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FOIA 2008-095

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

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

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

Sharon Jenkins contacted you again on January 9, 2008, to inform you that, due to what appeared to be an unusually large volume of responsive complaints, the fee for CGB’s
search time to respond to your request would exceed the $60.00 maximum fee limit. In response, you agreed to accept as responsive to your request complaints provided by CGB in response to recent FOIA request also seeking complaints about the TV program "The Oprah Winfrey Show." These complaints are enclosed. EB has informed CGB that a search of its records conducted up to December 27, 2007, revealed no responsive complaints.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures
Complaint Summary:
Oprah & Howard Transcripts: Oral, Anal & Balloon Knots; Recently on the Howard Stern Radio Show, millions of listeners witnessed firsthand the hypocrisy of the FCC’s fuzzy definition of indecency. It all started on Thursday when a repeat of the Oprah Winfrey Show aired with some pretty graphic descriptions of various sex acts (without a single bleep). Jimmy Kimmel pointed out the hypocrisy of the FCC witch hunt against Howard by playing the offending Oprah clip on his show, also without any bleeps. Here’s where things get interesting and more than a little scary. Howard played the same exact clips that aired on the Oprah Winfrey Show (a show that airs at 9am in some markets!) and almost the entire clip was bleeped! Now what’s the likelihood that the FCC will be fining Oprah Winfrey for indecency? You can’t even make the argument that the Oprah show was doing an education segment. It was clearly played for laughs and shock. Something that apparently is off limits to Howard but perfectly acceptable for the Oprah Winfrey Show. Take a moment to read the transcript below as it originally aired and then feel free to register a complaint with the FCC at the address below. Just copy and paste the transcript and include it with your letter. To get yourself riled up even more, make sure you read the transcript from the Howard Stern Show that landed him his most recent fine.

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The Oprah Winfrey Show Transcript; Thursday, March 18, 2004

Clip One:
Oprah: Let’s talk about that secret language Michelle.
Michelle: Yes
Oprah: I didn’t know any of this; Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya; Oprah: I did not know any of this; Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok; Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?; Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be. ;

Clip Two:
Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it’s a gathering where oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes; a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow;

The Howard Stern Show Transcript Thursday, July 26, 2001; HS: Howard Stern; RQ: Robin Quivers; MV: Male Cast Member; HS: I said to Mark Wahlberg yesterday, had he ever gotten a blumpkin from a girl and everyone around here is acting like they don’t know what it is. ; RQ: You’re the only nutcase who does. ; MV: I said “blumpkin” on the “Norm Show” and the network censor, we told him we just made the word up. ; HS: What do you say to her, “how about a blumpkin?”; MV: I go “honey, how much for a blumpkin?”. ; HS: Right. ; MV: And uh the network censor never heard of it. And he goes if you just made it up it’s fine but if it’s a real thing we can’t have it. So it’s aired, it’s been on ABC, it’s like the dirtiest thing ever on television. ; HS: Yeah, but nobody knows what it is. A blumpkin I can explain it cleanly. ; RQ: There’s nothing clean about a blumpkin.; HS: Well, a blumpkin is receiving oral sex while you’re sitting on a toilet bowl if you are a man. You’re sitting on a toilet bowl and uh, while you’re evacuating you receive your oral.; RQ: Ick.; HS: And uh, then, what did I say yesterday too you didn’t understand? Balloon knot? ; RQ: Yes, I don’t know what that is. Somebody said to me “is that the funniest thing ever?” and I was like “what is that?”; HS: A balloon knotâ€” ; RQ: I didn’t want to show my ignorance, I laughed too.; HS: A balloon knotâ€”I’m gonna post these on a web siteâ€” ; RQ: Yeah, we need a dictionary for this show.; HS: A balloon knot is when you bend over and I can see up right up your oldâ€” ; RQ: Up the
wazoo? ; HS: Up the wazoo and uh, you know that's a balloon knot that you see. That's called a "balloon knot." ; RQ: Really, I did not know that. ; HS: Think about it, it looks like a balloon knot. ; RQ: I don't know. Ohâ you know whatâ ; HS: Tie up a balloon. ; RQ: I'm just thinking of a balloon knot‌ ; MV: It all makes sense, Robin, come on. HS: And uh, what else did I say? "Nasty Sanchez,” you didn't know what that was. ; RQ: Oh, I don't even want to know half the time what these things areâ ; HS: That I'd have to post on the internet. ; RQ: "Cause there've been a number of terms used lately. Would you doa "cause KC's always blurtin" them out. ; HS: "Strawberry shortcake" ; RQ: "Strawberry shortcake" I've never heard of. "Dirty Sanchez" ; HS: "Nasty Sanchez. " ; RQ: What is the others KC? ; MV: I heard a new one the other day. It was the "David Copperfield." ; HS: That's right. ; MV: Okay; do you want to explain it, since I... When you're goin' like a dogâ ; HS: Right. ; MV: and you're about to finish and instead you don't finish, you spit on her and then you turn around and when she turns her face around then you goâ So it's kind of like an illusionâ ; HS: Right. ; MV: to David Copperfield. ; RQ: Sleight of hand. ; HS: Misdirection. ; MV: Classic misdirection. ; HS: You trick her. There's a million of them, but uh, I'll post them on the web. ; RQ: Yes, because people need to know. These aren't in the regular dictionary. ; ; [return to top]; ; HOME | ARCHIVES | PHOTOS | SOUNDS | PROGRAM INFO | TAKE ACTION | BUSH FACTS | CONTACT

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Complaint Summary:

I recently learned of a sexually explicit Oprah Winfrey Show that aired in the early evening. Sexually explicit material (which included definitions and descriptions of sexual events and positions) should not be seen in the early evening when children can readily view them. If Howard Stern is going to be fined for similar offenses, I think it only fair that Oprah Winfrey and her production company Harpo also be fined. There should be no exemptions to these violations.

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Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No
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Account Type: Residential

Complaint Summary:
On Thursday, March 18 the Oprah Winfrey Show aired a program on oral and anal sex. This was broadcast in the early afternoon. By FCC regulations such controversial content is to only be played between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Some of the quotes from the show are the following:

Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?
Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be

Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it’s a gathering where oral sex is performed and rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow

Why does the FCC overlook such blatant violations of decency when it involves Oprah Winfrey? Is she above the law because she is a black woman? Does the FCC selectively persecute only Jewish men such as Howard Stern? I found the Oprah Show highly offensive and the content unsuitable for children. It should have aired only after 10 p.m. with a clear warning of its content.

The selective persecution of some by the FCC while others are excused shows blatant hypocrisy within the FCC.

I demand as a citizen of the United States that the FCC issue a fine to Oprah Winfrey for airing obscene material during daytime hours. We are all equal under the eyes of the law. Howard Stern is being unfairly targeted by the FCC while Oprah Winfrey is untouchable. This is a sexist, racist double standard. The FCC is a government commission and as such has a duty and an obligation to be impartial with respect to its regulations. I demand that Oprah Winfrey be fined and censored for airing obscene content.
Complaint Summary:
Recently, the Oprah Winfrey Show aired with some very graphic and offensive descriptions of various sex acts (without a single bleep) and without any warning of the content. I believe the FCC should fine the Oprah Winfrey Show for indecency! The Oprah show was not doing an educational segment - it was clearly laughs and shock.

The Oprah Winfrey Show Transcript Thursday, March 18, 2004 Clip One

Oprah: Let's talk about that secret language, Michelle.
Michelle: Yes.
Oprah: I didn't know any of this. Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya. Oprah: I did not know any of this. Michelle: Salad tosses, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes. ok. Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss? Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be. lip Two Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow.
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Complaint Summary:

To whom it may concern,: I am outraged at the selective persecution, on part of the FCC, that is happening under the present admin. I needn't prove this to be fact in any other way than allowing cited examples, which have received no true discourse, to speak for themselves. Being a concerned tax paying citizen, I would like to see the beloved pillars of the entertainment community such as Oprah Winfrey et al, being held accountable for not only their actions but those of their guests and all material contained therein of their programs and products. It is partisan, unethical, and a down right dangerous course of action to be imposing exhorbatent fines on people to the likes of Howard Stern, who is by no means indecent by any standard, then levy no penalties or give reprieve to icons like Oprah Winfrey, whom aired similar dialogue and material. the fact that no action was taken to penalize Oprah Winfrey for the explicit sex talk that transpired on her program, clearly illustrates not only your collective failure of administering penalties and equal treatment of all parties using the airwaves, but it clearly defines the corruption of the FCC and the administration to whom it answers to.; What concerns me much more than the content of any show, is the entity comissioned to oversee the standards of broadcasting failing to administer equal treatment to broadcasters under the truly undefined and unintelligable “decency standards”; Along with other concerns about the current state of the nation, this issue not only vexes me to the point of frustration, but chills me to the bone from a constitutional perspective. I am not alone in my concerns or views, so I would expect action to be taken to level the playing field in broadcasting, or will look forward to a roster change in the FCC on up ladder this fall. ; I thank you for taking the time to review my comments and will list all incidents witnessed, affermentioned and not, ; Sincerely, 

Oprah Winfrey Show Syndicated Harpo
A guest said ólitó on May 20th, 2004; Oprah Winfrey Show, Syndicated; Harpo; Sex talk (graphic); Mary J. Blige ; 60 Minutes; CBS Network Viacom ; The "S" Word; Good Day New York WNYM; The "F" Word; Regular Guys; WKLS - Atlanta; 

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Complaint Summary:
I was appalled at what took place on the Oprah Winfrey Show when her guests discussed "tossing the salad" and other sexually explicit terms/ phrases. Four o'clock in the afternoon is hardly the time to describe graphic sex acts.

