast matter and taking action that would interfere with free speech in broadcasting, a freedom also guaranteed in our Constitution's First Amendment.

Individual radio and television station licensees are responsible for selecting all broadcast matter and for determining how their stations can best serve their communities. Licensees are responsible for choosing the entertainment programming and the programs concerning the local issues, news, public affairs, religion, sports events and other subjects to be aired by the station. They also decide how their programs, including call in shows, will be conducted and whether or not to edit or reschedule material for broadcasting. To this end the Commission does not substitute its judgment for that of the broadcaster in this process, and it does not act as an advisor to stations on artistic standards, grammar or quality of content.

We recommend listeners and viewers to make their concerns known to the management personnel of the broadcast station involved whenever they believe the station's programming merits it. Such comments help to keep broadcasters informed about audience opinion and can influence programming.

However, Congress has given the Federal Communications Commission the responsibility for administratively enforcing the prohibition to broadcast obscene and/or indecent programming which is set forth at Title 18 United States Code, Section 1464 (18 U.S.C. § 1464).

The Commission's enforcement actions in administratively enforcing the prohibition to broadcast obscene and/or indecent programming are based on documented complaints of indecent or obscene broadcasting received from the public. This does not include cable or satellite channels/stations; it only includes broadcasts from FCC licensed UHF/VHF TV and AM/FM radio stations.

The Commission will act on all documented complaints that may violate FCC rules and regulations governing obscene and/or indecent programming. In making obscenity, indecency, and profanity determinations, context is important. The FCC staff must analyze what was actually aired, the meaning of what was aired, and the context in which it was aired.

There is also a "safe harbor" as to when indecent or profane programming may be aired. The "safe harbor" refers to the time period between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when a station may air indecent and/or profane material, because it is less likely that children will be in the audience. In contrast, there is no "safe harbor" for the broadcast of
obscene material, which may not be broadcast at any time.

For information concerning the FCC's regulation of obscenity, indecency, and profanity, please visit this web site: http://www.fcc.gov/eb/oip/.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Consumer Inquiries & Complaints Division
1-888-225-5322

Hi,
Can something be done about the commercials! We watched "Dancing With The Stars" with our 4 grandkids, ages 3-11, on ABC, and we were embarrassed. They were promoting their own shows like "Grey’s Anatomy"... with one girl removing her top for a man, and another in bed saying - “I’ll be waiting in bed naked for you”.....and they show her there waiting. They say they impose scheduling restrictions on some commercials to make certain that they air only within programs appropriate to their target audience. This was between 7-8:30pm before their bedtimes.

Another time, on another station (during Reba) we saw (with the kids at 5pm) commercials for Grey's Anatomy with the girl straddling the guy who was laying down - and removing her bra, and then a vampire show with both the man and woman naked-laying down and doing it. We saw the naked sides of them going up and down, up and down and arching their backs, .... At 5pm!!! Before dinner.

Now, I am too afraid to watch TV when the grandkids come over. I only watch decent shows, but PLEASE can we clean up the commercials some way???? Forget limiting the time to show these commercials because they don’t care when they show them. Just clean them up!

And, please respond on what I can do. I already wrote to ABC.

Thank you for your time and help offered.

5/13/2008
Hello,

The FCC allocates broadcast channels and frequencies according to good engineering standards, considers applications to build or sell stations or to renew their licenses and enforces the provisions of law that are meant to ensure that stations now broadcasting in the United States are operated in the public interest. The FCC is prohibited by the Communications Act from censoring broadcast matter and, therefore, its role in overseeing programming is very limited. There are provisions in the Communications Act that authorize the FCC to fine a broadcast licensee or revoke the license of a station that has, among other things, aired obscene or indecent language, or some types of lottery information, or that has been used to obtain money under false pretenses. Under the public interest standard in the Communications Act, the FCC expects its broadcast licensees to be aware of the important problems or issues in the communities their stations serve and to foster public understanding by presenting some programs and/or announcements about local issues, but broadcasters—not the FCC or other governmental agencies—are responsible for selecting all the material aired by their stations.

Contact the station to register your complaint.

ThankYou

To Whom It May Concern:

This week ABC's Grey's Anatomy was a repeat. However, last week they advertised a new show for this week. This has not been the first time that ABC has had false advertisements, which if recall correctly is a crime. Referred to more commonly as bait and switch. What can be done to ensure that ABC does not continually do this?

Sincerely,
"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito."

- African Proverb -
Dear Consumer:

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Your views and concerns about program material are important to us. The Commission will review what you have submitted carefully to determine whether it contains sufficient information to suggest that there has been a violation of the obscenity, indecency or profanity laws. If it appears that a violation may have occurred, the Enforcement Bureau will start an investigation, which may include a letter of inquiry to the broadcast station. Further information is available on the Commission's web site at http://www.fcc.gov/eb/oip/process.html.

Again, thank you for contacting us about this important issue.

Speech Teacher
Portland, Michigan

5/13/2008
To Whom It May Concern:

This is an article from the yahoo.com main page, 2/10/07. I read it, I wish I hadn't. I saw part of the half-time show featuring Prince, and it didn't take ANY imagination at all for ANY adult to ask themselves, "Is he being CRUDE?" To hear that Prince has done worse in the past made me sick. The guy is obviously extremely perverse and only worships one thing. That's a pretty narrow obsession.

So, if it is true that the FCC has expressed concern over this "show", I'm in wholehearted agreement. The media keeps pressing the envelope. These same TV networks air shows like, "Basic Instinct", with Sharon Stone? One of the most sexually violent shows I've ever witnessed, during the afternoon, on a basic network. It's horrible. This is the last type of exposure any child should witness regarding the act of sex. Sex is supposed to be a pure thing, between two committed, loving, married adults. Not forced, not violent. Grey's anatomy has also been pushing the line with their multi-partner fantasy sex scenes. It's off the board. Even my boss, who is a man, thinks these shows are very FAR from reality and putting destructive lies in the minds of the youth.

So, you guys have your work cut out for you. But, don't give up. The media would like to make the general public the prudes and the perverts and the hyper-imaginative(?) Oh brother. You owe it to us and the next generations to hold the line. If people want to watch porn, they can pay for Playboy. But, I guarantee you, the average public don't want it. Keep our networks clean.

Thank you for your time,

it's been about a week since the da Bears/Colts showdown, yet some bloggers can't stop blabbing about all the hoopla surrounding the Super Bowl. "Embarrassingly rude, crude, and unfortunately placed," cries TV critic David Bianculli--and no, he's not talking aabout Kevin Federline's commercial. No, Bianculli and a few other hyperactively imaginative types are reacting to Prince's allegedly phallic halftime show. Now, considering that just a couple years ago Janet Jackson's nipple-flashing Super Bowl stunt set post-PMRC censorship back about three decades, touchy TV viewers and the easily freaked FCC ought to be thrilled that the most potentially offensive section of the "Controversy" king's show was a shadowy silhouette which, if you squinted real hard, kinda/sorta resembled an extremely pointy penis instead of an innocent guitar neck. Also, keep in mind that back in the '80s, His Purple Majesty used to play a guitar that ejaculated mystery fluid during the, um, climactic ending of "Let's Go Crazy"--so things could've been much, much worse. So, was Prince's performance the work of a "lustful, pansexual rock n' roll deviant," as Stephen Colbert claims? Eh, maybe. But Rolling Stone's Gavin Edwards makes a good point when he argues, "Those
[marching band] trombonees are phallic, too. What are you going to do?" Well, the answer is clear, Gavin. Obviously all trombones must be banned from now on...

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Cheap Talk? Check out Yahoo! Messenger's low PC-to-Phone call rates.
Inquiry

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Phone Number: (000) 000 - 0000
Email: 

Owner: 
Address 1: 
Address 2: 
P. O. Box: 
City/State/Zip: 

Problem Description

STOP SPAMMING ME TRIPOD

----- Original Message -----
From: Tripod
To: 
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 1:16 AM
Subject: Tripod Handcrafted - David Tennant on Tripod

January 19, 2007
unsubscribe

Doctor Who on Tripod
Tripod hosts the official website of Scottish actor, who is perhaps most well-known for playing the tenth Doctor in the series, "Doctor Who." Tennant nabbed the award for "Best Actor" at the UK's National Television Awards in October, and also appeared as Barty Crouch Jr. in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." Check out his site for news, interviews, downloads and a forum dedicated to this popular actor.

Party like it's 1989!
Whether the eighties saw you in elementary school or graduating college, most of us fondly remember the days of neon, crimped hair, and the Brat Pack. This site provides an impressively comprehensive encyclopedia of the decade of excess from "Family Ties" to Ronald Reagan. Relive cultural phenomenons such as "Who Shot J.R.?" and "Nothing comes between me and my Calvins" with the Web's most comprehensive guide to the raddest decade.

Better Blogging
We know you love to update your friends on each minute detail of your day in your blog. Now you can include free video clips. Add your current favorite music video, a trailer of the next movie you are dying to see, or a clip from last night's "Grey's Anatomy" simply by pushing the "Embed" button. Your blog will be so much more
Inquiry

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Address 2 :
P. O. Box :
City/State/Zip :

Response End Time : 2/6/2007 5:56:45PM

Problem Description

wrote on 1/9/2007 10:42:38 PM:

Just asking for a review of content during the annual Rose Bowl Parade aired on ABC. The commentators for the parade were from the shows Desperate Housewives and Grey's Anatomy. Throughout the parade they showed clips from these evening shows. Not commercials, but clips to show the commentating actors in their roles. I felt the clips were very questionable due to their adult content, not appropriate for family daytime viewing. First clip use the word 'hell', second clip showed a couple in bed together, man jumping out in his underwear, third clip showed woman in nothing but bra and underwear and garter belt. Our family turned it off after that as it was not appropriate for our two young sons. How disappointing that this family event, watching the Rose Bowl parade, had to be ended.

Do You Yahoo!?
Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
http://mail.yahoo.com
Inquiry

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IC Number : 07-R263030  Phone Number : (000) 000 - 0000
Status : Closed  Email : [Redacted]
Submission Method : Phone  Address 1 :
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Submitted Time : 1/8/2007 7:36:21AM  P.O. Box :
Response End Time : 1/8/2007 7:38:57AM  City/State/Zip :

Problem Description

[Redacted] wrote on 1/8/2007 7:38:57 AM:

Dear Consumer:

You must file your complaint with the below organization:

TV PARENTAL GUIDELINES MONITORING BOARD WEB ADDRESS:

www.tvguidelines.org

The ratings that were displayed at the top left corner were "TV14 DS", whoever, my V-chip did not recieve this signal for this rating apparently, because it did not block the program for the "TV14" rating. I changed my channel to other programs and my V-chip blocked other "TV 14" programs during the same time slot. So, I can only deduce that the signal was not broadcase on Channel 7 during "Grey's Anatomy".

It is extremely hard to use the V-chip if the broadcaster does not send out the correct information for the program!

Sincerely,
Dear Consumer,

Please see the attached fact sheet regarding broadcast advertising.

Thank you.

To Whom it May Concern:
Since when is 8am to 10am New Year's Day an appropriate time to show scenes from Desperate Housewives and to Grey's Anatomy? Many a child watches this parade, often, I imagine, unsupervised as their parents sleep. How can ABC show scenes of people getting out of bed, stripping, taking off another's clothing and then have the parade announcers talk about the affairs being had on screen. Something about the Grey's Anatomy star being the only one not having an affair. This seems to be a very bad choice for an early morning holiday broadcast. I watch the shows, but I am an adult. I don't want my children to watch them.

Sincerely,
Problem Description

wrote on 1/4/2007 9:44:12 AM:

Thank you for your email.

I have enclosed information as it pertains to Indecency, Obscenity, or profanity.

I have also enclosed information as it pertains to broadcast advertisements.

GCC 13

wrote on 1/1/2007 4:32:29 PM:

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I think the network deserves to be fined.

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Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.14.7/538 - Release Date:
11/18/2006
Hello,

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

However, your concern/complaint is not within the jurisdiction of the FCC. Please contact the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) as stated on the attached information.

FTC Phone - 
Internet - www.ftc.gov

Best Regards.

To whom it may concern,

Please find below a complaint letter I sent to American Broadcasting.

