

VIACOM'S ETHICS



Bill Donohue comments on Viacom's ethics:

When Comedy Central flashed a picture of a naked woman with her legs spread and a nativity scene ornament in between—what Jon Stewart called “the vagina manger”—Viacom's executives weren't the slightest bit offended (Comedy Central is owned by Viacom). But these same people got ticked off recently when Don Rickles cracked a joke about President Obama.

On June 7, Rickles performed before a Hollywood crowd at the American Film Institute tribute to Shirley MacLaine. He quipped, “I shouldn't make fun of the blacks. President Obama is a personal friend of mine. He was over to the house yesterday, but the mop broke.” When they show this event on TV Land (a Viacom network) on June 24, Rickles' Obama joke will not be aired.

On May 8, we mailed a color photo of the “vagina manger” shot to Viacom's directors; we asked them to direct Stewart to apologize. They refused. But it didn't take anyone from the NAACP to ask Viacom to nix Rickles' joke—they did it themselves.

Rickles' PR man offered this lame comment soon after the decision was made to censor the joke: “Before all of this started, we knew Don's spot would be cut a bit for time.” More honest is Rickles himself: “Some jerk-offs got offended.”

Such is the state of Viacom's ethics.

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HINDU, BUDDHIST AND SIKH LEADERS SENT “VAGINA MANGER” PHOTO



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It would be of enormous help if you were to weigh in on this issue. Please write to Mr. Steve Albani, Senior VP Communications, Comedy Central, 345 Hudson St., New York, New York 10014. Thanks so much.

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BATTLE BREWING IN BATTLE CREEK



Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments as follows:

Tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. ET, I will be interviewed on WBCN in Battle Creek, Michigan, home of Kellogg's. I will discuss the cereal company's defense of an obscene, anti-women, anti-Christian picture—it showed a nativity scene ornament in between the legs of a naked woman—that was flashed on the

screen of the April 16 episode of Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show." To listen to the show live click [here](#).

The radio station is heard in Kalamazoo, a city where many who work at Kellogg's reside; the signal extends throughout southern Michigan. In addition, the program, "Live with Renk," is the #1 show in the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek area.

When we are finished, everyone will know about Stewart's "vagina manger" stunt. But we also want the whole country to know how Kellogg's, once identified as American as apple pie, has now sunk so low that it actually underwrites anti-Christian bigotry.

Professors take note: The corporate arrogance of Kellogg's is suitable for classroom discussion in courses on business ethics. Also recommended for discussion is the corporate responsibility of Delta; the airline company pulled its sponsorship of "The Daily Show."

Contact Kris Charles, Senior Director, Corporate Communications, Kellogg's: kris.charles@kellogg.com

BISHOPS MAILED "VAGINA MANGER" PHOTO



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VIACOM MAILED "VAGINA MANGER" PHOTO



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By now you are aware of the vile picture of a woman with her legs spread, with a nativity ornament in between, that was flashed on the screen of "The Daily Show" on April 16. Jon Stewart likes to call it the "vagina manger." If you haven't seen it, just look inside this mailing.

You should be as offended as we are. But if you are not, consider a picture of your own mother inserted there instead. Perhaps you now understand how the 80 percent of the nation that is Christian feel.

What Stewart did wasn't a joke. It was hate speech. We could have pressed for him to be fired, but we did not. All we want

*is an apology. That he refuses to do so is astonishing.
Perhaps you can persuade him to act responsibly.*