Below is a quote from the NY Post that sums it up: "On Thursday's Winfrey show, a writer for her magazine O explained in meticulous detail what she described as popular sexual pastimes for America's teenagers, including oral and anal sex practices. The writer, Michelle Burford, also described in detail a variety of other slang sex terms.";

I believe this was highly inappropriate and demands action. Thank you for your time.
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oprah winfrey show/harpo said the word "tits", while my kid was watching. I am offended by this.

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

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

**Willing to provide further written statements for use of the FCC or other agencies in enforcement actions against companies?** Yes
March 20, 2004 -- Howard Stern accused Oprah Winfrey of being a fellow potty-mouth yesterday, saying the afternoon TV queen has aired the same kind of kinky sexual material for which he was being pilloried. "If they fine me for this, then they got to fine Oprah - the darling of the world," Stern told listeners after trying to play a shocking excerpt of an Oprah show on teen sex.

"And if they fine Oprah, all hell is gonna break loose."

The shock jock pleaded on the air with his station's general manager to let him play a tape of Winfrey and her guests discussing an erotic activity known as "tossing the salad."

"This is Oprah Winfrey at 4 in the afternoon saying this - Oprah graphically discusses it," Stern told his K-Rock boss, Tom Chiusano.

On Thursday's Winfrey show, a writer for her magazine explained in meticulous detail what she described as popular sexual pastimes for America's teenagers, including oral and anal sex practices.

The writer, Michelle Burford, also described in detail a variety of other slang sex terms.

"Don't bleep it," Stern pleaded with his producer. "This is what's going to expose the hypocrisy. This is our Battle of the Bulge."

"If they fine me, they have to fine her," he added. "Can you imagine the headline "Oprah Winfrey fined for indecency"?"

Chiusano put Stern's rant on hold for 10 minutes and sought counsel from Infinity Broadcasting lawyers after Stern threatened to call Mel Karmazin, president of Infinity-parent Viacom.

The lawyers turned down his request, and Stern's wary producers kept the sexual references off the air.

"Under the standards as they now exist, our answer is, do we believe that that's indecent? No, we don't," Chiusano said. "Do we believe that they [the FCC] believe it is? Yes."
A spokeswoman for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau told The Post she hadn't seen any complaints about Oprah's show. Typically, the FCC doesn't act or comment on controversial broadcasts until a complaint is received.

FCC guidelines also weigh in factors such as context and material that "appears to pander or is used to titillate or shock."

A Winfrey spokesperson said her show was on production hiatus and that Oprah was unavailable for comment.

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Willing to provide further written statements for use of the FCC or other agencies in enforcement actions against companies? No

a. Name of carrier(s) or company(ies) involved in your complaint: Oprah Winfrey Show

b. Telephone number for the carrier(s) or company(ies) involved with your complaint, including area code: Phone: Ext:

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

Subject Code: OTHE

TCPA Information from 475

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Date of Program:

(2) Time of Program:

(3) Network:

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

(5) City and State Where Program Was Viewed:
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
On 3/18/04, at 4 p.m. on WBNS 10TV, in Columbus, Ohio, the Oprah Winfrey show engaged in graphic descriptions of oral-anal sex. Please enforce your policies consistently and fine this behavior.

Associated Case:

On Behalf Of:

Company Name:
Party's Name: Relationship with the Party:
Party's Contact Number: Ext. PO Box:
Address:
City, State, Zip:

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Name: Relationship:
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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? Yes
**Complaint Summary:**
I was outraged at the Oprah Winfrey Show which was discussing explicit sex acts on her show. The discussion involved discussing an act called "tossing salad" including oral and anal sex practices. I think she should be fined.

**Problem Number:** [Redacted]

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March 20, 2004 -- Howard Stern accused Oprah Winfrey of being a fellow potty-mouth yesterday, saying the afternoon TV queen has aired the same kind of kinky sexual material for which he was being pilloried.

"If they fine me for this, then they got to fine Oprah - the darling of the world," Stern told listeners after trying to play a shocking excerpt of an Oprah show on teen sex.

"And if they fine Oprah, all hell is gonna break loose."

The shock jock pleaded on the air with his station’s general manager to let him play a tape of Winfrey and her guests discussing an erotic activity known as "tossing the salad."

"This is Oprah Winfrey at 4 in the afternoon saying this - Oprah graphically discusses it," Stern told his K-Rock boss, Tom Chiusano.

On Thursday’s Winfrey show, a writer for her magazine O explained in meticulous detail what she described as popular sexual pastimes for America’s teenagers, including oral and anal sex practices.

The writer, Michelle Burford, also described in detail a variety of other slang sex terms.
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Date Received: 03/23/2004
Date Entered: 03/24/2004
Entered By: Internet User
Assigned To: CCIN

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
On Thursday the 18th of March while watching the Oprah Winfrey Show, I was appalled by what I heard on this show. She and others started talking about anal sex and various other topics of sexual character. They were even using slang terms for these acts. Please look in to this. This is not something that should be on daytime television. Thank you very much.

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On Behalf Of:
Company Name: Myself

Relationship with the Party:

Party's Name:
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Other Party that can be contacted?
Name:
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**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:** $0.00

Duplicate Credit Checked: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges? No
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

[Redacted]

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
On Thursday, March 18, 2004, I was disgusted at what I heard on the Oprah Winfrey Program. Her descriptions of Oral and Anal sex were inappropriate to say the very least. Oprah MUST be held responsible for her actions. It's a shame that the government believes they can pick and choose what is indecent. I listen to the howard stern show every morning. His radio program is not heard by children who are getting ready for and attending school while it is aired. I have never heard anything this inappropriate on the Stern Show. Oprah has brought indecency to a new level. When I was kid my parents always watched day time talk shows like that with me. I never listened to the howard stern show until I was in college. I'm sure much of the country is the same. Please stop Oprah before she ruins the impressionable minds of America's youth!

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Complaint Summary:
The Oprah Winfrey Show Transcript; Thursday, March 18, 2004; Clip One; Oprah: Let's talk about that secret language Michelle.; Michelle: Yes; Oprah: I didn't know any of this; Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya; Oprah: I did not know any of this; Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok; Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?; Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be. ; Clip Two; Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes; a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow

Problem Number: 9999999999
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Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Date Received: 04/12/2004
Date Entered: 04/13/2004
Entered By: Internet User

Assigned To: IN

Date Closed: 04/14/2004
Closed By: IN

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
KABC-LA OPRAH WINFREY SHOW
Thursday, March 18, 2004

Clip One

Oprah: Let's talk about that secret language Michelle.
Michelle: Yes
Oprah: I didn't know any of this
Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya
Oprah: I did not know any of this
Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok
Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?
Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be.

Clip Two

Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow.
**Complaint Summary:**

What's up with Oprah being allowed to talk about anal in the afternoon while Howard can't say a damn thing. You people suck and I hope they disband your stupid organization and the lot of you never find work again and up alone and penniless.

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**Oprah Winfrey Show Transcript; Thursday, March 18, 2004; Clip One;**

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Michelle: Yes; Oprah: I didn't know any of this; Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya; Oprah: I did not know any of this; Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok; Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?; Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal; sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be; Clip Two; Michelle: A rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes; a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow.
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast Account
Type: Residential or Congressional Complaint

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
Multiple instances alleging lack of pass through of received closed captioning:
1. "The Oprah Winfrey Show," 4-5 p.m., beginning July 7th, 2003 and to present, specifically on Monday July 28. No closed captioning routinely in last 5 minutes of afternoon showing of program.
2. "Tom Brokaw's Newscast," at 5:30 p.m., beginning February 15, 2003 and to present, weekdays, specifically on Monday July 28. No closed captioning routinely in last 10 to 5 minutes of show.
3. "NBC Weekend edition news," at 5:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, beginning in February 2003 and to present, disappearing captioning at end of program.
6. "Today Show," July 28, at 7:30-8 a.m., no captioning during final five minutes beginning at 7:55 a.m.

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**Complaint Summary:**
Oprah Winfrey discusses [anal sex], [tossing salad], on a nationally televised show at 4 p.m. when children are home from school.

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**Closed By:**  

**Complaint Summary:**
Ryan Seacrest KIIS - Los Angeles; Clear Channel The F Word; Oprah Winfrey Show Syndicated; Harpo Sex Talk (graphic); Regular Guys WKLS - Atlanta; Clear Channel Graphic Description of Sex; Elliot In The Morning WWDC - Washington; Clear Channel Graphic Description of Sex; American Idol/Simon Cowell Fox Network Fox Flips His Middle Finger

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Complaint Summary:
On March 18th, 4 PM on ABC Station WJLA, the Oprah Winfrey show aired the following obscene material:

First time
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Michelle: Yes
Oprah: I didn’t know any of this
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Second time
Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it’s a gathering where oral sex is performed and rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow

The material was way too offensive for my two daughters and I urge you to go after this case to the full extent of the law.
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
The Oprah Winfrey Show Transcript
Thursday, March 18, 2004
Clip One
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this is completely unacceptable for daytime broadcast
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INQUIRY FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

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Date Received: 04/12/2004
Date Entered: 04/13/2004
Entered By: Internet User
Assigned To: FCCIN
Date Closed: 04/15/2004
Closed By: Internet User

Complaint Summary:
The following is a transcript from the Oprah Winfrey Show and is something I consider to be indecent, especially considering it's early air time in most markets; Thursday, March 18, 2004; Clip One; Oprah: Lets talk about that secret language Michelle.; Michelle: Yes; Oprah: I didn’t know any of this; Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya; Oprah: I did not know any of this; Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok; Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?; Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be.; Clip Two; Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes; a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
I was offended by the content of the Oprah Winfrey Show. The language that was used on her show describing sex acts was offensive. This was on a major network at a time when children have access to the television. She should be fined and taken off the air.