Thank you for your time,

January 2, 2007

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regard to the January 1st advertisements for the television show "Grey's Anatomy" Shown during the Rose Bowl Parade. I was quite disturbed to see indecent, adult content during a time in which my children (ages 3 and 6) were enjoying watching the parade. One of the commercials
showed a women undressing to her bra and panty, seducing a male. The commercials also had a topic of adultery. I feel this is adult content and should only be shown during adult viewing times, not during a family program. Because of this content, I had to change the channel to NBC, which was also broadcasting the parade. NBC, however, had better judgment about their ads and are clearly more considerate of the age of their viewing audience during this event.

I am greatly disappointed with your decision to show, indecent, adult content and would appreciate in the future if you would exercise better discretion regarding the topics shown during a family program.

Please be aware that I will be forwarding a copy of this complaint to the FCC.

Sincerely,
Inquiry

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Submitted Time: 1/1/2007 5:08:17PM
Response End Time: 1/24/2007 9:10:34AM

Problem Description

wrote on 1/24/2007 9:10:34 AM:

Hello,

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

The FCC does not have jurisdiction the FTC is who you need to file your complaint with.

If the snippets, as you stated, were shots from the programs themselves, it is considered advertising.

Best Regards.

wrote on 1/6/2007 7:13:57 PM:

It wasn't a commercial, it was part of the parade broadcast because two of the people doing the parade commentary are actors on the shows, that is why I am complaining, it was right during the normal broadcast of the parade and it was indecent and too violent for the timeframe in which it was shown.

----- Original Message -----
From: <FCCInfo@fcc.gov>
To: <Author's Email>
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 9:38 AM
Subject: CIMS00000259465 - Complaint on ABC during Roses Parade

> You are receiving this email in response to your inquiry to the FCC.
> 
> Hello,
> 
> Thank you for contacting the FCC.
> 
> Please read the attached information on advertising.
Hello,

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

Please read the attached information on advertising.

Best Regards.

Who do I contact to complain about VERY adult content during the Roses Parade on ABC????? They had on two very suggestive snippets of Desperate Housewives and Greys Anatomy at approximatly noontime today. They both contained adult situations and one was actually very violent with a man being pushed out of a window. This is a family show, not something to show portions of adult themed shows on. I changed my station to NBC coverage of the parade because my 8 and 11 year old girls do not needs to see that. I would like ABC executives to know that was unacceptable. I watch both of those shows when they are on, AFTER my kids go to bed, there is a reason they are put on after 9, they should have some kind of morals about what to put on at noon time during a very family oriented parade!!!!

I am extremely disappointed in ABC.
Problem Description

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Again, thank you for contacting us about this important issue.

The Federal Communications Commission

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: ABC
Program Name: The Tournament of Roses
Broadcast Date: Jan 01, 07
Description of Indecency:

During the Rose Bowl Parade, the promos for Grey's Anatomy & Desperate Housewives were absolutely inappropriate for children. These promos which aired @ 9AM were completely sexually explicit. They showed the "panties hung on a bulletin board", scene from Grey's and then sexual seduction, nudity and fighting in the bedroom just after and in a manipulative attempt to get sex and revenge between Gabby & Carlos from Desperate Housewives. The verbage and the visual content were indecent without question for children. They showed very explicit kissing scenes while stating explicit sexual "promo-tag lines". I was finally able to change the channel and did not see the rest of the promos, and we did not return to the parade for the entire broadcast. This is morning, children/family holiday programming. I am disgusted. Had I Tivo'd it I could watch it again to tell you more specifics. I however never thought I would have to, and I changed the channel as quickly as possible and I was busy explaining to my kids who asked, "why would they put panties on a wall?"

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]
Dear Consumer,

Please review the information that is being sent on indecency and obscenity (additional information on cable programming is listed below). Very specific information is necessary for filing your comments and concerns on these issues. The complaint must include the call letters of the station where you viewed the programming, the date and time of the broadcast, and a descriptive account of the material that you are concerned about. With complete information, the concern will be forwarded to the FCC Enforcement Bureau for their review. Thank you for contacting the FCC.

CAMS 29
FCC - Gettysburg Consumer Center

Cable TV and Offensive Programming.

* Consumers should always contact their cable company first when they have a complaint. In many cases, the customer service representatives at their cable company will be able to assist them and solve their problem. The telephone number for their cable company should be on the cable bill. The cable company has jurisdiction over these issues:
  - Programming carried on the system. With the exception of rules that require cable systems to carry certain local broadcast stations, cable systems decide which programming services to carry. Therefore, you should contact your cable system if it has dropped a particular channel.
  - Carriage of FM and AM radio stations.
  - Charges for pay-per-view or pay-per-channel programming. The rates charged for this type of programming are not regulated.

* Local Franchising Authority (LFA) - The FCC and local franchising authorities are responsible for enforcing a variety of cable television regulations. The LFA is the local municipal, county or other government organization that regulates certain aspects of the cable television industry at the state or local level. The name of the LFA may be on the front or back of your cable bill. If this information is not on your bill, contact your cable company or your local town or city hall.

* Programming considered indecent, obscene, violent or otherwise offensive to some viewers may be transmitted over cable systems. The FCC Cannot Restrict Non-Broadcast (Cable) Programming.
FCC -
I would like to voice some concerns about recent TV entertainment. I have noticed that over the past few years there have been more and more objectional things shown on television. Primarily I am struck by the amount of foul language allowed on television. Last week I was watching a movie on TNT and there were several cuss words used multiple times in the movie. While I realize that the movie was originally screened as rated R in the theaters, this is my television. These words are supposed to be censored! I was offended by their presence in the movie and on my television. In addition, I have noticed that nudity is being blurred into the television. There was recently an episode on Grey's Anatomy that showed the tush (naked and exposed) of a man! How is it that a naked bottom was not censored from a prime time television program? I would like the FCC to know that I am concerned about the vulgarity slipping into our television viewing. I can change the channel (which I frequently do), however, this should not be necessary since I am watching censored programming. Please take into account my thoughts on our television programming. I would love to see these words and nudities removed from the small screen. Thank you.

- [Redacted]
Fountain Valley, CA

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Again, thank you for contacting us about this important issue.

The Federal Communications Commission

wrote on 12/13/2006 9:04:00 AM:

studio city, CA 91604

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: CBS
Program Name: Criminal Minds
Broadcast Date: December 12th 2006
Broadcast Time: 9:30pm PT  
My Affiliate: kcbs  

Description of Indecency:  

subject: bloody medical shows and other questionable TV subjects  

Message to CBS, copy FCC:  

Not sure which show I saw yesterday on TV but it must have been CSI or criminal minds or other bloody medical show. I can't believe normal TV (CBS), not even cable, is showing this I saw for the first time of my life a dead body with her body largely cut so you can see the bloody inside, I am chocked I saw this (I am trying to erase this image from my mind), my kid could have been watching this by accident. CBS seems to be a champion about showing violence, blood medical shows, surgeries, dead bodies, etc. (fear factor with people eating worms is another precedent, but I am trying to remember if CBS does this one)  

Unfortunately America is very corrupted because it tries to do whatever to make more money (I am sure some people delight in seeing crime and blood on TV) despite of questionable morale. America did not get it, MORE AUDIENCE is not necessarily BETTER. What's next: we will see live shows where someone hangs his grand father live, or a person cuts another in two pieces with chainsaw, all live so more people watch? America has more corrupted minds than other countries. Columbine or other crime is made in USA. I was born in France, since I am in America I am apalled by american TV full of violence, blood, guns, too many commercials, questionable infomercials. My wife is from here (california), has her mind corrupted by your stupid TV shows, as she watches CSI, greys anatomy (wacked infidelity stories) on top of nice shows like Marta Stuart or cute dating shows. She tells me sometimes has dreams about crime, blood, and violence. It can come only from your disgusting TV shows.  

In general TV takes away from real life (the family is not talking when TV is on, about 3h per day in an average US household i hear) also causes paranoi. In LA people are almost stuck at home, they are afraid of hanging out on their patios or walking in the street, all this because of again these stupid shows or newscasts on TV where they always talk about sexual predators around the block and weird criminals for 10min.  

I am concerned what to do when my child grows up and finds these shows, either I censure TV or I return to healthy Europe  

Studio City  

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Dear Consumer,

The FCC does not regulate the length of time of programs or when they begin or end their broadcast. You should contact each network regarding your concerns.

Thank you.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have DirecTV satellite service with a TiVo Digital Video Recorder service and one thing that I've noticed on several major networks (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX) is that programs that used to run in a one hour time slot suddenly are now running for 61 minutes and are usually followed by a 59 minute program. Just picking up a TV Guide magazine and looking through the schedules will show you what I'm talking about. With the TiVo service, I just get the schedule directly from DirecTV, who gets it from the same people that the TV Guide gets the information from.

Just about every network has done this, but ABC is probably the worse offender. I've seen it on FOX with the "House" series, CBS often did it with the Survivor series. Currently it seems that NBC is battling with ABC and both are adjusting their program time slots to add an extra minute to their prime-time time slots for specific programs.

Here are several examples from the current ABC & NBC war:

11/05/2006 08:00 PM to 09:01 PM ABC (Channel 7) WLS (Chicago) Desperate Housewives
11/05/2006 09:01 PM to 10:00 PM ABC (Channel 7) WLS (Chicago) Brothers & Sisters

11/01/2006 08:00 PM to 09:01 PM ABC (Channel 7) WLS (Chicago) Lost

10/29/2006 08:00 PM to 09:01 PM ABC (Channel 7) WLS (Chicago) Desperate Housewives
10/29/2006 09:01 PM to 10:00 PM ABC (Channel 7) WLS (Chicago) Brothers & Sisters
The annoying thing is that often the second program that's supposed to start one minute after the hour, usually starts before that and sometimes starts on the hour.

There is NO reason for networks to do this except to divert people with TiVo or Automatic scheduling Digital Video Recorders to record their programs and not to record another network's program.

In order to foil the automatic scheduler, the network just adds a minute to the time slot and the program from a competing network following the ABC or NBC program with the added minute will not be recorded. This is the only reason the networks do this. They can make all the excuses in the world about selling ads or whatever, but the main purpose is to cheat the system in order to steal viewers away from another network.

Doesn't a network have to stick to a time slot?
### Inquiry

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### Problem Description

I wrote on 10/3/2006 5:49:58 PM:

I apologize for this automatic reply to your email.

To control spam, I now allow incoming messages only from senders I have approved beforehand.

If you would like to be added to my list of approved senders, please fill out the short request form (see link below). Once I approve you, I will receive your original message in my inbox. You do not need to resend your message. I apologize for this one-time inconvenience.

Click the link below to fill out the request:

https://webmail.pas.earthlink.net/wam/addme?a=ladybugfun@earthlink.net&id=1guS904EC3NI34d1

I wrote on 10/3/2006 5:49:12 PM:

Dear Consumer: You are receiving this email in response to your inquiry to the FCC.

The V-Chip technology does not work on commercials. The sponsor of a commercial has paid for air time. Your concern should be submitted to the broadcast or cable station. This is a statement from New guidelines restrict movie trailers. The Associated Press (11-07-00)

LOS ANGELES — Theater owners have adopted new guidelines restricting the viewing of trailers for R-rated movies and strengthening policies to prevent children under 17 from seeing restricted films.

For the first time, the guidelines prohibit theaters from showing trailers advertising R-rated films before feature films rated G or PG.

The National Association of Theater Owners, with 700 members in the United States, issued the guidelines Monday.

The policy was unanimously approved at a general membership meeting held last week.

The guidelines go beyond those adopted in September by the Motion Picture Association of America.

The MPAA, which represents film studios, only urged theater owners to stop showing trailers for R-rated films.
The movie industry is still struggling with intense criticism stemming from a report issued by the Federal Trade Commission in September.

The report criticized the entertainment industry for marketing films, music and video games with violent and sexually explicit content to children.

Congress intensified the pressure with hearings on the report, during which the movie industry was taken to task for its response to the FTC report.

The NATO guidelines allow individual theater owners to decide whether to show a trailer for an R-rated film before a feature rated PG-13.

NATO is requiring members to examine trailers to “ensure that their tone and content are consistent with the feature film and that nothing in the trailer itself is likely to offend the audience.”

“The problem is the breadth of the R rating,” said [redacted] president of NATO.

“We believe some R-rated films are appropriate to advertise before some PG-13-rated films and that decision is best made on a local basis. What is controversial in Texas might be viewed differently in Massachusetts.”

