

## JON STEWART'S LEGACY

Five weeks ago today, Jon Stewart did something that will forever stain his legacy. After making fun of Fox News for not addressing the “war on women,” Stewart said, “Maybe women could protect their reproductive organs from unwanted medical intrusions with vagina mangers.” On the screen behind him was the picture of a naked woman with her legs spread and a nativity scene ornament in between. How ironic that in the name of defending women, he grossly degraded them, while also insulting Christian sensibilities.

We have not called for Stewart to be fired, though many on TV have been terminated for less. We have simply asked for an apology. He refuses. That is why we sent copies of the infamous picture to a select group of his sponsors, as well as to the leaders of every major religion in the nation. We want everyone to know what this man stands for and how he treats Christianity. From what we've learned, no one is fooled.

We understand it when hosts and guests slip and say something they later regret. But there is no excuse for scripted hate speech. Had a conservative host made fun of President Obama's abortion policies by putting a depiction of the Obama family in between the legs of a naked woman, those who think it's cute to mock The Holy Family wouldn't be laughing.

Political satirists on the right and the left have been getting away with their insults for too long. Surely good fun can be had without stooping to the gutter. If you agree, please e-mail Steve Albani, the Communications head of Comedy Central: [steve.albani@cc.com](mailto:steve.albani@cc.com)

If Stewart hasn't crossed the line, then there is none left to cross, and that doesn't bode well for anyone.

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