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges? No
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

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Duplicate Credit Checked: Yes No
**Complaint Summary:**

Tuesday, May 18th. Oprah Winfrey show on WNYT, one of her guests used an obscene word (Tits)

**Problem Number:** 9999999999

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### Current Status: Closed

**Associated Case:**

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**Title:** None

**Contact Name:** [Redacted]

**Contact Number:** [Redacted] Ext.

**Fax Number:** [Redacted]

**Email Address:** [Redacted]

**PO Box:** [Redacted]

**City:** [Redacted]

**State:** [Redacted]

**Zip:** [Redacted]

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**On Behalf Of:**

**Company Name:**

**Party's Name:**

**Party's Contact Number:** Ext.

**PO Box:**

**Address:**

**City:** [Redacted]

**State:** [Redacted]

**Zip:** [Redacted]

**Relationship with the Party:**

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**Other Party that can be contacted:**

**Name:**

**Contact Number:** Ext.

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

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**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:**

**Duplicate Credit Checked:**

**Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

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**Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No**

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

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

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

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
I think that Oprah Winfrey and her graphic description of sex was uncalled for, explicit, and tasteless. It occurred at a time where many children could have possibly been within earshot, and it corrupts the very ideas and principles of decency, class, and moral just. People like Oprah are allowing these items, laughing at these items, supporting these items. What happens as a result of these actions are small slaps on the hand saying, “That was bad.” Oprah is a show more-so watched by women, who often have young children in the room. You wouldn't expect this from one of the most richest and tasteful women on TV. She should be fined, and do not go easy. It's about choice, it's about the 1st amendment, but enough is enough. If you are going to start administering higher fines, I'd expect you to not target few and do it equally, and justly to all members of our broadcasting community.; ; Overall, I think the FCC is really to blame. They play favorites and have gone too far. Mr. Powell, you are not doing the job that was handed to you on a silver platter.
**Complaint Summary:**

IN THE LAST MONTH WATCHING LOS ANGELES LAKERS GAMES ON TV (NO CABLE) ON CH. 9. SHAQUILLE O'NEAL TWICE & ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS USED THE WORD "FUCKING" & "FUCK" ON LIVE TV. VERY INDECENT, PLEASE FINE HIM.

ALSO, OPRAH DEFINITELY NEEDS BE FINED FOR HER GRAPIC ORAL SEX TALK ON PRIME TIME.

HERE IS A TRANSCRIPT: The Oprah Winfrey Show Transcript

Thursday, March 18, 2004

**Clip One**

Oprah: Let's talk about that secret language Michelle.
Michelle: Yes
Oprah: I didn't know any of this
Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya
Oprah: I did not know any of this
Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok
Oprah: ok so what is a salad toss?
Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be.

**Clip Two**

Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow

**DISGUSTING! AND SO ARE YOU IF YOU DONT FINE HER. IF NOT THEN LET FREE SPEECH BE FOR EVERYONE**

**Associated Case:**

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- **Complaint Type:** Broadcast
- **Account Type:** Residential
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  - **Current Status:** Closed
**COMPLAINT FOR**

**Complaint Type:** Wireline  
**Account Type:** Residential  

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**Current Status:** Closed

**Associated Case:**

**Complaint Summary:**
Log my complaints on these other obscene shows (as defined by the FCC):
Ryan Seacrest KIIS FM Los Angeles, initial broadcast, use of "F" and "S" words. (Fuck and Shit)
Oprah Winfrey recent show defining and revealing the "tossed salad", a.k.a. "anal-oral sex" in children.
American Idol judge Simon Cowell obscene gesture to co-host Paula Abdul for extended period of time on 3/30 broadcast.
Do what’s right, make this country - if not open minded - consistent and logical.
Please think long and hard about your decisions.
Clayton Walsh

**Problem Number:** [redacted]

**Title:** None
**First Name:** [redacted]
**Middle Initial:** [redacted]
**Last Name:** [redacted]

**Contact Name:** [redacted]
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**Best Time to Call:** Consumer's Telephone Number: Ext.
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**On Behalf Of:**
**Company Name:** self

**Party's Name:** Relationship with the Party:
**Party's Contact Number:** Ext.
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**Name:**
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**TTY Number:**
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**State:**
**Zip:**
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

Type: Residential D Congressional Complaint D 0

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:
ONE OF OPRAH'S GUESTS FROM THE 5/2010 SHOW USED THE WORD "TITS" I FIND THIS HIGHLY OFFENSIVE. SHE SHOULD BE TREATED JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE YOU GOONS HAVE FINED!

Problem Number:

Title: None

Contact Name:

Contact Number: Ext.

Fax Number:

Email Address:

PO Box:

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On Behalf Of:

Company Name:

Party's Name:

Relationship with the Party:

Party's Contact Number: Ext.

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City: State: Zip:

Other Party that can be contacted?

Name:

Contact Number: Ext.

Address:

City: State: Zip:

**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:

Duplicate Credit Checked: O Yes • No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No

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

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

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

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
I heard this on the television and I was outraged. I can't believe filth like this is permitted. I thought the reason we had idiots like you was to rid the nation of this garbage. Here it is; Oprah: Let's talk about that secret language. Michelle: Michelle: Yes; Oprah: I didn't know any of this; Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya; Oprah: I did not know any of this; Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok; Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?; Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be. ; Clip Two ; Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes; a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow

Problem Number:

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State: 
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On Behalf Of:
Company Name:
Party's Name: 
Relationship with the Party:
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City: State: Zip:

Other Party that can be contacted?
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Relationship: 
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**INQUIRY FOR**

**Complaint Type:** Broadcast  
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**Complaint Summary:**

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Duplicate Credit Checked: Yes No
**COMPLAINT FOR**

Complaint Type: Broadcast  
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**Current Status:** Closed

**Associated Case:**

**Complaint Summary:**
[Redacted] wrote on 08/19/2004 1:23:08 PM:

Enclosed is a transcript from the Oprah Winfrey Show. I find this incredibly disturbing and do not want my family subjected to such vulgar language and obscene subject matter. This type of stuff belongs on cable and not on network TV where it can be viewed by everyone. I would like to file this complaint and hope that you fine whomever is responsible or take them off the air.

Oprah: Let's talk about that secret language Michelle. Michelle: Yes. Oprah: I didn't know any of this. Michelle: I have yes, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya. Oprah: I did not know any of this. Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok. Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss? Michelle: ok a tossed salad is get ready hold on to your underwear for this; one, oral anal sex. So oral sex with the anus is what that would be. Clip Two; Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her; mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and. makes a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow;

My name is [redacted]. My address is [redacted]. My phone numbers are listed below. Thanks for your time, and I hope you do something about this immediately.

Service Representative: ADP Small Business Services; Chesapeake Region;
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast Account
Type: Residential
Congressional Complaint: D

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:
Indecency - Oprah Winfrey 3/18/2004 show aired at 4PM EST; I was offended by the discussion of oral anal sex.

On Behalf Of:
Company Name:
Party's Name: 
Party's Contact Number: 
Other Party that can be contacted?
Name:
Contact Number: 
**Amount of credit FCC effort generated: $0.00
Duplicate Credit Checked: Yes No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges? No
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
Willing to provide further written statements for use of the FCC or other agencies in enforcement actions against companies? Yes
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast Account
Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:

net wrote on 9/24/2004 12:43:49 PM: I recently viewed an appalling Oprah Winfrey show (see transcript, below). It was broadcast during the day when young children could be watching. If Ms. Winfrey is going to air this 'blue' material please: ask her to do so when my and other parent's children are fast asleep or; better yet, never!