The NATO guidelines also require each member to appoint a senior executive compliance officer to enforce policies restricting access to R and NC-17-rated movies.

The policy even urges members to post extra security outside theaters during the showing of “extreme R-rated films and all NC-17-rated films.”

Movie studios will be asked to defray labor costs in such circumstances, the policy states.

NATO members will also display posters explaining the ratings system in all theaters and urge newspapers to include the reasons for ratings in their movie reviews.

It will now be up to individual theater chains to adopt specific policies based on the NATO guidelines, Fithian said.

The United Artists Theatre Circuit Inc., one of the largest theater chains, will issue its policies in the next week or so, according to president and chief executive officer: [redacted]

“We’re taking it very, very seriously,” Hall said.

On the Net: http://www.hollywood.com/naun


[redacted] wrote on 10/1/2006 1:07:56 AM:

EarthLink Revolves Around You.
I do not know if I have the right place. But I am writing to say that I do not like the scary movie commercials. I think they show too much. I am setting here with my kids watching some sitcom and this commercial for the grudge comes on or grudge 2 or saw and stuff and it is really scary. I don't want to see it. I should not have to be subjected to it. I think that the Victoria Secret thing is too much for TV too but at least with that I can change the channel, but the commercials are over before I even know what hit me. At least show them late at night or during programming that matches the commercial. I think it would be ok to show a commercial of the grudge during another scary movie or show. Not during Grey's Anatomy or the lost, and according to Jim and stuff like that. I get scared really easy. I don't like to see images like that. Please try to get some of the commercials to air at a different time or to cut back some of the content. Thank you!
Inquiry

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Owner :  Address 2 :
Submitted Time : 9/29/2006 1:11:55PM  P. O. Box :
Response End Time : 10/10/2006 11:23:48AM  City/State/Zip :

Problem Description

Dear Sirs,

I am becoming more and more shocked at the sexually graphic commercials I see during Prime Time television. The incident I wish to report today was/is a commercial for Grey's Anatomy, where there is a male in a hospital bed, and the Asian, female doctor (I believe she is as she is in scrubs) takes off her clothes and mounts the patient in the bed. She is wearing nothing but red see through, tiny lace panties and a bra........And she makes some statement about her being hot for him, or wanting him....... I was watching T.V. with my kids, watching Home Improvement and was subject to this kind of trash. Worse than that my children saw it. I am very upset about this and will not support any products advertised on T.V. with this trash.

Your response to this complaint is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Inquiry

Control ID: CIMS00000175575
IC Number: 06-R175575
Status: Closed
Submission Method: Email
Owner:

Problem Description

wrote on 9/28/2006 9:39:46 PM:

To Whom It May Concern,

I take exception to this program being in an 8:00 pm time slot (on Thursday) as it a program not meant for children. It is full of sexual innuendo as well as scenes wherein the characters are scantily clad. In addition, many of the characters have back biting (bitchy if you will) personalities. This may be suitable adult humor. If so, move it back to a 9:00 pm time slot.

What was most confusing was the commercial content during one intermission. There was a Fisher-Price commercial featuring toddlers followed by very suggestive ads for Victoria’s Secret & Grey’s Anatomy. Just what is Disney up to?

Staten Island, NY 10314
Inquiry

Control ID: CIMS00000156925  Consumer's Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
IC Number: 06-R156925  Phone Number: (000) 000 - 0000
Status: Closed  Email: [redacted]
Submission Method: Email
Owner: [redacted]
Response End Time: 9/18/2006 3:55:02PM
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P. O. Box:
City/State/Zip:

Problem Description

[redacted] wrote on 9/18/2006 3:55:02 PM:

Hello,

Please see attached and include all necessary information.

[redacted] wrote on 9/9/2006 6:13:46 PM:

To All Concerned,
I've never complained about content on television before. Namely because I don't watch much television unless it's football season. Which in this case I was and my young daughter was watching the game with me on ABC. We were watching the Oklahoma-Washington game and much to my surprise an advertisement for the show "Grey's Anatomy" showing a woman taking off her clothes down to her underwear and climbing on top of a man. Shouldn't this sort of thing be scheduled for late night instead of during the day? I'm not sure of the regulations but I don't want to have a young mind exposed to that on just an advertisement. The ad for Desperate Housewives wasn't much better. I'm really saddened by the constant pandering of this stuff when so many kids are watching football on Saturdays. ABC talks about promoting family values etc and community. But I'm trying to figure out whose community they are talking about! You do can advertise shows without being salacious. However, if that's all the content you have I guess not.

Could the FCC please review this?

Sincerely, Respectfully,

[redacted]

Honolulu, HI

5/13/2008

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**Inquiry**

**Control ID :** CIMS00000137392

**IC Number :** 06-R137392

**Status :** Complaint

**Consumer's Name :** [Redacted]

**Consumer's Name :** [Redacted]

**Phone Number :** [Redacted]

**Email :** [Redacted]

**Submission Method :** Email

**Address 1 :** [Redacted]

**Address 2 :** [Redacted]

**Submitted Time :** 8/17/2006 8:51:55PM

**Response End Time :** 8/31/2006 12:26:00PM

**P. O. Box :**难题

**City/State/Zip :** MOBILE AL 36695

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**Problem Description**

[Redacted] wrote on 8/31/2006 8:20:27 AM:

[Redacted] wrote on 8/31/2006 8:20:27 AM:

Mobile, AL 36695

[Redacted] wrote on 8/17/2006 8:51:55 PM:

Re: ABC - Grays Anatomy

The show airing Thursday, August 17, The program was "grey's Anatomy" is full of sexual innuendo, if not blatant sexuality.

Example dialog - woman talking "I'm not spreading these legs. The panties aren't coming off."

- and later, another (maybe the same) woman speaking to a man in the hospital - "I haven't had sex in 8 months and 11 days, I'm horny, I'm saying yes, Now take off your pants".

I am no prude. I am agnostic. But I cannot figure out what this program is doing on at 7PM CST. Does the FCC no longer have standards? Are we to expect nudity and actual sex next year.

This is a truly disturbing show.
Dear Consumer:

SIGNAL RECEPTION - FCC rules do not address signal reception. Individual listeners/viewers should take appropriate measures for receiving the signal/programming they desire. Conditions of Non-reception, poor reception, and/or electrical interference to radio/TV sets do not indicate an FCC rules violation and the FCC will not investigate these conditions.

Consumers may report "pirate" (unlicensed) broadcasting to the FCC, by phone or by e-mail to fccinfo@fcc.gov.

Applicable law(s)/rule(s):

* The Communications Act of 1934, as amended
* Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 73

WEB ADDRESS: Enforcement Bureau: www.fcc.gov/eb/broadcast/interference.html

Thank you for contacting the FCC.
Gettysburg Consumer Center

To Whom It May Concern:

For the last 6-8 months the has been something over-powering our local TV channels. At first we thought it was the set, however, my clients were having the same problems with their reception. All channels are distorted at one time or another including the public channel. Pictures are distorted and the sound is interrupted on and off and sometimes for a lengthy period of time. This is especially annoying during news programs, the distortion can last the whole hour of the McNeal-Lerher program. The other night coming over ABC, channel 12 for the whole hour of Grey's Anatomy, sound and picture were distorted by what appeared to be cable programming. There was some sort of televi thing going on as well as a program menu.

If this a some sort of campagine to force people to switch to cable or dish it should be stopped. There are some of us perfectly satisfied with having just local programming. Over and above that, some of us can't afford the other paid services. Truley this has become a real pain and I feel it should be looked into. Any effort on your part to
solve the nasty, noisey interference problem will be greatly appreciated (reruns are bad enough without the distortion)

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Sterling, MI 48659
Hello,

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

Please read the attached information.

Best Regards.

Our privacy in this notification would be appreciated.

We enjoy watching television and our dish network, including news' stations and a fairly large list of Primetime shows, Grey's Anatomy, for instance.

I, particularly, appreciate music; however, my family and I have noticed the increased volume of the background music employed in many of the shows defeats the audibility of verbal dialogue.

Furthermore, we have been aggravated by the volume increase nearly every time a station goes to a commercial break.

Both issue challenge the safety of hearing properly.

Please, consider addressing these volume issues; the ability to hear is a precious opportunity to save.

Thank you.
Dear Consumer:

Please see the attached fact sheet which addresses your concerns regarding loud commercials.

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

TSR43
888-225-5322

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TSR43
888-225-5322

To whom it may concern

I wish for you to investigate a problem for me. I will describe the situation for you.

I subscribe to a local cable company in Flagstaff, AZ named Flagstaff Cablevision. They receive their major network feeds from Phoenix, AZ to pass along to their customers. One channel in particular (KNXZ- ABC Phoenix) has been experiencing major problems with transmitting the closed captioning signal. It would come in mostly garbled and fractured, which is frustrating to me. As a hard of hearing individual, I depend on closed captioning as a way to understand the dialogue without having to set the volume too high or wear headphones.

I first noticed this problem last fall, which I sent an email to KNXV about on September 29, 2005. I've tolerated the problem throughout the season, hoping for them to fix the problem. I never received a response from them nor was the problem corrected. I finally sent another email on April 21, 2006 asking for a response about the problem. I did receive a response on April 24, 2006 saying that it is the national network's problem, not theirs. They suggested that I contact the LA or New York office about the situation. I do not think that a major network would listen to me about this problem, though.

I find it difficult to believe that the entire country is receiving this problem on ABC as KNXV suggested. If that were so, then the problem would have been fixed almost immediately because the FCC would have been aware of it and not tolerate this situation for so long.

I did not go to my local cable provider because the malfunction is not on any of the other channels. It is exclusive to KNXV's channel, which leads me to believe that the company providing the feed has the problem.
I would like you to look into this problem and see what you could do to correct it. You will see the emails I sent to KNXV at the end of this email, as well as their response. If you think there are other avenues I should take, I would appreciate your advice on how to proceed.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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To whomever it concerns:

I am a Flagstaff, AZ viewer who enjoys some of ABC's programs such as "Desperate Housewives", "Grey's Anatomy", and, most recently, "Commander In Chief." I am also hard of hearing and depend upon close captioning while viewing television shows. In fact, if it does not have CC, then I don't watch it.

The shows I mentioned earlier have considerable problems with the CC. It often skips words & sentences and whatever does come through is mostly garbled. This has been going on for "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy" for several months and it was present on your premiere show of "Commander In Chief." While I do see this problem sometimes on other networks, I have never seen it as so prevalent as on yours. For some time, I was hoping that you would recognize the problem and fix it, but I don't see that happening.

I ask that you please take the time and energy to locate and correct this problem soon. I would hate to have to miss out on your network's shows because I would become frustrated understanding the episodes.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Thank you for your attention in this matter.
I have sent this email several months ago and waited to see improvement on this issue. Unfortunattely, that has not happened. The programs in question still have serious problems with closed captioning. They are still unreadable for most of the dialogue which is frustrating to say the least.

As a viewer, I feel that you are not taking this seriously. I am afraid I will have to ask for a response from you by May 10, 2006 on how you intend to resolve this situation. If none is forthcoming, I will refer this matter to the Federal Communications Commission. I sincerely hope that we can avoid this step.

Thank you for your attention in this matter

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KNXV'S RESPONSE

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 12:56 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Closed Captioning problems-This requires a response

Thank you for taking the time to write regarding closed captioning.

The shows you mentioned are closed captioned by ABC, not KNXV-TV. The programs arrive by satellite feed already closed captioned and are aired as delivered. The entire country sees the same closed captioning that you see. You'll want to e-mail ABC in NY or LA. You can find a contact link at ABC.com.

We, at KNXV, take our closed captioning responsibilities very seriously. For your future reference, internally, KNXV close captions all of our local programs. (All other shows arrive at the station already closed captioned.) These programs include our news (including breaking news,) The Game and Sonoran Living. If at any time, you have concerns regarding these programs and the closed captioning of these programs, please e-mail me directly.

Thanks,

KNXV/Phoenix

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AR_ESCALATOR wrote on 10/12/2006 6:00:00 PM:

6/14 sent him a letter on how to file a closed captioning complaint

[Name] wrote on 6/15/2006 7:41:25 AM:

6/14 sent him a letter on how to file a closed captioning complaint

[Name] wrote on 5/3/2006 8:28:30 PM:

The 'Close Caption' on many of the shows on ABC are terrible. The problem is that the dialog is literally flashed on the screen on many of the shows and cannot be read. I haven't noticed the problem so much on NBC or CBS. Notice 'Greys Anatomy or Alias or many of the other shows on ABC. Please if you could ask them to leave the dialog on the screen a little longer it would be greatly appreciated.

