

To whom it may concern:

I believe that our standards are low enough already. I do not wish to see any further lowering of the standards of our television viewing, especially where it concerns the sacredness of the human body. Have we become so numb that we can no longer think for ourselves? Whatever happened to leaving something to the imagination? I also don't care to be bombarded by profanity at every corner.

The excessiveness of the entertainment industry should be contained to isolated cable channels.

When I was a child, even though Lucy and Ricky were sleeping in separate beds (which I agree was extreme in itself), I knew that their characters were likely having sex because they were married and especially after the baby came along. I didn't need, nor did I want, to watch them having sex to know that that is what married couples do. When I went to the movies, if a man or woman went into a hotel room and shut the door, I knew what they were doing in there. I know that people take their clothes off when they get undressed; I don't need to watch them do it. I know they are naked when they get in the shower. Normal people do not run around the house half naked so why would we show that on TV? I don't care to see it. If I wanted to do that, I would go to a porn shop for that is what it is plain and simple. The viewing of another's naked body in the entertainment industry is nothing less than porn no matter what the format or how one attempts to justify it. Not only are you considering lowering the standard of how much of the body to show on television, you are talking only about the exploitation of women. Why are we not showing naked men? Why is it OK to show full frontal nudity of women but not men? It is not OK to expose the general public to either one. Congress just passed legislation to increase funding for the protection of women against violence. And now you want to increase the need for even more funding in the future by increasing the violence against women, much of which studies have proven, comes as a direct result of the exploitation of women in the media/entertainment industry. Why else would anyone want to see it? Why do we need to see it? Has no one any imagination anymore? Have you so little respect for women?

As for the language, are you saying that society has become so unintelligent that we can no longer understand a conversation without vulgarity mixed in? I don't think we are there yet.

I urge you to reconsider your proposal to lower the standards that are already outlined in the media guidelines at this time. On the contrary, if you want to make changes, increase the standards to allow us to learn to speak intelligently and leave us more to imagine when watching for entertainment.

Nudity is nothing more than a distraction to the plot of the story. It is nothing more than a cockroach on your sundae. Please do not drop the ban on vulgarity or nudity. I want to be clear that I oppose any changes to the current FCC indecency standards that would allow television and radio stations to broadcast expletives and nudity on the public airwaves, even if brief or "fleeting." The Supreme Court has confirmed the FCC's authority to enforce policies regarding expletives and nudity, especially during times when children are likely to be watching or listening. Relaxing the current policy would not serve the public interest and I urge the FCC to reject all proposals that would allow for the broadcast of expletives and nudity on FCC-licensed stations. I would like to believe that our society as a whole, is still better than that. Thank you