Residents: Michelle; Michelle: Yes; Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya; Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok; Oprah: ok so what is a salad toss?; Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for; this one, oral anal sex. So oral sex with the anus is what that would be; Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where; oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts; her mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors; and makes; a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow

Problem Number:

Title: None
First Name: 
Middle Initial: 
Last Name: 
Contact Name: 
Contact Number: 
Fax Number: 
Email Address: 
PO Box: 
City: 

On Behalf Of: 
Company Name: 
Party's Name: 
Party's Contact Number: 

Other Party that can be contacted?
Complaint Type: Broadcast

Complaint Summary:
Oprah Winfrey Show; Syndicated; Harpo; A guest said ótitso on May 20th, 2004; ; Mary J. Blige [listen to mp3]; 60 Minutes; CBS Network Viacom; The "S" Word; ; Good Day New York [listen to mp3]; full story Good Day New York; WNYM; The "F" Word; ; Ryan Seacrest KIIS - Los Angeles; Clear Channel; The "F" Word; ; Oprah Winfrey Show Syndicated; Harpo; Sex talk (graphic); ; Regular Guys WKLS - Atlanta; Clear Channel; Graphic Description Of Sex; ; Elliot In The Morning WWDC - Washington; Clear Channel; Graphic Description Of Sex; ; American Idol/Simon Cowell Fox Network; Fox; Flips His Middle Finger

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

Contact Name: [redacted]
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Contact Number: [redacted]
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Fax Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
PO Box: [redacted]
City: [redacted]

On Behalf Of:
Company Name:
Party's Name:
Relationship with the Party:
Party's Contact Number: Ext.
PO Box:
Address:
City, State: [redacted]

Other Party that can be contacted?
Name: [redacted]
Relationship:
Contact Number: Ext.
Address:
City, State: [redacted]

**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:
Duplicate Credit Checked: O Yes ● No
INQUIRY FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

D Congressional Complaint

IC Number: 04-W8915625
Date Received: 07/21/2004

Date Entered: 07/22/2004
Entered By: Internet User

Assigned To: FCCIN
Date Closed: 07/26/2004
Closed By: Original Analyst

Close Letter Needed?: Yes

Date Assigned: 07/22/2004
Date Reassigned: 

Supervisor Check: No

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Problem Number: 1231231234

Title: None
Middle Initial: 
Last Name: 
Contact Name: Oprah Winfrey
Contact Number: 1-800-762-7474 Ext.
Fax Number: 
Email Address: 
PO Box: 
City: 

On Behalf Of:
Company Name: oprah winfrey show

Relationship with the Party:

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

Other Party that can be contacted?
Name: 
Relationship: 
Contact Number: Ext.
Address: 
City: State: Zip:

**Amount of credit FCC effort generated: 
Duplicate Credit Checked: No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges? No
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
**Complaint Summary:**

The complainant wrote on 8/2/2004 5:20:07 PM:

Thursday, March 18, 2004
Channel 8 WFAA
The Oprah Winfrey Show
I want to make sure this show NEVER airs again. I am petrified this will be in re-runs. How dare this network air such a topic. This show comes on at 4PM when the children of Texas are out of school to see this.
Content: Explaining oral anal sex and oral sex for a man while sitting on the toilet???
Please take care of this. I expect this to never air on TV again and shame on her for having a child explain this to her.
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast Account
Type: Residential or Congressional Complaint

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
The Oprah Winfrey Show Transcript; Thursday, March 18, 2004; Clip One; Oprah: Lets talk about that secret language Michelle; Michelle: Yes; Oprah: I didn't know any of this; Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya; Oprah: I did not know any of this; Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok; Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?; Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be. ; Clip Two; Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it's a gathering where oral sex is performed and; rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around; the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes; a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow.

Associated Case:

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

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

IC Number: 04-W9064472
Case Type: Complaint

Date Received: 06/10/2004
Complainant: 

Date Entered: 08/11/2004
Date Assigned: 08/11/2004

Entered By: Internet User
Date Reassigned: 

Assigned To: FCCIN
Service Date: 

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Closed By: 
Original Analyst: 

Close Letter Needed? O Yes  o No
Purged By: 
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Supervisor Check: O Yes  O No
Indecency Referral Code: 

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case: 

Complaint Summary:
On May 20th 2004 a guest said tits on the Oprah Winfrey Show. I couldn't believe it. My kids were watching. Oprah is the devil.

Problem Number: 9099999999

Title: None
First Name: 
Middle Initial: 
Last Name: 

Contact Name: 
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On Behalf Of: 

Company Name: 

Party’s Name: Relationship with the Party: 

Party’s Contact Number: Ext.
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Other Party that can be contacted?

Name: Relationship: 
Contact Number: Ext.
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**Amount of credit FCC effort generated: $0.00
Duplicate Credit Checked: O Yes  O No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges? No
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
Willing to provide further written statements for use of the FCC or other agencies in enforcement actions against companies? Yes
My name is [redacted]. Recently, I learned that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has levied a $27,500 fine on radio talk-show host Howard Stern, for a supposed violation of the Communications Act of 1934. A conversation that aired on the Howard Stern Show on July 26, 2001 is the piece of media questionably deemed an "infraction."

Enclosed with my letter are two transcripts. The first is from the Howard Stern Show episode (7/26/01) that is, in my opinion, the subject of biased scrutiny by the FCC. The second transcript is from the talk show of media giant Oprah Winfrey which originally aired on October 23, 2003 and was re-run on March 18, 2004. I think a reading of both transcripts more than sufficiently justifies my conclusion that the Communications Act of 1934 is being enforced in a biased manner.

Howard Stern and the guests on his July 26, 2001 radio show use several euphemisms and slang terms for sex acts and sexual organs over the course of their intentionally funny conversation. Some of the terms used are: "blumpkin," "oral sex," "while you're evacuating, you receive your oral," "balloon knot," "wazoo," "goin' like a dog," and "finish." In general speech, many of these words do not have a sexual connotation at all. The most graphic term used is probably "oral sex" but, of course, as is obvious from the transcript of the Oprah Winfrey Show, this is a perfectly acceptable concept for a public audience. Upon comparison of the transcripts, in fact, it is obvious that the terminology is used in exactly the same context in at least one bit of dialogue from the Oprah Show as it is on the Howard Stern Show. The transcript of the Oprah Show reveals a potentially more offensive subject matter in its discussion of sex acts involving underage children. Over the course of this program terms and phrases such as "salad tossing," "oral anal sex," "oral sex with the anus," "rainbow party," "oral sex party," and "puts her mouth around the penis" are all used. More significant than the graphic nature of this language (aired at an hour when most children return home from school) are the giggles of both the host and guest which damage any claim that this topic is purely "educational." How can this content possibly be considered any less obscene, indecent, or profane than that which aired on the Howard Stern show? My conclusion is that the FCC has opted to fine Howard Stern out of malice for his character or identity as a public figure rather than merely the content of his program. Clearly, personal biases and partisan politics are not the proper business of this government agency. This is the reason for my complaint. I request that the FCC compare these transcripts and begin enforcing this law in a fair, nonpartisan, manner. If the FCC continues to ignore the obvious injustice of selective policy enforcement, I will not be the only careful media consumer voting for change in the next election.

Yours sincerely,
[redacted]

Problem Number:

Title: None
First Name: [redacted]
Middle Initial: None
Last Name: None
INQUIRY FOR DR.

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

Inquiry

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:
On two occasions I watched Oprah Winfrey's syndicated show. On May 20, 2004 a guest used the word "TITS" when describing a woman's breasts, on a second occasion there was graphic sexual discussions. Ryan Secrist was on Kiss/LA, a Clear Channel station and said "FUCK"; These incidents must be investigated and appropriate FCC fines levied!

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Party's Name: Relationship with the Party:

Party's Contact Number: Ext.

Other Party that can be contacted?

Name: Relationship:

Contact Number: Ext.

Have you paid any of the disputed charges? No

Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges? No
**Complaint Summary:**
Oprah Winfrey being very sexually explicit during daytime viewing hours. Why hasn't she been put in the spotlight?

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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? Yes
**Complaint Summary:**

A guest said "6tits6" on May 20, 2004 on the Oprah Winfrey syndicated show by Harpo. Chihuapilli.

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Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
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Dear FCC,

I am writing in regards to a recent airing of the Oprah Winfrey Show. In this show, Ms. Winfrey and her guest went into great detail about anal sex and "tossing one's salad" along with giving special oral sex to men called, "rainbows." Personally, I had never heard of such things until this show, and was deeply offended that this type of offensive material was broadcast on network stations and during daytime.

I find it very interesting that you will fine Howard Stern for his juvenile and offensive comments, which I do not approve of, yet you do nothing with regards to Ms. Winfrey's show that showcased some of the sickest sex acts that I have heard. Why is that? I demand an answer to this question, and I also demand that you do your damn duty and penalize Ms. Winfrey in the same manner you penalize others that air offensive material on the nation's airwaves. I await your reply.

Sincerely,

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Last Name: 
Contact Name: 
Best Time to Call: Ext.
Consumer's Telephone Number: Ext.
TTY Number: 
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On Behalf Of:
Company Name: 

Party's Name: Relationship with the Party: 
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Other Party that can be contacted? 
Name: Relationship:
Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

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Complainant: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
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Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary: [Redacted]

On Behalf Of:
Company Name: [Redacted]
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**COMPLAINT FOR**

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**Current Status:** Closed

**Complaint Summary:**

[Redacted] wrote on 06/29/2005 4:10:12 PM:

Hello this is jesus colon. I have very complaint about the caption closed in Oprah Whitney's show because the caption closed seems to be messed while the tv says. I will appreciate if there will be fix in that caption closed. Thanks.

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**if yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?**

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INQUIRY FOR  

Account Type: Residential  

Complaint Type: Broadcast  

IC Number: 06-WB11913966  

Date Received: 06/16/2006  

Date Entered: 06/16/2006  

Entered By: FCC_NOTES01  

Assigned To: FCCIN  

Date Closed: 10/04/2006  

Closed By:  

Date Closed: 10/04/2006  

Inquiry

Complaint Summary:  
The talk show host, Miss Oprah Winfrey is illegally invading my privacy to promote show ideas on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Further, each time I gather evidence of proof, she pays people with her talk show earnings money to bribe them to destroy evidence. However, much of this missing evidence dating from 1986 through 2006 have been retrieved, and I intend to submit upon your request.  