Springfield, Illinois
Problem ID: PROBLEM01808217  Consumer's Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
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Submission Method: Email  Email: 
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Submitted Time: 2/26/2006 11:12:41PM  Address 2: 
Response End Time: 2/28/2006 2:08:00PM  City/State/Zip: 

Problem Description

wrote on 2/26/2006 11:12:41 PM:

To Whom It May Concern: After watching "Dancing with the Stars", which is a wonderful show for the whole family, I failed to turn the television off while I was working on the minutes to a meeting. I was shocked to see two homosexual males portrayed as the "parents" of a young male child, who was undergoing surgery.

I wrote the show and now I am writing you because this is like letting the fox into the henhouse to sleep. Portraying two men as "parents" of a young boy is way beyond normal and sets the tone for destructive forces in society.

I was angered by Grey's Anatomy presenting this situation on their show. It really goes against families and the standards of the community I live in.

I hope you will do something about this specific type of content on shows like Grey's Anatomy. I'm glad I had the good sense not to watch this show in the past.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Lexington, KY 40515
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: ABC and affiliate stations

STATION CALL LETTERS: KLTV ABC Affiliate in Tyler, Texas

PROGRAM TITLE: "Grey's Anatomy" which was broadcast on:

BROADCAST DATE: February 16, 2006

BROADCAST TIME: 9:30PM Eastern /Pacific, 8:30PM Central/Mountain

Documentation of the material on which my COMPLAINT is based is provided below.
COMPLAINANT believes that the scenes cited from "Grey's Anatomy" content are fully representative of the show's overall tone and quality.
COMPLAINANT also believes that such material is:
(a.) Clearly offensive according to the standards of my community; and
(b.) Especially offensive because it was broadcast at an hour when millions of children were watching.
For the reasons above stated, COMPLAINANT urges the FCC to exercise its responsibility to enforce the existing
law against indecency on broadcast TV between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. (Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1464)
by levying severe sanctions against the broadcasters of this program.

Documentation ---------------
On February 16, 2006, ABC broadcast ?Grey's Anatomy.? One scene depicted a man and woman undressing in a
closet to have sex and later depicted them as they completed sexual intercourse.

Documentation ---------------
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.
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\[\text{[REDACTED]}\] wrote on 3/23/2006 11:02:26 AM:

Federal Communications Commission  
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division  
445 12th Street, S.W., 4-C763  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In Reply Refer to: 06-N97448

Dear Consumer:

Thank you for contacting the Federal Communications Commission to share your concerns about program material. It's against federal law to air obscene programming at any time. It is also against federal law to air indecent or profane programming during certain hours. The Commission is charged with enforcing the law that governs these types of broadcasts.

Your views and concerns about program material are important to us. The Commission will review what you have submitted carefully to determine whether it contains sufficient information to suggest that there has been a violation of the obscenity, indecency or profanity laws. If it appears that a violation may have occurred, the Enforcement Bureau will start an investigation, which may include a letter of inquiry to the broadcast station. Further information is available on the Commission's web site at http://www.fcc.gov/eb/oip/process.html.

Again, thank you for contacting us about this important issue.

Sincerely,

\[\text{[REDACTED]}\]  
Acting Chief  
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division  
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

\[\text{[REDACTED]}\] wrote on 2/10/2006 2:17:27 PM:
I wish to complain bitterly about the recent broadcast of an episode of Grey's Anatomy which feature lewd and erotic behavior in the opening scene, with little or no warning. I had just finished watching "Dancing with the Stars" with my children Thursday night (February 9, 2006), and immediately following that show Grey's Anatomy opened with the lead female character in the shower. All of a sudden, there were two other women in there with her, erotically "bathing" each other and moaning and in an obvious state of arousal. The scene turned out to be the fantasy of one of the male characters, but if my 13-year old son had not just left the room, he would have had an eyeful of trash.

What are we supposed to teach our children about this kind of nonsense? I am so offended that we allow the broadcast of this kind of filth, especially that early in the evening (9:30 pm EST) and immediately following a family show like Dancing with the Stars. One would think this was done purposefully to try to catch and hold the young audience watching the immediately preceding show. Please do something to prevent the continued pollution of our airwaves. I even have my cable box programmed to block anything R-rated or worse. Could this and scenes like the strip bar scene from Vegas possibly be considered PG-13? How horrifying!

Sincerely,

[Redacted]  
Melbourne, FL 32934
Programming considered indecent, obscene, violent or otherwise offensive to some viewers may be transmitted over cable systems. The FCC Cannot Restrict Non-Broadcast (Cable) Programming.

The FCC is not permitted to censor or restrict the availability of non-broadcast programming shown over cable systems, even when the program in question may be offensive to some viewers.

Cable operators do not have the same restrictions on program content as regular television broadcast stations.

Thank you for your inquiry.
- File an FCC Complaint
- Contact the Sponsors
- Contact the Networks
- Contact the FCC
- Community Campaigns
- Broadcast Indecency
- Carl's Jr Paris TV Ad
- Cable Choice
- TV Sponsors
- Nip/Tuck
- Rescue Me
- MTV Publications
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PTC Summary: "Nip/Tuck" Knows No Bounds  
By L. Brent Bozell III  
President, Parents Television Council  
08/19/04

Plastic surgery is all the rage, on the television set and in real life. Reality shows like ABC's "Extreme Makeover" and Fox's "The Swan" have made this plaything of the beauty-obsessed rich seem like a middle-class craze. But plastic surgeons have also been fictionalized, in a ridiculous and overwrought way, on the FX cable channel's shock-dramma "Nip/Tuck."

The show's creator, Ryan Murphy, has declared that it is his goal in life to remove every barrier to depiction of explicit sex on over-the-air TV. He was quoted earlier this year saying, "It's tough to get that sexual point of view across on television. Hopefully I have made it possible for somebody on broadcast television to do a rear-entry scene in three years. Maybe that will be my legacy."

"Nip/Tuck" came on the cable scene last year with a sickening bang. Critics might call it a melodrama. But it's never mellow. It's a hyper-drama. It revolves around graphic sex, a surfeit of nudity and screaming-orgasm acting. It features routine obscene language, with no bleeps. In addition to beatings, killing, and torture, it favors gut-churning, graphic operation scenes that make the most graphic "CSI" look like a calm episode of "Mr. Wizard."

Since it debuted in late June, the second season of "Nip/Tuck" is, if anything, trying to make its first season look mildly boring. This show doesn't produce the gritty realism that TV critics love to promote. It goes preposterously over the top in an attempt not to push the envelope, but to shred it. (And that's something else the TV critics love to promote.)


The show's center of "cool" is good-looking Dr. Christian Troy. Guess which of these scenes is so wild it didn't air on this basic-cable television show (available in most American households):

1. The show's star giving in to an occasional girlfriend's demand that he "nurse" the milk from her breasts to avoid staining her shirt; the scene featured an obscenity-laden argument and ended by showing Dr. Troy spitting the breast milk into the sink.

2. Dr. Troy breaking his nose while performing oral sex on a woman who sneezed during the encounter.

3. An African woman with a female circumcision having sex with Dr. Troy to see if her newly reconstructed...
genitals "work," accompanied by a scene depicting her masturbating.

While you ponder those options, consider which of these three other plots is just too ridiculous for even FX's audience to witness:

1. Matt, a teenaged boy, having sex with his middle aged "life coach." Her own teenaged son is aware of it, sees them in bed together, and is asked to help hide the affair from Matt's parents.

2. In a crazed attempt to conceive a pregnancy, a character has sex with at least four different men in a very short span of time, complete with nudity and graphic visuals.

3. An episode about a pre-teen girl starting puberty with a celebration involving a woman telling a gathering of girls a story about 'Princess Menses' going on a date that ends with the line: "'Take off your clothes, Princess,' said the prince. Pressing up against him, the princess felt a hard bulge..."

If you're familiar with "Nip/Tuck," you know the answer. None of these plots is too ridiculous. They all unfolded on prime-time cable TV.

The outrages are not all sexual, or violent. It shouldn't be surprising that creators of a show like this have utter disdain for religion. In one August episode, a woman comes for plastic surgery after having stigmata in her feet, which she told a Catholic parish were miracles from her faith in Jesus. The Catholics are amazed by this "miracle," but she suggests to the surgeons it was all a fraud put across by the nun running the Catholic parish so the diocese wouldn't close down her programs. She declares near the show's end: "Don't you get it? There's nothing to believe in any more."

If Ryan Murphy is correct, and this is the direction "cool" TV is going, if this is "the future," then where will Hollywood stop? Where is the bottom of the barrel located, or is our desire for "fabulously lurid" entertainment a bottomless pit of nihilism? "Nip/Tuck" is not just a show that's completely inappropriate for impressionable children to watch. It's a show adults should be convincing other adults not to support. The sanity of our popular culture depends on our objections.

And you can thank Toyota, Coca-Cola, Victoria's Secret, and especially the enthusiasts at XM Satellite Radio for sponsoring this garbage for us.

Ratings Legend
Show may include gratuitous sex, explicit dialogue, violent content, or obscene language, and is unsuitable for children.

The show contains adult-oriented themes and dialogue that may be inappropriate for youngsters.

Family-friendly show promoting responsible themes and traditional values.

Not yet rated by the PTC.
**Problem Description**

Dear Ms. [Redacted],

Programming considered indecent, obscene, violent or otherwise offensive to some viewers may be transmitted over cable systems. The FCC Cannot Restrict Non-Broadcast (Cable) Programming

The FCC is not permitted to censor or restrict the availability of non-broadcast programming shown over cable systems, even when the program in question may be offensive to some viewers.

Cable operators do not have the same restrictions on program content as regular television broadcast stations.

Thank you for your inquiry.
Dear Consumer:

Please see the attached fact sheet which addresses your concerns regarding loud commercials.

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

TSR43
888-225-5322

I have heard that it is a violation of FCC regulations for broadcasters to increase the volume when they broadcast commercials. That is, when a person is watching a television program and has the volume set to comfortable level, he should be receiving commercials at the same volume level. As I understand it, is a violation of FCC regulations for broadcasters to set a different volume level for commercial advertisements.

I have, however, experienced this practice many times. A very egregious example of this occurred last night (Sunday, August 7th) during the broadcast of Grey's Anatomy on WABC-TV in New York. Each commercial break was noticeably louder than the program itself. The volume difference, in fact, was so noticeable that I had to adjust the volume for each commercial break and then adjust it again when the actual program came back on the air.

Thanks for your time and attention to this matter.
Problem ID: PROBLEM01368411  Consumer's Name: [Redacted]
Status: Closed  Phone Number: (000) 000-0000
Submission Method: Email  Email: [Redacted]
Owner: [Redacted]  Address 1:
Submitted Time: 5/23/2005 10:07:03AM  Address 2:

**Problem Description**


Dear Consumer,

Please see the additional information that is being sent to you.

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

[Redacted] wrote on 5/23/2005 10:07:03 AM:

My name is [Redacted]. I reside at [Redacted]. I can be reached at [Redacted] anytime 24/7.

I am not a habitual complainer but I am sick and tired of TV network brass cramming their obscenities in my face. Last night as I tuned in to ABC to catch my local station's news broadcast I happened to see the last 30 seconds of Grey's Anatomy and the very last words I heard some woman say before the news began was, "So you're the woman who has been screwing my husband!" I find this sort of thing extremely offensive. It was a deliberate attempt to slap viewers in the face who do not approve of their sort of programming. And it worked! Now I'm slapping back! Please forward this complaint to the proper department or please let me know how I need to go about proceeding with my complaint so that it reaches the proper people.

Kindest regards,

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Kindest regards,

Jim Carter/San Antonio, Texas
Problem Description

wrote on 4/22/2005 8:50:06 AM:

Dear Consumer,
Please see attachment.
Thank You.

wrote on 4/18/2005 2:36:27 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: ABC
Program Name: Greys Anatomy
Broadcast Date: April 17, 2005
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm CT
My Affiliate: WFAA

Description of Indecency:

I do not regularly watch television except for the news. I went to bed early last night and began channel surfing. I began watching a program, not knowing what it was. I was horrified to hear the "F"-ing word used. Is it now being allowed on mainstream television?

