

IS “O’NEALS” ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK?

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“The Real O’Neals” won’t be on ABC tonight—its abbreviated season ended last week—and all indications are that this Dan Savage-inspired anti-Catholic show is in trouble.

The show’s ratings have been anemic from the start, a constant drain on ABC’s Tuesday night viewership. From last October through its season finale last Tuesday night, it has averaged 800,000 less viewers than “Fresh Off The Boat,” the program that immediately precedes it on ABC. In other words, each week, for the past six months, “The Real O’Neals” has been losing close to a million viewers for ABC.

So it is no wonder that while “Fresh Off the Boat” has six more episodes to go to complete its full season of 23 shows, the plug has been pulled on “O’Neals” after only 16 episodes. Even in rerun weeks “O’Neals” is being skipped. Tonight, for example, following a rerun episode of “Fresh Off the Boat” at 9 p.m., the “O’Neals” 9:30 slot is being filled by a rerun of “Blackish.”

We will soon know if Disney/ABC is going to finally cancel this show.

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