Very Respectfully, Tracey Elaine Blair

Current Status: Closed

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?  
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?
Complaint Summary:
This particular episode of The Oprah Winfrey Show featured one of her XM radio hosts, Dr. Oz who was on the program to answer embarrassing health questions. The first 20 minutes were dedicated to feces and Bowel Movements. Topics included, "Is your poop trying to tell you something?", "Why is poop brown?", "Why does poop smell?", "Why do I get diarrhea?", "Front-to-back or Back-to-front, what's the best way to wipe?", "the largest natural gas leak in history: what causes burping and farting?", "can I get a STD from a toilet seat or hot tub," and various detailed menstrual and vaginal discharge questions, not to mention the benefits of coffee enemas and diarrhea issues.
By the time this episode ended I was cringing and yelling at my tv set. I do not understand how something this offensive to most normal, church going, Americans, would be broadcast at 4 in the afternoon. This is prime viewing for kids as they are just getting home from school. I get the impression that Ms. Winfrey thinks she is exempt from the FCC rules in this country. I would like to include Rosie O'Donnell on The View as well as thinking she is exempt from the FCC rules. If Ms. Winfrey and her staff, including Gayle King, can think they can just broadcast this filth across the country on over 100 channels she is clearly mistaken. As you can see by this link, it is clearly in bad taste, and in my opinion, obscene and indecent. If she wants to broadcast a Oprah special at 10pm on subjects such as these I would have no issues. Thank you.
http://www2.oprah.com/tows/pastshows/200610/tows_past_20061009.html

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On Behalf Of: 
Company Name: 
Party's Name: Relationship with the Party: 

Current Status: Closed
Complaint Summary:

I will like to open a complain with the FCC on the following case: On September 1st 2006 American Broadcasting Corp in Puerto Rico (ABC) discontinued the Oprah Winfrey (OW) program. The next week I called several satellite service companies to find out if they offer the program of (OW). All of the satellite and cable companies in Puerto Rico (PR) told me that they don't have it except for Satellite Digital Group (SDG). On sept. 22, 2006 Mr. Ivan Colon the sales representative of SDG called me and told me that, the manager of SDG Mr. Jose Marin informed him that the antenna that they will install in my house will be able to communicate with the New York satellite distant network and the ABC network from NY has the OW talk show that I wanted to see. On sept. 26, 2006 SDG installed the Dish Network antenna in my house. I ask the installer to see the program guide before signing the 1 year contract, but he explain to me that it was cloudy and the guide could not be downloaded and that later on during the day when the clouds go away I wuld be able to down loaded. At night when a got back from work I downloaded the guide and found out that the OW talk show was not in the ABC programing and that the ABC network was not the New York one like they old me, it was the ABC Puerto Rico. On sept. 27, 2006 I called the salesman and notify him of the programing, he ask me to call the manager of SDG Mr. Jose Marin, because he was the one that informed him that OW could be seen from my antenna. So I did. The manager told me to call Dish Network directly at 1-888-233-3474. So I did. I spoke with several operators #1BU, #MM4, #M80, Supervisor Erica #LLD, they told me that what SDG was incorrect and that the FCC has a regulaion that Puerto Rico residents could no longer conect to New York satalite. Now that I know the correct information I realize that SDG gave me a false representation of the service they provide and I ak Dish Network I wanted to cancel. The Supervisor Erica #LLD informed me that I will be penalized and have to pay $240. Since I don't belive I shoud be penalized I decided to call SDG. The SDG staff called Dish Network once more and told the they where not informed of the new FCC regulation and that they hould not chsrge me the $240 penalty. I will like the FCC to look into my complaint and let me know if there is anything I can do to cancel the Dish Network contract whithout paying the $240 penalty and to get reim r t instalation. Or to have elegibility to see dist t networks (New York)from Puerto Rico.

Apparent Carrier(s):

Yes<< Check here if you wish to serve both a Wireline and Wireless carrier.

Problem Number: None

Contact Name: None
Contact Number: None
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Consumer's Telephone Number: 7875491515 Ext.
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**COMPLAINT FOR**

**Complaint Type:** Broadcast  
**Account Type:** Residential

**IC Number:** 06-WB12317556  
**Case Type:** Complaint

**Date Received:** 10/11/2006  
**Complainant:** [redacted]

**Date Entered:** 10/11/2006  
**Date Assigned:** 10/17/2006

**Entered By:** FCC_NOTES01  
**Date Reassigned:**

**Assigned To:** [redacted]  
**Service Date:** Referral

**Date Closed:** 10/23/2006

**Closed By:** [redacted]  
**Original Analyst:**

**Date Closed by:**

**Close Letter Needed?** Yes

**Supervisor Check:** Yes

**Indecency Referral Code:** Denial - Broadcast outside of subject matter definition

**Current Status:** Closed

**Complaint Summary:** Oprah was talking about "poop" and fecal matter. I was offended and she should be fined for this.

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

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

a. Name of carrier(s) or company(ies) involved in your complaint: bearingmatrix
Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
Oprea was doing her show on her road trip with Gayle and Oprea said "Nigger Bitch" and then she said it again, I could not hit the channel button fast enough so my 7 years old nephew had to hear what she said. I am very upset with Oprea, and I do not think I am comfortable enough to watch her again! Thank you.

Associated Case:

On Behalf Of:

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

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### Complaint Summary:

Oprah responded to her guest stating "That would make me Pissed!", regarding a designer and others using his designs. This is bad language, especially on a non-cable station, where children are home with moms and dads and grandparents and can hear this on a station that so many view. Please advise them "NO Foul Language"—This is not CABLE!!!

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- **Company Name:** [Redacted]
- **Relationship with the Party:** [Redacted]

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### Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

- **Yes** ☐, **No** ☐

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

- **Yes** ☐, **No** ☐
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

Congressional Complaint

IC Number: 06-R117099
Case Type: Complaint

Date Received: 08/23/2006
Date Assigned: 08/29/2006
Date Closed: 08/31/2006

Date Entered: 08/23/2006
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Entered By:
Assigned To: FCCIN

Date Closed: 08/31/2006

Closed By:

Close Letter Needed?: Yes

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:

I wrote on 7/27/2006 7:09:43 PM to the 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:; Network: NBC; Program Name: The Oprah Winfrey Show; Broadcast Date: July 17 2006; Broadcast Time: 4:00pm ET; My Affiliate: WFLA; Description of Indecency:; This show allowed two women to say the word ass several times I only heard them say through conversation four times. This not allowed according to FC laws. I beleive this show shoud be fined for the profane words that wee not bleeped out.; 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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Party's Contact Number: Ext.

Other Party that can be contacted?

Name:

On Behalf Of:

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Relationship:
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Yes<<< Check here if you wish to serve both a Wireline and Wireless carrier.
## Complaint Summary:

Oprah has aired this same show now 3 times and even the prom's during early morning and evening news are very revealing. The show is about an extremely overweight woman losing weight and having plastic surgery. It shows her completely bare breasted more than once and standing in her panties while a surgeon marks her for removal of extra skin. She then has implants and again is bare breasted. All of this is during news broadcasts and airs at 4:00 PM when children are home from school or still on summer vacation. This makes the Janet Jackson deal look very tame. Where does she come off with putting this on our airways and getting by with it 3 times that I know of. Oprah is not so big that she can't or shouldn't have to follow the same regulations as the rest of the nation. She needs to be censored if she doesn't have enough sense not to put such insulting and degrading pictures on tv. I am blown away that she continues to get by with this. I for one will never watch her show again and I also expect the FCC to take a serious look at her shows. She should pay a penalty for such disgusting shows. This was pretty close to Jerry Springer in my opinion.

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My young daughter was flipping through the TV when she came across the Oprah Winfrey show. It was only on for a moment before I turned it off, but Oprah Winfrey asked her guest, "so you have had men ejaculate in your face, without ever really knowing who they are?" - Why is this allowed on daytime television? This is the filthy kind of smut you expect from cable, but not in the middle of the day when kids are just coming home from school!!!
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Date Received: 02/28/2006
Document Type:

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
Oprah Winfrey should be fined for her obscene show of 2/23/06 where she interviewed a woman who talked about men ejaculating on her face and other lewd sexual acts. This is appalling.

Problem Number:

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If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
COMPLAINT FOR
Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:

[Redacted] wrote on 9/23/2005 12:46:01 AM: [Redacted] Federal Communications Commission; 445 12th St, S.W.; Complaints and Political Programming Branch; Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau; Washington, DC 20554; This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON: Network: NBC; Program Name: "The Oprah Winfrey Show"; Broadcast Date: Thursday, September 22, 2005; Broadcast Time: 4:00pm EST; My Affiliate: WDTN; Description of Indecency: On Thursday, September 22, around 4:20 p.m. Eastern time on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" were five women who were stripped down to their brassieres and panties. I thought that was extremely distasteful and inappropriate for broadcast television. I am a member of the Parents Television Council and am outraged by the amount of sexual material available on broadcast 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;

Title: None First Name: [Redacted] Middle Initial: Last Name: [Redacted] Best Time to Call: Consumer's Telephone Number: Ext. TTY Number: Internet Address: Address: State: Zip:

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I believe if we are going to place shows on during hours that children may be able to watch we need to "tone" down the indecent language that is on. I've watch the Oprah Winfrey show from time to time but on yesterday's program it should of been on after 8:00 p.m. Ms. Winfrey had on guest who are obsessed with sex, and discussed with one guest the fact that she had over 90 men and used words such as "penis" and the difference between each man. I turned my TV off after hearing this for fear my young children may walk into the room.