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,

5/13/2008
On Saturday, March 12, 2005 at approximately 3:11 pm, WHAS-11 television in Louisville, Kentucky aired a very indecent promotional video for a show called "Gray's Anatomy or Grey's Anatomy". It depicted a woman removing her blouse to show her bra with a very sexual overtone, and women discussing "walking around naked".

My seven-year-old daughter was in the room with me. I am sick of this and wish to file a complaint. This is a VERY inappropriate time to air this promo!

Thank you.


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**Complaint Summary:**

During the Rose Bowl Parade broadcast, ABC aired clips from it's adult programming (Desperate Housewives and Grey's Anatomy) during the coverage. One clip from Desperate Housewives featured Eva Longoria discarding her clothing down to her lacy/skimpay bra and panties. Another clip from Grey's Anatomy featured the "head nurse" (?) character asking the gathered group whose panties had been tacked up to the bulletin board. I would consider the Rose Bowl Parade to be a family friendly broadcast and should not have suggestive, adult material in it's content or advertising.

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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): Sprint/Nextel
Complaint Summary:
At approximately 9:07 during a scene in which four doctors are invited into a room to observe a patient and give their opinion, the patient drops his pants in a view of the camera from behind and close up (only showing slightly lower than buttox), it was very clear that more than just "Grey's Anatomy" was present. It was very clear to my wife and myself that the man's penis was visible hanging between his legs. I can only hope that my nine year old son was not watching this show with his mother as they so often do because there is no mistake in what we saw after rewinding the scene several times in disbelief. How this got by the sensors is beyond my understanding.
Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

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Complaint Summary:
The San Antonio Express News TV Now Guide said that on Friday evening February 16th on Channel 12 Americas Funniest Home Videos would be shown at 7:00pm. My 7 year old son asked if he could watch Americas Funniest Home Videos and I agreed. He turned on the TV to channel 12 and Grey's Anatomy was on instead of AFV and a lesbian shower scene was being shown. He turned away immediately and asked me what was happening. I told him to change the channel. My wife tried to call the station to complain but there was no place to leave a message. At 7:00pm, a scene showing women showering together should not be allowed on network TV. ; Thank you for your time.;

Contact Name: Bulverde
Contact Number: Bulverde
Email Address: Bulverde
PO Box: Bulverde
City: Bulverde
State: TX
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Company Name: T-Mobile
Relationship with the Party: Bulverde
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City: State: Zip:

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Complaint Summary:
On Thursday, April 26th, "Grey's Anatomy" aired an episode named "Desire". This episode contained a scene where a gentleman abruptly and without warning pulled his slacks down to his knees and during this time the camera moved around behind the man and showed his scrotal area/scrotal sac (please excuse the vulgarity) very plainly. My whole family was watching this program when this happened. This is supposed to be network television and I am extremely upset to say the least. This content should not be aired especially during the time when families are trying spend time together. Please address this issue and do something to stop these networks from showing what ever they want to. Please. Thank you for your time.

Contact Name: Stonewall
Best Time to Call: LA
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Company Name: Sprint PCS
Relationship with the Party:
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Complaint Summary:
On a Episode of Grey's Anatomy, which was a three part series; of a terrible Seattle Ferry accident, the main character 'Meredith Grey', had just been accidently knocked over the pier and into the freezing water; by a victim of the Ferry accident she drowns and is underwater for a long time; Later she is taken back to the hospital where the Medical Doctors work; hard to save her life. Meanwhile, as Meredith is shown in a comatose state; We see Meredith has passed on with former characters (on the TV show)...who; have either died earlier or was killed in a bomb explosion inside the; hospital Meredith is talking with a deceased finance of one of the other; main characters, 'Denny'. Denny boldly asks why Meredith didn't try to stay; alive by swimmer harder to the surface...Meredith answers with, "I F***ED!!"; This blatant use of the F-word is totally not acceptabele, on Prime-time; television. ABC and KXTV-10 of Sacramento should not get away with this; indecency mistake.

Contact Name: 
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**Complaint Summary:**

Why do you exist?? the programs on regular tv are getting worse by the season...Dirty Sexy Money  Boston legal Californication Grey's anatomy Csi Criminal minds and Victoria Secrets adds...how bad does it have to get!! Give us back our family programs....Doc Touched by an Angel Prosimed Land Hallmark movies...Dr Quinn.. is fornication adultery and horrible murders all they can think of.... ?DO YOUR JOB and clean up the airways Get Jay leno and his fould mouth and his guests....

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): Sprint

Other Carriers Listed:
Complaint Summary:
On Gray's Anatomy on ABC April 26, 2007 A patient dropped his pants off camera to show a "male" problem he was having. When he bent down to pick his pants back up the silhouette of a portion of his penis appeared for a moment. The messages below are copied and pasted. Thank you for looking into this. Lisa Alfing Rudolph.

This is from -ABC Daytime MessageBoard- Grey's Anatomy; Forum HomeABC Primetime MessageBoardGrey's Anatomy - did anyone see this; Replies: 11 Last post: Apr 26 @ 08:12 PM by: ____________________________

- did anyone see this; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 07:41 PM ; by: ____________________________

I TVO the show and watch it when all the kids are in bed asleep and when I paused it and replayed the show I swear I saw some male private parts if you know what I mean???? anyone else see it too??Re: did anyone see this; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 07:51 PM ; by: ____________________________

- I THOUGHT I WAS SEEING THINGS. I'M GLAD I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE!!!; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 07:52 PM ; by: ____________________________

It's not. It's his head if you look again closely. When the sneak peek was released last week everyone thought the same thing. But it's just his head; by: ____________________________

It wasn't ... it was his head cause he bent over to take his pants down. It wasn't his --- Yeahhh; Back to Top "Re: did anyone see this; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 07:53 PM ; by: ____________________________

- I hate to differ, but that was so a male part down there. Go Grey's LOL...always pushing the envelope on TV; by: ____________________________

It was the guy's head. The one on his shoulders that is. ; I did the same thing w/the promo and had to replay it a few times and pause it. ; by: Seriously_luvs_GA ; It's not. It's his head if you look again closely. When the sneak peek was released last week everyone thought the same thing. But it's just his head. ITA...it's his head..lol..the one on top of his shoulders head!!!; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 07:56 PM ; by: ____________________________

- Ok the promo clip is not the same part we're confused about. The promo shows his head when he's pulling down his pants... that part's okay. it happens like 10 seconds later and is not shown on the promo. It's when supposedly he's pulling his pants back up, but it looks like something small bobbed into the shot.; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 07:58 PM ; by: ____________________________

- I'm not crazy *sighs relief*; I saw something dangling too.. reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 08:03 PM ; by: ____________________________

Come on this is Grey's anatomy not porn. Yes, it does look like something, but mostly likely isn't what we are thinking it is. Does anyone think that he actually was half naked when they shot this scene...probabably not.; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 08:04 PM ; by: ____________________________

Registered: Apr 26, 2007 ; LOL probably not, but it might have helped their reactions. They were pretty funny reactions. Genuine shock. Good acting!; reply Posted: Apr 26 @ 08:12 PM ; by: ____________________________

Registered: Apr 26, 2007 ; Yes, glad to know i wasnt hte only one who saw the. I would like to see what this is going to cause now.
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**Complaint Summary:**
The clips of the show that the female host works on were indecent for the time of day. I don't know the actresses' name/show, maybe Grey's Anatomy. During the parade, mid-morning on a holiday, and a PARADE, clips we saw showed women stripping to daring undergarments...didn't watch any more of the parade after that. It was totally unacceptable given the time of day and type of show for heaven's sake, our young children were watching the parade!

**Company Name:**

**Relationship with the Party:**

**Other Party that can be contacted?**

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**Complaint Summary:**
During the Rose Parade, ABC showed clips from its primetime adult programming, including Desperate Housewives and Grey's Anatomy. These clips contained explicit dialogue with semi-nudity, violence and profanity. We were watching the parade with our young children and were shocked that the network thought this was appropriate for a morning, family audience. Thank you.

**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:**

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): sprint

**Other Parties that can be contacted?**

**Other Carriers Listed:**
Complaint Summary:
Children are watching this program and the network is running commercials for "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy" where women are taking off their clothes, people are talking of sex, and making obscene jokes. Also, the Actors hosting the parade were getting free ads for their shows by showing clips of their obscene programming. I think ABC is doing this purposefully to corrupt children.

Current Status: Closed

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Relationship with the Party:
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Relationship:
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Complaint Summary:
As they were introducing two guest hosts for the parade, they used clips from the ABC shows they are on - Desperate Housewives and Grey's Anatomy. The clips they used from Housewives both showed Eva Longoria in her underwear, the first climbing out of bed admitting she had sex with him so she could hurt his feelings later. The Grey's clip showed the nurse they were going to have on the parade hollering "Whose panties are on the bulletin board" with a cut to a pair of black panties pinned to the board. I think these clips were inappropriate to air at 9 in the morning while people are watching a parade with their children. I have no problem with either of these shows in their regular time slots.

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): ALL CELL PHONE COS TMOBILE/CINGULAR
Complaint Type: Broadcast

Address Type: Residential

Complaint Summary:
ABC linked advertisement for Grey's Anatomy and chose to use couple getting out of bed, obviously not married, casual sex implied. Then they showed full length image of girl taking off clothing to her very seductive underwear as boyfriend watched and commented. During an 11 am (prime Family Time, Children's time) this seems to be an in your face abuse of airwaves promoting "adult" show with worst scenes during a family viewing event like the Rose Parade?

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Contact Number: Fax Number:
Email Address: Internet Address:
PO Box: Address:
City: Memphis State: TN

Company Name: Relationship with the Party:
Other Party that can be contacted:

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): Cablevision

Other Carriers Listed:
Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

IC Number: 07-WB12605963
Case Type: Complaint

Date Received: 01/03/2007
Complainant:

Date Entered: 01/03/2007
Date Assigned: 01/11/2007
Entered By:
Assigned To:

Date Closed: 01/25/2007
Response Date:
Closed By:
Original Analyst:

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
I found the commercials and discussions regarding "Grey's Anatomy" totally inappropriate for a morning parade....there were women in their underwear and discussion of a hospital and "who's panties were on the bulletin board." Is a parade not for children? we turned to a different station. ABC....this is the not place or time for this advertising!

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Contact Number: Fax Number:
Email Address: Internet Address:
PO Box: Address:
City: Charlotte State: NC

Company Name: Relationship with the Party:

Other Party that can be contacted:
Relationship:
City: State: Zip:

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): T-Mobile

Other Carriers Listed:
Complaint Summary:
Commercials promoting ABC TV programs (Grey’s Anatomy, Desperate Housewives) during Rose Parade coverage aired profanity: "What the h*** are you doing?" and showed segments with very graphic sexual content (e.g., scantily clad women, open mouth kissing, panties pinned to a bulletin board, bedroom scenes, etc.). This was all during the Rose Bowl Parade at 10:00 a.m., at which time my two-year-old and I were watching.

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Contact Number: [Redacted]
Email Address: [Redacted]
PO Box: [Redacted]
City: Bozeman
State: MT

Company Name: [Redacted]
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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): sprint
Other Carriers Listed:
Complaint Summary:
This complaint is not about the show itself but the commercials!!! Along with the Victoria Secret ads, WAY WORSE is ; that ABC itself shows the Desperate Housewives cast members in in bra and panties, in bed with one together, followed ; by Grey's Anatomy characters "naked" together in the bathtub. Our 7 and 9 year old boys enjoy the show but they have ; to turn away during the totally inappropriate for families commercials! Isn't there a decency law that applies to the 7 ; pm hour at the very least?
Complaint Summary:
On New Year's Day I began the morning by watching ABC's coverage of the Rose Parade with my 9 year old and 4.5 year old daughters.; I thought this would be FAMILY programming. During the parade coverage ABC chose to air clips from Grey's Anatomy and Desperate Housewives. The content of these clips was NOT appropriate for family viewing, it was sexually explicit. After the second of the 2 clips aired I made the decision to switch to another network because I couldn't risk leaving ABC's coverage on any longer while my young daughters were watching.
Complaint Summary:
Eva Longoria, from "Desperate Housewives", let her clothes drop to the ground, revealing her lovely lace undergarments. I believe she was seen in bed with a man, it happened so quickly... I was busy telling my kids to close their eyes! "Grey's Anatomy" also yelled "Get the h-- out of here!" or something like that on the previous commercial. Can't even let my kids watch a family-oriented parade by themselves in the morning. What a sad world we are creating. Thank you.
Complaint Type: Broadcast  
Account Type: Residential  

IC Number: 06-WB11465558  
Date Received: 02/13/2006  
Date Entered: 02/13/2006  
Date Assigned: 04/04/2006  
Date Closed: 04/14/2006

Complaint Summary:  
Shocking images of approximately 6-8 women (stars of Grey's Anatomy) washing and kissing one another in a shower - provocative, lesbian content - ; I will be boycotting advertisers of this show and also contact all Family and Child Advocacy groups as to what was shown.