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**Name:**

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**Duplicate Credit Checked:** Yes No

**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:**

**Have you paid any of the disputed charges?**
Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
I didn't hear the whole show, because I rushed in and turned it off because my 15 year old daughter was watching it. On the Oprah Winfrey show, Oprah asked some woman if men had ejaculated on her face. I was shocked. I felt like I was watching Howard Stern.
**Complaint for**

**Complaint Type:** Broadcast  
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I wrote on 2/24/2006 10:27:44 AM: My 8 year old girl was home sick with the flu on Thursday. I came home and she was watching the Oprah Winfrey show. So I sat down with her and I can't believe what I heard on Oprah: "So you've had men ejaculate in your face?"; "You've had, you know, men ejaculating in your face who you don't even know who they are." This is not acceptable during the day. Maybe if this was HBO sure but not on free TV during the day. Thank you for your time.

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**Complaint Summary:**
To whom this may concern ..., I was watching the Oprah Winfrey episode aired in Dallas - Fort Worth on channel 8 the ABC affiliate at 4pm. My children we watching, also, as they had just gotten home from school. The guests were Tim McGraw and Faith Hill. They were demonstrating how they cooked their favorite foods. Tim McGraw said that his "chicken and dumplings got him laid the first time."; I found this very offensive, especially at a time of day when children are home from school. I hope you take appropriate action and take this filth from our daytime airwaves. This Oprah show is consistently talking about sex at 4pm in the afternoon.

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COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

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Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
March 3, 2006

Mr. Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
FCC
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Martin:

As an advocate of family values and decency in television programming, I am appalled at the recent gross negligence on the part of the FCC in allowing Oprah Winfrey to pour such vulgarities into the primetime airwaves. It is a disgrace and an abomination.

To begin with, why is Oprah Winfrey allowed to do what no one else is allowed to do? Is she above the guidelines that all others are expected to follow? Furthermore, regardless of what others are or are not allowed to do, why should anyone be allowed the freedom to irresponsibly offend both children and adults with obscene, indecent language and discourse, and use public programming to do so?

I would like to know that despite my own attempts to filter unwanted filth from entering my home and impacting my family, that our government agencies would have some semblance of decency and propriety in protecting its citizens from the irresponsible and self-serving opportunism that is evidenced by Miss Winfrey’s gutter tongue.

After the fact, I do not know what punitive action can be taken against such people who purvey this indecent outpouring. However, if such action is conceivable, I would appreciate it being pursued. In any case, I would ask that you oversee the future discussion that takes place on Miss Winfrey’s show and see to it that she is required to subscribe to the same guidelines as all others who use the public airwaves.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

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Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
Dear FCC,

With the most recent cancellation of the Howard Stern show it has upset me that this has occurred. The show was groundbreaking and that's what made it interesting to listen to the show. But when Howard was fined money for talking about lude conducts it was a bit understanding. When Oprah Winfrey talked about the same topic she wasn't fined at all. This impacted me in a couple of different ways. Once, I never watched Oprah and plan to ever and advise people on my campus not to watch the show. After the cancellation of the Howard Stern due to you guys fining him all of the time, I stopped listening to radio. I spend my time doing other things, and don't go out buying items which were promoted during his show. The show was heard by thousands and impacted the radio business in many ways. Now that Howard has moved to commercial free radio he is gaining more and more of his audience in each month. I'm about to switch over just to hear him. The radio business is going to have to look at how to advertise it's self to the nation now that there is commercial free radio.

My only possible solution to this situation would be to have someone on radio that is controversial and not fine him as much or at all. This will bring back people to radio. Other then that, I don't know what you can do to bring back the radio business with all of the mp3 players being made and sold and Itunes and people just moving away from the radio.

If you can respond back about what other options that you are taking to improve radio now that Howard Stern is no longer on the airwaves it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
**COMPLAINT FOR**

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Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:
Sexual explicit talk of bodily functions

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Other Party that can be contacted?

Name:  
Relationship:  
Contact Number: Ext.

Address:  
City: State: Zip:

**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:**  
Duplicate Credit Checked 〇 Yes 〇 No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

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

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

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
Oprah Winfrey had sex addict sluts and whores on her show who were bragging about how they have sexual intercourse with dozens and dozens of strange men. They discussed, in graphic detail, having those men ejaculate cum on their faces and breasts and numerous other lurid situations unfit to be aired when schoolchildren are at home viewing.

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Other Party that can be contacted?
Name:
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Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
**COMPLAINT FOR**

**Complaint Type:** Broadcast  
**Account Type:** Residential  
**Congressional Complaint:** ☐

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**Current Status:** Closed

**Associated Case:**

**Complaint Summary:**
The show was titled "Women who use sex to find love", which is not objectionable if it is handled in a sensitive manner. However, Oprah Winfrey used vulgar terms and asked inappropriate questions that really had no relevance whatsoever. Ex: Winfrey asking a guest if men she did not know "ejaculated" on her face. This was an extremely graphic conversation taking place when many children are arriving home from school, and I consider it to be highly inappropriate.

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| Duplicate Credit Checked: | Yes ☐ No |

**Have you paid any of the disputed charges?**
I would like to complain about the profane content in yesterday’s Oprah Winfrey show. It would be much appreciated if you would hold her to the same standards and penalties that you would any other broadcast program. Thank you for your time.

Title: None
Contact Name: [Redacted]
Contact Number: Ext.
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Email Address: [Redacted]
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Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential
Congressional Complaint

IC Number: 06-WB11517990
Case Type: Complaint

Date Received: 02/27/2006
Complainant:

Date Entered: 02/27/2006
Date Assigned: 03/31/2006

Entered By: FCC-NOTES01
Date Reassigned:

Assigned To: FCCIN
Service Date:

Date Closed: 04/07/2006
Response Date:

Closed By:
Original Analyst:

Close Letter Needed? ○ Yes ○ No
Purged By:
Purged Date:

Removed By:
Removed Date:

Supervisor Check: ○ Yes ○ No
Indecency Referral Code:
Dismissal - Insufficient description of program

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
Oprah Winfrey to guest Jennifer: "You've had, you know, men ejaculating in your face who you don't even know who they are."

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Other Party that can be contacted?

Name:

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**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:

Duplicate Credit Checked: ○ Yes ○ No

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Complaint Summary:
The Oprah Winfrey show was talking about breast cancer during breast cancer awareness month. That is a noble thing. However, bare breasts were shown for a long period of time. Nudity has NOTHING to do with breast cancer.

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast Account
Type: Residential D Congressional Complaint D D

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
The content was NOT suitable for the time slot in any way. I understand the context is important in judging it offensive...but this is as clear as day.

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If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
**Complaint Summary:**
Oprah's show was about sex addicts. She had graphic discussions about sex acts including ejaculations, etc. Howard stern would be fined/suspended-fired for material like this. But what say you about Oprah?

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**COMPLAINT FOR**

Complaint Type: Broadcast  Account Type: Residential  [ ] Congressional Complaint  [ ] D

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| Date Closed: 04/12/2006 | Response Date:  
| Closed By:  
| Original Analyst:  
| Close Letter Needed:  
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| Purged Date:  
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| Removed Date:  
| Supervisor Check:  
| Indecency Referral Code:  
| Further IHD Review: Broadcast Indecency - Profanity |

**Current Status:** Closed

**Complaint Summary:**

Sexual references including ejaculation in an interviewee's face

**Apparent Completeness:**

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

**Problem Number:**

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| Best Time to Call:  
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| City: State: Zip: |

**Other Party that can be contacted?**

| Name:  
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Duplicate Credit Checked:  
[ ] Yes  [ ] No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

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

If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
Complaint Summary:
I was watching the Oprah show with two little kids and Uma Thurman was on the show. They showed a clip of Uma's new movie where she was in bed on top of a guy and moving in a way that was making the bed move back and forth on the floor and hitting the wall. The next clip showed the man walking funny. One of the children ask me why that lady was mad at the man and hurting him. This is totally unexcetable for daytime TV.
This program somehow explained anal sex, and an apparent gay gentleman proceeded to describe anal sex without condoms. Specifically, he stated that anal sex without condoms was "Bear backing". Mind you, this information was "provided" in the span of 3 seconds, as I was changing channels. I find it unacceptable to describe procedures for accomplishing "Anal Sex".

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?
Complaint Summary:
Oprah interviewed a woman that had sex with over 90 men and provided extremely graphic details of the acts using words and phrases that should garner an extreme amount of fines from your office. The stuff that came out of the TV speaker would have gotten most shows shut down that day.