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State: CT

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Complaint Summary:
This episode of Grey's Anatomy had medical students having sex in a medicine closet to relieve the tension of a bomb threat in the hospital. The show usually has approximately three fairly vivid sex scenes per episode. Recently, Meredith Grey was shown crying through a sex scene with a roommate that had a crush on her hoping he would "hurry". I also thought it was poor taste to show a pelvic exam of a dr. with poison ivy. I feel the show details way too much sex for a prime time program.

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Complaint Summary:
Consumer sent copy of her letter of complaint to the TV station, also to the FCC, about lack of cc'g on Good Morning America March 6-21st, 2006, about "Grey's Anatomy," no cc'g March 5, 12, and 19 and for the program "Lost" no cc'g on March 8 and 15.

Company Name:  
Relationship with the Party:  
City: Granger  
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Complaint Summary:

Grey's Anatomy should not be allowed to be on TV and then again it may be perfectly legal. I just wanted to let you know what all was taking place on this show. This past Sunday after the Superbowl the opening scene (which I hadn't watched the show before and wanted to see what it was about) was three women with no clothes on in the shower talking about their dreams and they were acting VERY unappropriately with each other. There is sexual innuendos throughout the show as I have discovered from other people. I really feel like this does cross the line of being "safe" for TV and pornography. It definately was pornography the way the show began only you couldn't see the girls naked but you could tell that they had no clothes on because it showed their bare backs. Also, throughout the show, there were several instances where people were taking their clothes off and showing them in their underwear and claiming that they were h**ly and ready to have sex. I am disgusted by this being on TV and I take this very offensive. I know that a lot of people like stuff like this but not me, I am a christian and I really don't appreciate them getting by with being able to put this stuff on local channels. Please do something about this show if you possibly can, and I will pray that you can as well. It's disgusting as how far TV (that is supposed to be for family entertainment) has come to be shocking to watch. Used to you could watch TV and the commercials with no problem but now, it's hard to turn it on without people jerking their clothes off and showing the whole world. I guess you wonder why we watch?? Well, I have faith that AFA is doing a great job in getting this junk taken off. I thank God for AFA. You have really done some great things and I am proud to be a member. Thanks! God Bless you.
Complaint Summary:
There was a sex scene where the daughter walks in on her mother who was in bed (mid-day) with an old boyfriend, and they apparently just had sex. The mother tries to explain herself to the daughter who is upset over it. Then the boyfriend later on comes out and talks about seeing her again but she tells him that there's nothing between them, that the sex they had was just for pleasure to help eachother through a "rough patch" in each of their lives. This scene was offensive to me because it makes it appear to children that sex outside of marriage is acceptable when it is not. Secondly, the mother's use of the sex act just for thrills and then tells the guy she's done with him - this is teaching young people that sex can be used in this way, for pleasure only and that you don't have to be concerned with the feelings of another person. I found all of this very offensive. I would be very happy if this show, along with Sex and the City, Oc, Grey's Anatomy and the entire MTV and VH1 programming would be taken off the air. The media moguls who promote these programs have no shame and are ruining our youth.

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PO Box: Internet Address:
City: Glenmoore Address:
State: PA

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COMPLAINT FOR

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Complaint Type: Broadcast

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Date Entered: 04/05/2006
Date Assigned: 04/18/2006

Entered By: PORTALS\V1
Assigned To: 

Date Closed: 04/20/2006
Response Date: 

Closed By: 

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:

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Contact Name: 
Fax Number: 
Email Address: 
PO Box: 
City: Nevada City
State: CA
Zip: 95959

On Behalf Of:
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Party's Contact Number: Ext.
PO Box:
Address:
City: State: Zip:

Other Party that can be contacted?
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Contact Number: Ext.
Address:
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Supervisor Credit Checked: Yes No By:

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

FCC Form 475B
Obscene, Profane, and/or Indecent Material Complaint Form

Consumer's Information: B6 B6

*Name: B6 B6

*Address: B6 Nevada City, CA B6

E-Mail Address: B6

Daytime Telephone Number: B6

To speed the processing of your complaint, please provide as much as possible of the information marked below with an asterisk (*). This information is not required but providing it should eliminate our need to contact you for more information. Information not marked with an asterisk (*), if available, is also helpful. By including as much detail as possible, we will be able to act more quickly on your complaint.

*(1) Date of Program: March 12, 2006
*(2) Time of Program: 10 pm
*(3) Network: ABC
*(4) Call Sign, Channel OR Frequency of the station on which you viewed/heard the material:
*(5) City and State Where Program was Viewed: Nevada City, CA
 *(6) Name of Program or DJ/Personality/Song/Film: Grey's Anatomy

*Please include below as many details as possible in order to help the FCC determine whether the material was obscene, profane, or indecent (such as specific words, language, images, etc.):
A baby was featured in this episode and its role was to cry in great distress because the babysitter (an intern) was not comfortable caring for the baby. Putting babies into this kind of role is abusive and I want you to know that I find it unacceptable.
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Complaint Summary:
Grey's Anatomy's characters says this same line at least 5 times per episode: "What the h--" or "How the h--" or Where the h--" etc. Please don't allow them to do this!! I can't believe what I hear and see on TV anymore. What is wrong with society!!!

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Contact Number:  
Email Address:  
PO Box:  
City: Tallahassee  
State: FL  

Company Name:  
Relationship with the Party:  
City: State: Zip:  

Other Party that can be contacted?  
Relationship:  
City: State: Zip:  

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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): Sprint  
Other Carriers Listed:  
Subject Code:
Complaint Type: Broadcast  
Account Type: Residential  

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**Complaint Summary:**
In the advertisement for Grey's Anatomy, a woman in red lingerie straddles a man lying on a hospital bed. Two older people—presumably the man's parents—enter the room and are shocked to see what is taking place. This indecent advertisement was shown multiple times during a Saturday afternoon when families and children are watching college football, and I ask the FCC to take action against ABC and the local affiliate for this indecent broadcast.

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): Time Warner Cable, S.D. & EarthLink

Other Carriers Listed:
Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

IC Number: 06-WB12350667
Date Received: 10/23/2006
Date Entered: 10/23/2006
Entered By: 
Assigned To: Referral
Date Closed: 11/06/2006
Purged Date:

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
This Fall (2006) ABC has changed the viewing time of the show "Grey's Anatomy" from the usual time of 9 PM CST to 8 PM CST and repeated at 7 PM on a different day. In my opinion, the content of this program is at best for mature audiences. ; ; The most recent airing of this show involved a divorced couple, the female remarried to someone else, the male still infatuated with his exwife, stuck together in the act of sexual intercourse. He had pierced his penis and it was stuck in her vagina. I am not sure what else happened as I changed the channel because my daughter was also in the room.; ; The past season I was a fan of this program. I still am a fan. However, as a parent I must demand that it be aired in a more adult time ie. 9 PM. It is not the responsibility of the networks to educate my child. I am trying to do my best. However, I have an expectation that they offer programing at an appropriate time with an appropriate theme and material.; ; I thank you in advance for your attention to this.

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Complaint Summary:
I've never watched an entire show, but have heard enough. Today, after Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, Grey's Anatomy came on. One of the ladies was in bed having a fantasy about having two men in her bed. This show is during a time when most children are awake. I don't subscribe to Playboy, I don't have cable. I don't want to see racetrack material on my TV. Then when I went on to ABC to submit a complaint, on Grey's page, they had a video playing of the three-in-a-bed scene. What about STDs? This show promotes deviant sexual behavior. It's over the top. It's far more immoral than the general public. I want the FCC to begin enforcing the law. I want more restrictions put on this show and others that are brainwashing and deceiving our society about truth, deviant sexual behavior, and the natural consequences that follow.

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Relationship with the Party:

Other Party that can be contacted?

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Complaint Summary: **The show airing Thursday, August 17, The program was "grey's Anatomy" is full of sexual innuendo, if not ; blatant sexuality.; ; Example dialog - woman talking "I'm not spreading these legs. The panties aren't coming off.; ; - and later, another (maybe the same) woman speaking to a man in the; hospital - " i haven't had sex in 8 months and 11 ; days, I'm horny, I'm saying; yes, Now take off your pants".; ; I am no prude. I am agnostic. But I cannot figure out what this program is ; doing on at 7PM CST. Does the FCC no longer have standards? Are we to expect; nudity and actual sex next year.; ; ; This is a truly disturbing show.; ; ;**

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Email Address: | Internet Address: | Ext:
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City: | Mobile |

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Complaint Summary:
Specifically, I am complaining about some very graphic scenes of severed legs and two people impaled by a pole in the "Into You Like a Train" episode of Grey's Anatomy, but scenes like this are by no means limited to this show. Other medical and crime dramas are just as guilty. Twenty years ago, scenes like these would have given a motion picture an "R" rating, but now they can be seen almost every night on network TV at any prime time hour. At the very least, scenes like this should be limited to after 9:00 pm. I, for one, would prefer they weren't even allowed on network television. They just add to the desensitization of violence that is so prevalent in almost all forms of media in this country. Everyone is so concerned with "Janet Jackson" moments that they don't even seem to care that seeing graphic images of people being cut open in autopsies (CSI) or accidents has become commonplace on network television.

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Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

IC Number: 06-WB12350833

Date Received: 10/23/2006

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Date Reassigned: 10/23/2006

Date Closed: 11/06/2006

Contact Name: [Contact Name]

Contact Number:

Email Address:

PO Box:

City: 61032

State: IL

Company Name:

Relationship with the Party:

Other Party that can be contacted?

Relationship:

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Complaint Summary:

I sent the following message with incorrect Network I appologize to NBC.: Dear Sir,: This Fall (2006) ABC has changed the viewing time of the show "Grey's Anatomy" from the usual time of 9 PM CST to 8 PM CST and repeated at 7 PM on a different day. In my opinion, the content of this program is at best for mature audiences. ; ; The most recent airing of this show involved a divorced couple, the female remarried to someone else, the male still infatuated with his exwife, stuck together in the act of sexual intercourse. He had pierced his penis and it was stuck in her vagina. I am not sure what else happened as I changed the channel because my daughter was also in the room.; ; The past season I was a fan of this program. I still am a fan. However, as a parent I must demand that it be aired in a more adult time ie. 9 PM. It is not the responsibility of the networks to educate my child. I am trying to do my best. However, I have an expectation that they offer programing at an appropriate time with an appropriate theme and material.; ; I thank you in advance for your attention to this.
Complaint Type: Cable
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Complaint Summary:
COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT for GREY's ANATOMY was suggestive and inappropriate for CHILDREN (age 3-16), which, at this time of the evening, would reasonably be expected to be watching! THIS IS GETTING REDICULOUS! DO WE NEED A V-CHIP for COMMERCIALS! Pull the commercial.... it was the one that had Panties on the bulletin board and one of the characters in sexy lingerie riding her boyfriend. After 10:00, OK, but during family programming - COLLEGE FOOTBALL? I DON'T THINK SO!

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Indicate the responsible carrier(s): AtlanticMG

Other Carriers Listed:
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Congressional Complaint

IC Number: 06-P0250987
Case Type: Complaint

Date Received: 10/03/2006
Complainant: [redacted]

Date Entered: 10/06/2006
Date Reassigned:

Assigned To: PORTALSV1
Service Date: Referral

Date Closed: 10/26/2006
Response Date:

Closed By: [redacted]
Original Analyst:

Indecency Referral Code: Dismissal - No time of program listed

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:

Problem Number:
Title: None
First Name: [redacted]
Middle Initial: [redacted]
Last Name: [redacted]

Contact Name: [redacted]
Contact Number: Ext.
Fax Number:
Email Address:
PO Box: 111
City: Kayenta
State: AZ
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Best Time to Call: [redacted]
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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:
Contact Number: Ext.
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Supervisor Credit Checked: Yes No By:

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Last Thursday September 21 my husband and I were watching your channel for our evening news. We have picked your channel for our news. But I am about to debate changing to another network at this time.