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?
Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?
If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast

Account Type: Residential

TCR ID Number: 06-WB11572285

Case Type: Complaint

Date Received: 03/10/2006

Complainant: [Name Redacted]

Date Entered: 03/27/2006

Date Assigned: 04/07/2006

Entered By: FCC NOTES01

Date Reassigned:

Assigned To: [Name Redacted]

Service Date: Referral

Date Closed: 04/13/2006

Response Date:

Closed By: [Name Redacted]

Original Analyst:

Close Letter Needed: Yes [☑]

Purged By:

Purged Date:

Removed By:

Removed Date:

Supervisor Check: Yes [☑] No

Indecency Referral Code:

Dismissal - Insufficient description of program

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:

On an interview with a gay man and straight man who lived together for 30 days. At one point of the interview, she show them going to a gay bar. It was very pornographic. One shot of a man wearing a "jock strap" type thing with only what seemed to be chaps. Another shot of the rear end of a man wearing a thong, buttocks fully exposed.

Apparent Carrier:

[Yes] ☐ Check here if you wish to serve both a Wireless and Wired carrier

Problem Number:

Title: None

First Name: [Name Redacted]

Middle Initial: [Middle Initial]

Last Name: [Last Name]

Contact Name: [Name Redacted]

Contact Number: Ext.

Best Time to Call:

Consumer's Telephone Number: Ext.

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On Behalf Of:

Company Name:

Party's Name: [Name Redacted]

Relationship with the Party:

Party's Contact Number: Ext.

PO Box:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Other Party that can be contacted?

Name: [Name Redacted]

Relationship:

Contact Number: Ext.

Address:

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**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:

Duplicate Credit Checked: Yes [☑] No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

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COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast  Account Type: Residential

Congressional Complaint

Current Status: Closed

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:
I tuned in to the Oprah Winfrey show today because it was dealing with teen and meth addiction. The final guest of the day was a young man not a teen, giving his testimony on meth abuse and also being gay. During his interview with Oprah the man was talking about being high on meth, and going to "bath houses"/"sweat rooms" where it was dark and would have many sexual encounters at times as many as 15 to 20 other men at a visit, but while he was telling the story, the Oprah show was showing nude pictures with just a blur over private parts of the men in these "Bath Houses" or whatever they were called, engaging in gay activities. He was talking explicitly about the events and a couple times mentioned the phrase of "barebacking" when Oprah asked, "ok, what is barebacking?" which he replied "anal sex with other men and no condoms", Oprah's reply was, "well, ...O K..." looked at the camera and audience, and that was it, I don't think the public needed the graphic scenes of nudity of this man's lifestyle on a daytime show, one I used to watch, not often, but I did today, because of the subject including teens/ and meth use. My husband's former wife, and mother of the two children he & I have full parental custody of now due to her meth addiction and lifestyle. I did not watch the show expecting to see a gay man promote his sexual activity with other men on the Oprah show. I know he was talking about what the meth would do to him and the high he would get from it, etc. Tho it was not actually the man himself *(I'm guessing)* in the portrayal of the group of naked men in the "bath house" were shown and just the blur covering private parts, it was way too much for a channel I would not expect to see such vulgar on. I did write to the Oprah Winfrey program immediately about this, but I don't expect a reply. I did not see any warning prior to the scenes that it would be graphic and not suited for young children, or anyone of any decency, it just was there, and a couple times at that, as if once wasn't enough to see men with other naked men etc. I'm outraged and very disappointed in Oprah, let alone CBS / channel 12. Seems like those who choose to live the gay/lesb. lifestyle are forcing it upon those who choose to live as God intended. I basically have the channels I do because of the weather stations, and it's the minimal package, I'm hoping someday we can pay for those channels we want but, all seem to be pushing for the gay & lesb. whether we want it or not.; Yvonne Link; Great Bend, KS; mother of 4 teens in the house.
Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
I found it unacceptable the language that was used by Oprah during this show. I have two children in the house and this is not the time to show stories like this. I expected action to be taken so that this does not happen again. This is not the first time that Oprah has done something like this, and it will not be the last unless the FCC does something about this. There are much more tasteful things that she can talk about and with less vulgar. I believe that the topic was about women that had sex addictions and have slept with as many as 89 men.
Complaint Summary:
I was very upset that my children and I had to listen to such graphic language as she was discussing on her show with regards to a sex addict. I thought that the FCC was attempting to clean up TV. It is so foolish and makes you look silly that you treat everyone different. And I don't want to hear that it depends on the Context or program as to what can be said. That is just a way to cover for the people you like. It really is so obvious as too what your agenda is. All I would ask is that you be fair across the board !!! Consistency does not seem to be a strong point with the FCC. Thank you.
Complaint Summary:
I always watch the Oprah Show, but lately it has been offensive. I hope I have the date right, but Monday I think it was, she had a homosexual guest on who described his addiction to crystal meth and how he would visit bathhouses and have sex with 25 men in one night. He described barebacking as having anal sex without a condom. He talked about groping men and it was all very vulgar and disgusting. I'm sick of Oprah glorifying the homosexual community. She seems to be obsessed with having them on the show and talking about them. This isn't the first time her show has been very graphic in sexual descriptions and it certainly doesn't seem appropriate for a local network show coming on at 9:00 in the morning. It's one thing to have homosexuals as guests, that's not what's offensive. It's the vulgarity and the graphic descriptions of sex acts. She has also had several shows about child prostitutes and sex trafficking and while this is important to be educated on, the language and content need to be cleaned up for this ABC show.
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
On February 23, 2006 during her nationally broadcast 4 PM show, aired on WJLA in Washington D.C., Oprah interviewed three female sex addicts (http://www.oprah.com/tows/pastshows/200602/tows_past_20060223.jhtml). During the interview, Oprah stooped to the level of Howard Stern and asked one guest if she had "let men ejaculate in her face." This reference to excretion clearly violates community standards and should be investigated by the FCC. In fact, in the FCC's Indecent Broadcast Restrictions, the agency states that it "has defined broadcast indecency as 'language or material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory organs or activities.' Indecent programming contains patently offensive sexual or excretory material that does not rise to the level of obscenity." The FCC also warns that indecent speech "is prohibited on broadcast radio and television between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m." Oprah's indecent comment was aired during the prohibited hours, reaching the ears of thousands of young children. Oprah's question might not meet the Supreme Court's definition of obscenity - 1. appealing to the prurient interest, 2. patently offensive, and 3. lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value -, but the broadcast of her gratuitous question was harmful to our national culture and insensitive to viewers with young children in the room. Like Superbowl viewers, parents had no way to know that Oprah's performance would get so graphic, and her producers offered no content warning at any time during the show. The battle for ratings has fewer and fewer limits at an hour when many children have just come home from school.
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Complaint Summary:
at approx 3:50 PM Oprah was going on and on about these Child prostitutes having sex, she must have said Sex dozen's of time all while showing pictures of what appeared to be girls from 12 to 15 years of age, clearly each time my kids heard the word sex and forced sex with the video being broadcast, there is no question that the reference was to physical sex with kids. In less that 1 minute my 11 and 8 year old kids were exposed to this disgraceful programming. I have the child protection features activated on my Satellite system and this show should have been protected by this for the content or at least it should be broadcast when kids are likely to be in school or sleeping. To broadcast something like that when kids come home from school is flat stupid. Oprah should be fined for pedophilia, is it not illegal to display child pornography or to so clearly refer to children having sex. I demand that the FCC hold accountable consistent rules, if an evening sitcom or show is unable to refer to sexual acts with children with such a direct and obvious reference, neither should Oprah be able to do this, just because she thinks its some sort of news or topic to discuss, does not mean that or that my kids need to see young girls and Oprah repeat over and over that these girls are forced to have sex.; Since this topic and the way she presented sex with children, she should be fined for indecency and for child pornography Oprah is worst than Howard Stern because at least I expect this from Stern and he is not on the TV at 3:53 PM either, and Oprahshould receieve a fine that is considerable or at least at the same level as Stern. This shocked me even more than Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction, I also demand that this show have the same technology that tells my satellite to put up a password so it is not viewable by my kids. I could recommend also, that similar shows have the same requirement.; This garbage of a show appeared on my DishNetwork Satellite at 3:50 PM Pacific. I believe the channel was 7 or ABC, I immediatly turned the channel before I could confirm the station. Though even with my quick action, my kids still saw a full minute of the show and were still exposed to the trash that woman had on the air.; Thank You;
COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast
Account Type: Residential