One of your Ads for that evenings line-up of shows came up. It was advertising a stupid show called “Grace Anatomy” (or some such name) The scene that was aired from that show was extremely offensive in my opinion. It was of some young ignorant girl scantily clad who was about to finish showing her bottom and then crawl like an animal onto some panting male with that grin of accomplishment on his face. I was extremely disgusted that such filth would be aired right during the prime time, family hour, dinner time. I am infuriated over that crap being showed as entertainment. I choose NOT to watch that garbage and I don’t want it in my house. I should not be forced to view that junk just because I was watching the evening news.

I will be searching on the network for the correct title to that trashy sit com and I will also let them know what garbage they air.

You should take better consideration of spots you choose to air as Ad’s showing what kind of garbage mindless citizens of this country have succumbed to viewing. There should be a time limit for showing such trash. No wonder there are so many youngsters turning to sexual promiscuity etc.

It seems a double standard to be making a big deal out of the Warren Jeff’s situation and yet all the innuendo and immoral “entertainment” portrays a message to the young people that a similar situation only out of marriage is OK. Don’t you think the young people are getting a confused message from all this crap flashed before them?

No, I am not a part of the Polygamy Cult. But I do stand for decent moral values. Please keep the ads for immoral innuendo- trash out of prime time viewing, especially a news show hour. What has happened to censorship?

There should also be some kind of censorship as to how low the plunging neck-lines can go on the ward robe of some of the female news castors. It appears that the men are required to conform to some kind of a suit-and-tie attire. Aren’t there any guidelines for the female anchors? Most older viewers still have some principles regarding modest dress. They are probably the biggest audience for a news show.

I am glad that I have the opportunity to vent my frustrations.

To: FCC

Please send me some current information regarding censorship guidelines. See address above.
### Complaint Summary:
The ratings that were displayed at the top left corner were "TV14 DS", however, my V-chip did not receive this signal for this rating apparently, because it did not block the program for the "TV14" rating. I changed my channel to other programs and my V-chip blocked other "TV 14" programs during the same time slot. So, I can only deduce that the signal was not broadcast on Channel 7 during "Grey's Anatomy". It is extremely hard to use the V-chip if the broadcaster does not send out the correct information for the program!

Sincerely,

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- **Email Address:**
- **PO Box:**
- **City:** Longmont
- **State:** CO

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    - **Indicate the responsible carrier(s):** Sprint
    - **Other Carriers Listed:**
TRANSFER THIS COMPLAINT TO DRO-Francine; 12/4/2007 9:32:26 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [email redacted]; Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2007 10:27:21 -0800; Subject: Re: My account [Reference #: 071202-001413] [Reference #: 071202-003501]; I have a list of TV programs with garbled captions, including: Desperate Housewives, Two and a Half Men, and Grey's Anatomy. I notice programs on traditional channels (ABC, CBS and NBC) transmit garbled or partly captions. I notice captions on satellite programs are clear, e.g. programs on History Channel and Animal Planet. The list I have has the dates, times and channels. I am not sure as to what is the point of talking with your technician; whereas it is very difficult to fine-comb captioning issues. It is my intention to write to DirecTV with a list of TV programs with; captioning problems so that DirecTV could use it as a document to rectify these problems. It could be a network or a satellite TV that DirecTV needs to rectify. Otherwise, it has been my experience that; DirecTV technicians would watered down my concerns that are important; to millions of deaf and hard of hearing subscribers. If you still; insist that I call your technician, I then will write a letter to your Customer Service, include this email as an attachment, and send a copy; of the letter to FCC. Thank you, ...
address is at 237 Y st SE Tumwater WA; > > 98501-thurston(county) while your billing address is at e(;
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also requested to resend you a copy; > of; > > your up to date bill charges. For your convenience you can access
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Representatives; > > are available at 1-800-531-5000, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to; > assist; > > you.; > >
> > Thanks again for writing and stay tuned to directv.com for the latest news; > > and information about our
services.; > >; > > Sincerely.; > > Evelyn A.; > > Employee ID 100181644; > > DIRECTV Customer Service; > >
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TCPA Information from 475
1. the telephone number of the individual or company who called or faxed you:
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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
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4. the "opt-out" number(s) provided in the call(s) or on the fax(es):
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   (b) made an inquiry or application to that company; or (c) given consent to the company to send
   the call or fax? If so, please describe and state when you had such contact with the company.
This program, and many others continue to push the envelope of promoting and portraying the gay life style during prime time TV on the major channels. For the last several episodes, they've portrayed the budding lesbian relationship between the two women doctors. On a recent Fox episode of House, they showed a sick soldier in the hospital and his fellow soldier who came to visit him. When the doctors left the room, the two men proceed to have a long kiss. ABC continues to push not only its liberal political agenda (see Boston Legal, any episode), and graphically displaying the gay life style. Children should not be encouraged that homosexuality is a normal, good thing, nor should they be seeing women on women, or men on men, during regular evening TV. Let's put some decency back in broadcasting. I find this graphic display of the homosexual lifestyle on primetime to be very offensive.

The FCC needs to take a second look at the general evening programming, and help put some decency back on TV. It is not entertaining.
new lesbian did not know how to please other lesbian. went to sexy doctor who she gets it on with all the time to ask HOW. he finally relented and told her to drop her pants or something of that ilk. then she goes to other lesbian and says drop her pants. i just think it is getting out of control and figure the fcc can tell me some organizations out there that are up to snuff on this stuff as i want to hit the sponsors of questionable tv where it hurts. in their pocket book. so if you could please let me know of some i would appreciate it. in the 9 pm slot that week nbc they were talking of oral sex. and of course we all know oral sex is not sex because bill clinton said so. and then this week on another show they said drop your pants....it is just getting totally out of control and i know the fcc is not going to do anything about it.....but consumers can and we should....it is our responsibility more than the government...so please advise if you can....and if you cant....just give me the magic words to use to do an online search. i started there earlier and have not made a hit so far and the fcc came up so i thought i would use all parameters to find what i needed..... thanks...nancy hanks myers who is not a good typist as you can see.
For the past 3 weeks of viewing, Grey's Anatomy (@9:00pm) has described and depicted gay relationships graphically. Sentences such as "take your pants down," among other things are not proper for me as a viewer (and I will stop watching) but also for my grandchildren who do watch T.V at this time. Although Grey's Anatomy is no on their list of shows they watch, when they channel surf, the may come across a MAJOR NETWORK, as this is in that time frame. Also the show's October 23rd episode used the "F" word at the end of the show, as well as more openly homosexual content. The Nov. 6th episode also highlighted the gay lifestyle. These 3 shows showed Gay kissing, which to children (my 11 year old granddaughter) could be watching and leave very confused. The 9:00 hour is very inappropriate for this show. I don't hate gay people and am very open-minded usually, however the content of these shows has pushed the envelope for decency.

Thank you.
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### Complaint Summary

Lesbian sex talk. Asking a male on the show to show how to go down south on a female and taking her shirt off. Then approaching the female and telling her to drop her pants.

It was just disgusting. I have talked to several others who share the same feelings. Yes I now choose not to watch it, but, this kind of behavior should not be on tv. There should be standards for network tv.
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: ABC
Program Name: Grey's Anatomy
Broadcast Date: October 23, 2008
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm ET
My Affiliate: WPVI

Description of Indecency:

On October 23, 2008 I was watching Grey's Anatomy along with my husband and our 17 year old daughter. The story line about the complexity of multiple transplants was interesting; however, the scene with Calie dropping her pants so that a male coworker could show her how she could satisfy her lesbian lover was beyond the scope of what should be available on commercial television. (Forget that Calie is in a relationship, she basically allowed another to have sex with her so that she...
could improve her sex techniques for her lover. That alone was in poor taste!) I was appalled that such a story would be permitted to air considering the adult nature of the program. The show was disgusting and I deeply regret that I allowed YOUR show to be seen by anyone at my home. Why do nearly all evening television shows now have to have SEX apart of every episode. Where is modesty, and control? and quality entertainment? Not all unmarried, dating couples have sex nor are those who reframe from having sex before marriage odd people! There must be some writer at ABC with more imagination and creativity to write a story with a plot or subplot void of sex. Surely your creative thinkers can write something with intelligence that adults and teens can enjoy. Life has so many facets from which to draw inspiration; not ALL ideas must entail sex.

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,

[Signature]
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| Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film: Grey's Anatomy |

**Complaint Summary**

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: ABC  
Program Name: Grey's Anatomy  
Broadcast Date: 10/23/08  
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm ET  
My Affiliate: WATM-ABC

Description of Indecency:

This show featured two female doctors going on a date. The one doctor had reservations about having oral sex so she solicited advice from two other doctors one male, one female. She actually asked the male doctor to show her how to do it. They cut away after making it obvious that he was going to show her how. At the end of the program, she went to the other female doctor and said, "Drop your pants." I found the whole thing very disgusting. This doctor was previously married to
a man so I guess her adventure into lesbianism is meant to amuse us. I really did not need that much information and found it very offensive.

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,

[Signature]

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The bottom line is: A female doctor asked a male doctor to show her how to perform oral sex so she could perform it on her lesbian doctor/friend. The male doctor told her to pull down her pants, which she started to do (end of scene) Later, the educated in oral sex doctor met up with her lesbian doctor/friend and was really excited by her new knowledge and told her to pull down her pants cannot remember if she started to pull down hers before the end of this scene.

I later told my adult niece about this and she was very surprised as her teenage daughters have been watching this show. I really believe this show is crossing the line to what should be allowed to be shown on national broadcast television. If this is not brought to a halt, I truly believe broadcast television will not be appropriate for the general population.
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- **Program Type:** TV
- **Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film:** GREY'S ANATOMY

**Complaint Summary**
CALLIE AND HAHN TO FEMALE DOCTORS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT LESBIAN SEX. CALLIE GOES TO "MC STEAMY" AND TELLS HIM TO TAKE OFF HIS PANTS AND SHOW HER HOW TO PERFORM ORAL SEX.

THEIR BANTERING, AND LACK OF MORALS WAS WAY OFF THE CHARTS, EVEN FOR THIS SHOW. HAHN AND CALLIE’S TALKS ABOUT GOING OVER THE MOUNTAINS AND INTO EACH OTHER VALLEY’S WAS OBSCENE. THIS IS STILL ON BROADCAST TELEVISION, NOT PAY PER VIEW, AND THEY ARE WAY TOO OBSCENE.
This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: CBS
Program Name: Grey's Anatomy
Broadcast Date: 10/23/2008
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm ET
My Affiliate: CBS

Description of Indecency:

Callie and the new female doctor going out on a date on 10/16/08, then on 10/23/08, Callie had sex with a male doctor to learn how to have sex with a female, then went to the female doctor and told her to take her pants off as she was taking her pants off. I thought I would be sick. Plus the whole staff is sleeping with each other.
Consumer Information Management System (CIMS00001252901) - INDECENCY Complaint

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,

[Signature]

[Redacted]
I have been offended by new lesbian story line between Callie Torres and Erica Hahn. The latest episode has Callie Torres asking Mark Sloan advice on how to perform an obvious sex act on Erica Hahn. This show is aired during prime time. I will no longer watch the show. This is lewd and disgusting. What a shame such a great show had to lower it's standards.
Dear FCC commissioner,

I wish to make it known that I do believe that Grey's Anatomy has officially met the criteria for airing indecent material with their lesbian storyline and more to the point with the very graphic sexual dialog and scenes dealing with two women exploring a lesbian relationship for the first time. Dialog such as one women talking to another female doctor about how she has never gone down south before and doesn't know if she will like it and how it is uncharted territory for her should never be aired on prime time television yet it was aired on the 10/24/08 episode. Along with such scenes were the female asked her male friend to show her how to be good at going down south because she needs to be good at it, followed by his agreement to show her slowly and then telling her to drop her pants, which she did. Does this really add artistic value to the show?

There is more and this should not be permitted. Clearly this is to push the envelope further than it has already been pushed, to the point of blatant mockery of morals, values and above all decency laws and regulations. This must be stopped.