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Current Status: Closed

Complaint Summary:
Oprah's program on Thursday was very explicit in its description of sexual acts. Please impose the same fine that your agency imposed on Howard Stern, Bubba the Love Sponge, and other personalities.;
http://www.drudgereport.com/flash4.htm; Hold on to your condoms!; Oprah interviewed a woman on Thursday who had engaged in sex with more than 90 men during her life and who; was keeping an ongoing list and a video diary about these encounters!; Not to be confused with Howard Stern, Oprah asked: "So you've had men ejaculate in your face?"; MORE; The February Sweeps sex special from the nation's top talkshow host, titled "Guests discuss their sex addictions,"; raised eyebrows with industry watchers.; "You've had, you know, men ejaculating in your face who you don't even know who they are, " asked daytime; Winfrey.; WINFREY: OK. So tell me, what's going on when you're actually having the sex?... Coming up, Jennifer just admitted; that she's had sex with almost 90 men.; JENNIFER: I had a one night stand last night in this room. And now I'm obsessing about it. I was at a cafe, and there; was a guy there that I just decided that I wanted to have. Kind of like you walk into a bakery shop and you see an; eclair, and that's the one you want. You know, just went up to him and introduced myself and started chatting with; him, gave him my number, basically all the while thinking, "I need to have sex with this person." And it doesn't; matter who he is or what he is, that's the one that I want to want me. And he slept over and I had sex with him and I; had unprotected sex with him.; (Excerpt from videotape); (Graphic on screen); Jennifer, 25 Sex Addict Video Diary; JENNIFER: There's, like, a few reasons I feel like I have unprotected sex. One, I-it's so much about the guy feeling; pleasure and pleasing him and I want it to be good for him. And the other one is I don't care...; WINFREY: Eighty-nine guys, unprotected sex...; MORE; AMY (Says She Has Had Sex With More Than 70 Men): It's not about sex with me. It's about the intimacy or being; close to someone or feeling needed. Even though I'm totally out of control, I still feel that I am in control for that; moment. I'm trying to think about men that I've slept with, and I honestly can't remember, just 70 to 75, probably; somewhere around there. Currently, I probably have four or five different guys I could call if I wanted to. I am tired of; being alone. I don't want to be this way. I want to feel good enough within myself to not feel like I need to do this. I; want things to be better.; (End of excerpt) ; WINFREY: So you told our producers you're disgusted with yourself. Yeah.
**COMPLAINT FOR**

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**Complaint Summary:**
I have repeatedly watched daytime television on NBC, including the Oprah Winfrey show, during which graphic, scary, and violent COMMERCIALS for Universal Studios Orlando's Halloween Horror Nights have aired. Having 2 small children, I was alarmed to see bloody, gruesome and scary

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COMPLAINT FOR

Complaint Type: Broadcast Account  
Type: Residential  

Associated Case:

Complaint Summary:
Talking about a woman's clitoris is unacceptable.

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**Complaint Summary:**

It is inappropriate for Oprah and her guests to be discussing the use of personal lubricants such as Astroglide, and to be discussing masturbation, during this time period. If Oprah wants to discuss these topics, she should do so on cable or late at night; I found this material indecent and obscene.

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Complaint Summary:
Oprah airs many controversial subjects, and I applaud her shows mostly. But the extremely disturbing videos that were showed today has my skin crawling and I literally am shook up and distraught. I don't think that the warnings about young kids was enough. I think that thousands of children might have seen this tape today and witnessed the violence and that it could have a very disturbing effect on them. Please make a note of this and speak to the network. Thank you.

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**Complaint Summary:**
Oprah aired two homosexuals with three children. The American government has strictly declined same sex marriage, it is this organization’s responsibility to prevent any and all homosexuals who are not allowed to be married to have their story showed on the air and start a rebellion against the all knowing American government, a symbol of justice and freedom throughout the whole entire world.

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**Current Status:** Closed

**Complaint Summary:**
The show was replaying a clip from the movie Dreamgirls, and during the clip the word "bitch" was used while two actresses were arguing. I find the use of this clip completely unnecessary to promote the movie. I do not appreciate hearing this profane language on network TV during the holiday season with my family around.

**Problem Number:**
| Title: None | First Name: [Redacted] |
| Filled Initial: [Redacted] | Last Name: [Redacted] |
| Contact Name: [Redacted] | Best Time to Call: |
| Contact Number: [Redacted] Ext. | Consumer's Telephone Number: Ext. |
| Fax Number: | TTY Number: |
| Email Address: [Redacted] | Internet Address: |
| PO Box: | Address: |
| City: | State: |
| Zip: |

**On Behalf Of:**
| Company Name: |
| Party's Name: |
| Relationship with the Party: |
| Party's Contact Number: Ext. | PO Box: |
| Address: |
| City: State: Zip: |

**Other Party that can be contacted?**
| Name: |
| Relationship: |
| Contact Number: Ext. | Address: |
| City: State: Zip: |

**Duplicate Credit Check:** Yes

**Amount of credit FCC effort generated:**

**Have you paid any of the disputed charges?**

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

**If yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?**
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Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Melanie Godschall
Attorney Advisor
Investigations and Hearings Division
Enforcement Bureau

Enclosure
This letter responds to your complaint in which you allege that unlawful programming was broadcast over an ABC station during its airing of the "Oprah Winfrey" show at approximately 3:00 p.m. Although we appreciate your concern, the information that you have submitted to us concerning this broadcast does not allow us to determine whether the material about which you complain is actionable.

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Jennifer A. Lewis
Assistant Chief
Investigations and Hearings Division
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INQUIRY FOR [REDACTED]

Account Type: Residential

Complaint Type: Broadcast

IC Number: 07-10279056

Date Received: 08/11/2007
Date Enter: 06/26/2007

Entered By: PORTALSV1

Assigned To: [REDACTED]

Date Closed: 07/10/2007

Current Status: Closed

Contact Name: [REDACTED]
Contact Number: Ext.
Fax Number: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
PO Box: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED]
State: [REDACTED]
Zip: [REDACTED]

Company Name:

On Behalf Of:

Party's Name: [REDACTED]
Party's Contact Number: Ext.

Other Party that can be contacted?

Name: [REDACTED]
Contact Number: Ext.

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b. Telephone number for the carrier(s) or company(ies) involved with your complaint, including area code:

c. Which type of service is involved with your complaint:
July 10, 2007

In Reply Refer To: 07-10279056

Dear Consumer:

Thank you for contacting the Federal Communications Commission.

The Commission received numerous complaints about the discussion of teenage sexual practices contained in the March 1B, 2004 episode of the syndicated television program "The Oprah Winfrey Show." This particular episode included an examination by the host and her guests and audience of serious parental/supervisory issues including the complained-of discussion arising from the movie "Thirteen." 

There can be no question that the complained-of dialogue describes sexual activities, and therefore falls within the subject-matter scope of our indecency analysis. We thus turn to the second prong of our indecency analysis - a determination of whether the material at issue was patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium.

Turning to the first factor in our contextual analysis, the broadcast here clearly describes sexual practices in very specific terms, and is highly graphic and explicit.

With respect to the second factor, the dialogue is not brief, but continues at length. Indeed, the title of the segment is "The Secret Language of Teens," and the discussion of these terms for sexual activity is the subject of the entire segment.

Given this particular context, though, our findings with regard to the first two factors of our analysis are outweighed by our conclusion under the third factor of our contextual analysis that the complained-of material, in context, is not pandering and is not used to titillate or shock.

The program segment focuses on the "secret lives" of many teenagers. Through guests -- parents, teenagers, and others -- serious discussions take place about the disturbing, secret teenage behavior portrayed in the movie "Thirteen." Guests speak of serious, potentially harmful behaviors of teens- such as drug use, drinking, self-mutilation, and sexual activity, how teenagers hide those behaviors from their parents, and how parents might recognize and address those behaviors with their teens. The material is not presented in a vulgar manner and is not used to pander to or titillate the audience. Rather, it is designed to inform viewers about an important topic. To the extent that the material is shocking, it is due to the existence of such practices among teenagers rather than the vulgarity or explicitness of the sexual depictions or descriptions. It would have been difficult to educate parents regarding teenagers' sexual activities without at least briefly describing those activities and alerting parents to the little-known terms (i.e., "salad tossing," "rainbow party") that many teenagers use to refer to them. For many of the same reasons, we have previously denied complaints about similar educational broadcasts.

As we have previously stated, "the manner and purpose of a presentation may well preclude an indecency determination even though other factors, such as explicitness, might weigh in favor of an indecency finding." Here, in light of the overall context of the broadcast, we find that the complained-of material is not patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, and, therefore, not indecent.


Thank you for your inquiry.
Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554  

April 28, 2007

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing in response to something I learned while doing a project for my Women’s Studies class at UNLV. My group and I were doing research for a presentation titled, “The Empress of Media vs. The King of Media,” a report on how Oprah Winfrey and Howard Stern impact society.

In doing our research we found the following quotes from one of Oprah’s television shows:

Oprah: Let’s talk about that secret language Michelle.
Michelle: Yes
Oprah: I didn’t know any of this
Michelle: I have yea, I have gotten a whole new vocabulary let me tell ya
Oprah: I did not know any of this
Michelle: Salad tossing, cucumbers, lettuce tomatoes ok
Oprah: ok so so what is a salad toss?
Michelle: ok a tossed salad is, get ready hold on to your underwear for this one, oral anal sex, So oral sex with the anus is what that would be.

Clip Two

Michelle: a rainbow party is an oral sex party it’s a gathering where oral sex is performed and rainbow comes from all of the girls put on lipstick and each one puts her mouth around the penis of the gentleman or gentlemen who are there to receive favors and makes a mark um in a different place on the penis hence the term rainbow...
(http://www.thewaterglass.net/archives/000607.html)

When Howard Stern played the sound clip from Oprah’s show on his show the next morning, it was bleeped out and was not allowed to be aired.

The Howard Stern was on the air from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., when most children are asleep or at school. Oprah’s show on the other hand airs in New York at 4 p.m. and in Los
Angeles at 3 p.m., both times when children are at home with the opportunity to watch television. If the reason for levying fines is to protect our children and keep them from listening to offensive language, then why wasn't Oprah fined?

Why is it that Howard Stern cannot play clips from the Oprah show without a fear of being fined by the FCC? It seems to me that there is a double standard in what is offensive language and considered finable. You are responsible for levying fines against broadcasters across the United States and need to do so in an unbiased and just manner.

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