House which is a show on the Fox network aired a similar theme on the 22 of October 08. The dialog wasn't as explicit as Grey's but the sexual visual content was there as well as the new theme: exploration of lesbian sexual content and behavior. I realize this is becoming normal for prime time because you have not been protecting the American families for over more than a decade now and clearly are allowing all the networks to manipulate the use of free

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speech all in the name of artistic value.
However, I do protest to this and much of the nudity and explicit sexual and violent material bombarding our homes over the past decade or more. Further to the point I believe that the three prong test for indecency has been crossed over and over again and it is time to start putting the test to the test, using updated community standards and doing your jobs. I would be happy to participate in such an important and relevant issue to our society. Back in 1990 I began a grass roots organization "Concerned Viewers for Quality Television" Vicki Riley then and I wrote to you often on this very issue and concern on its impact on society. The "Turn off TV day" that the group organized in 90 and 91 back then was to prevent exactly what your organization has ALLOWED to happen over almost 2 decades now. It is never too late to start making positive changes for our society, our children and our families. Can we stop the madness and stop allowing the TV medium to corrupt our society any further?
Child molesters, violent people, sexual predators and others who inflict real harm on our society are placed in prisons daily all over the world to protect all of us, yet groups such as the government backed FCC allow the networks and other influential mediums to roam free everyday in our homes and other areas using the most influential medium that has ever existed?
When will the powers that be begin to stand strong and do what's right for the majority and not just for those with deep pockets?
Sincerely,

***************Play online games for FREE at Games.com! All of your favorites, no registration required and great graphics – check it out!
In watching what had been one of my favorite shows, I have seen that over time, the quality has gone down. To be specific, last night, as per above, was the last straw for me with this program. To be specific, two of the medical doctors, being female, decided they wanted to have a lesbian relationship, after their "date", the one doctor comes in to talk to the McSteamy of the show, of which she has had sex with multiple times, "well, we didn't do it exactly, I just couldn't go down there". We have had gay and lesbian lifestyles shoved in our faces at every turn... when we are now writing into our shows about the physical act of their lesbian failed attempts, that is entirely out of line. Please try to view the show to see for yourself. Also, let it be known that I would have been mortified if I had children watching that show. Up to this point, the McDreamy, McSteamy stuff was fine... cute. Who please governs the writers of these shows and the producers? We have lost all content in television. I anxiously await your reply.
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INDECENCY Complaint

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**Complaint Summary**

Chesterfield, MO 63017

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: ABC  
Program Name: greys anatomy  
Broadcast Date: 10/23/08  
Broadcast Time: 8:00pm CT  
My Affiliate: ABC

Description of Indecency:

I resented the new development on the show now that two female drs are wanting to go Lesbian. To top that, one has to ask a ladies man dr to show her how to do it to a woman. Soon we will have threesomes. I have decided not to watch or recommend this 'used to be favorite' show. PULLEZE!
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,

[Signature]

Print Date: 12/04/2008
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**Complaint Summary**

Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

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: ABC
Program Name: Greys Anatomy
Broadcast Date: 10-23-2008
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm PT
My Affiliate: ABC

Description of Indecency:

sex between two women discussion of what they did, with doctor character. I do not use such language.

Its bad enough with the interns having sex at the drop of a scapel.

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I would like to see some warning about such scenes.

Even adults have some right to unsmutty TV.

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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Consumer Information Management System (CIMS00001248467)

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Complaint Summary

Tulsa, OK 74137

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: ABC
Program Name: Grays Anatomy
Broadcast Date: 10/23/08
Broadcast Time: 8:00pm CT
My Affiliate: KTUL

Description of Indecency:

The referrals to lesbian oral sex was crossing the line. Not only did they cross it once, but at least three times in the episode.

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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Indecency

Date of Program: 10/23/08
Time of Program: 9:00
Network: ABC
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film: Grey's Anatomy

Call Sign/Channel/Frequency: WFAA
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Program Type: TV

Complaint Summary

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: ABC
Program Name: Grey's Anatomy
Broadcast Date: 10/23/08
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm CT
My Affiliate: WFAA

Description of Indecency:

I would like to call to your attention and file a complaint regarding the television program "Grey's Anatomy" specific to the episode that aired on ABC on 10/23/08.

Grey's Anatomy has recently crossed the line with graphic sexual references, particularly with regard to the lesbian...
relationship between the characters of "Callie" and "Erica."

The episode on 10/23/08 featured a kissing scene between the characters Callie and Erica, who are engaged in a same-sex relationship. In the next scene, Callie informs a male doctor that she and Erica "did it." She went on the state that she did not enjoy the encounter. Callie stated, "I choked. I couldn't go down there."

Later in the program, Callie again approaches the male doctor and states, "I like to be good at things...and I want to be good at this, so I need you to show me." At this point the male doctor takes off his shirt and instructs Callie to take off her pants. The camera is behind Callie, and it shows her legs with her pants around her ankles.

In a later scene, Callie approaches Erica. Callie states to Erica, "Take off your pants, we are going to try this again." Callie proceeds to remove her shirt.

The implied statement of oral sex is very graphic, and such statements and implications are best left to cable television. This is not appropriate for network television in any time slot.

Please address what occurred on Grey's Anatomy. It is my hope that this episode will not air in reruns.

Thank you.

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,

[Signature]

Print Date: 12/04/2008
I was offended and disgusted with the content of the program Grey's Anatomy last evening. It depicted a lesbian physician who couldn't "go down" on another lesbian physician. The physician states that she has never failed at anything and she asks a male physician who is known to have numerous affairs to show her how to "do it". On the primetime show the male physician tells her to drop her pants. The show actually shows the lesbian phys. dropping her pants and standing in front of him with her pants at her ankles. Later in the show this lesbian phys. walks into the room where her partner is and tells her to drop her pants. "It didn't work last night, but it will now" "Drop your pants, now!" This has crossed the line. It has nothing to do with homosexuality it has everything to do with the content for any sexual preference. I'm angry. I have never contacted anyone about anything prior to this, but I've had enough. There must be limits! If this context is allowed then what is next? Our children are already in trouble with drugs, violence, and sex. It is our responsibility to put a stop to this kind of programming for our children and future generations. Please stop this kind of programming. I will also add that it was so cleverly introduced that it was impossible to change the channel and not hear it. Then the second segment was also introduced quickly and was over before you knew what had happened. Disgusting!!!! Help our children understand the words, respect, dignity, responsibility, morals. This is our responsibility to halt such writing!

Thank you,
This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: ABC
Program Name: grey's anatomy
Broadcast Date: THURSDAY
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm CT
My Affiliate: WFTV CHANNEL 9

Description of Indecency:

INDECENT CONTACT BETWEEN TWO DOCTORS, LESBIAN, COHABITATING ON THE SCREEN, KISSING, AND LEWD LANGUAGE ABOUT THEIR SEXUAL ACT THE NIGHT BEFORE WITH ANOTHER DOCTOR, WHO SAYS, "PULL YOUR PANTS DOWN, AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO DO THIS WITH HER." THE LESBIAN DOCTOR DID PULL HER PANTS DOWN WAITING FOR HIM TO SHOW HER. THIS IS VERY UNDESIRABLE.
YOU KNOW, NOT ONLY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND TEENS, BUT IT IS BECOMING A PORN SHOW NOW, AND MORE OF THIS IS ON OUR TV. WE NEED TO TURN OFF OR GET RID OF OUR TVS.....

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,

[Signature]
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The sexual content of this show has gone way to far. We need to protect our children. Please do all you can to stop this. And several other shows need to be pulled back on the amount of sex shown. Thank you for your help. Sincerely.
Consumer Information Management System (CIMS) 001246797

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Complaint Summary

Collinsville, OK 74021

This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: ABC
Program Name: Grey's Anatomy
Broadcast Date: 10/23/2008
Broadcast Time: 8:00pm CT
My Affiliate: KTUL-TV

Description of Indecency:

Two women kissing each other and laying down to have sex, one of the women said she "went down" and performed having sex wrong with the clitoris (female part). Very offensive and not entertaining. We will never watch any of ABC shows again! Kids can flip over to this channel and watch since it is on at 8:00pm. Very disgusted with television programs!!

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

Print Date: 12/04/2008
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,

[Signature]

[Redacted]
**Consumer Information Management System ( CIMS00001246681 )**

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### Complaint Summary

Dear FCC,

I was very disturbed last evening by the blatant references to oral sex, including male and female oral sex on Oct 23, 2008, episode of ABC's Grey's Anatomy. They may have been trying to be crafty in not saying certain words, but the material was graphic—including a female doctor asking a male doctor to perform oral sex on her so she could "know how to do it right" to her new lesbian lover. It then showed them stripping and her dropping her pants so he could begin performing the act.

My 9 yr old came in the room where the tv was at this moment and I was appalled. Yes, I shut it off...but this is prime time tv.

Where do the decency standards come in to play nowadays?? Are there any?

Sincerely,

[Name Redacted]
INDECENCY

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Consumer Information Management System (CIMS00001228245)

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Complaint Summary

There was a scene in which a kid walks into a surgery room to see a man with a tumor in his head getting surgery. The scene showed the skin on the man's head completely peeled off (with the insides on the peeled back skin showing) with his eyes staring out. I do not understand how this material can be deemed appropriate for broadcast TV. This is a scene right out of one of the Saw movies but NOT something I would expect from a family show. While I am certainly mature enough to handle adult content, this was unexpected and unnecessarily grotesque in nature. Please send a message to the network that this type of content is unexceptable.
This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: ABC
Program Name: Grey’s Anatomy
Broadcast Date: 9/18/2008
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm ET
My Affiliate: wolo-tv 25

Description of Indecency:

I was flipping channels and saw a black woman laying down as the camera slowly showed her legs pulled back and a white man laying on top of her having sex with her. They explicitly showed the woman’s body bouncing up and down as the man was thrusting on top of her. I was totally outraged by the graphic sex acts that they showed. I can’t believe it and I was/am in shock by what I saw. I have three young children and this is not the type of stuff that I want my children to see. I don’t even
have cable tv. This is regular tv shown over the air. This should not be shown on regular tv. If I wanted to see that I would pay porn dvds. This should not be shown on tv because it is indecent and explicit sex acts shown to children during an hour when children are watching.

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,


Print Date: 12/04/2008
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: ABC
Program Name: Gray's Anatomy
Broadcast Date: Thursday
Broadcast Time: 8:00pm CT
My Affiliate: WEAR

Description of Indecency:

I was a fan to Grays show even though it showed too much sexual activity. The actors are funny and characters I really enjoyed.
The new seasons lesbian affair is going too far for prime time. It does not do anything to improve the storyline of this show. Are the writers running out of material already? There are so many more interesting story lines than this. We straight
people are getting tired of showbiz bombarding the tv shows with gay issues. How about other issues that need to be explored! You drop storylines too quickly or only look at how it affects one person. Dealing with transplant patients was great.

I am not the only person who feels this way. My daughter and granddaughter were all fans, but they won't be watching this Fall. I realize the sponsors are really the ones who can put pressure on the shows writers. If I felt strongly enough to complain think of the millions who will not watch and not support the sponsors. Censors need to do their job!

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Print Date: 12/04/2008
I was really looking forward to having some fun family time tonight watching the new ABC television show, I Survived a Japanese Game Show. However, my children cheered at 8:30pm CDST when I said okay that's enough and changed the channel. From 8:15 to 8:30 we endured the following words: ass, damn, and hell (twice including the commercial for the ABC lineup - Grey's Anatomy). These words added NOTHING to the broadcasts and were a nuisance to my family.
Actually I am writing in general. What happened to the family hour? I was surfing through channels around 8:00 and came across a couple very explicitly having sex. The moans and groans bumping up and down, what has happened to our TV. We can't even watch a family friendly show like Extreme Home Makeover without seeing half dressed women and couples rolling around in bed as an advertisement for some other show. Let's get back to some family times and get these shows either cleaned up or off the air. Some of this stuff should not ever be on but especially during the 8:00 hour.
The show was building up the "exciting" possibility that two formerly heterosexual women that became friends might be lesbians. They were encouraged to the idea and the end of the show showed them kissing. This is very offensive and appauls me that anyone but especially teens may watch this kind of behavior and again be encouraged that this lifestyle is a good thing. I have followed this show every season since it began and will never watch it again. I am sooooo disappointed in the writers!