

March 16, 2015

Mr. Ben Sherwood
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Dear Mr. Sherwood,

We recently learned of ABC's plans to release a pilot sitcom this spring based on the life of radical activist Dan Savage.

We can only assume you are unaware of Dan Savage's history of over-the-top obscenity, his radical hate speech, and his venomous anti-Christian bigotry. Are you aware of his lewd and explicit sex "advice" column "The Stranger"?

Examples include:

- During the 2000 Republican primary, Savage volunteered for the Gary Bauer campaign in Iowa. He became sick and attempted to spread his illness to Bauer and his staff. Savage publicly and unapologetically wrote about what he did: *"I went from doorknob to doorknob. They were filthy, no doubt, but there wasn't time to find a rag to spit on...If for some reason I didn't manage to get a pen from my mouth to Gary's hands, I wanted to seed his office with germs, get as many of his people sick as I could, and hopefully one of them would infect the candidate. So, much as it pains me to confirm a hateful stereotype of gay men—we will put anything in our mouths—I started licking doorknobs. The front door, office doors, even a bathroom door. When that was done, I started in on the staplers, phones and computer keyboards. Then I stood in the kitchen and licked the rims of all the clean coffee cups drying in the rack."* (Savage also admitted to fraudulently lying about his residency in order to participate in this effort to undermine a presidential campaign. He was charged with a felony and plead guilty to a misdemeanor.)
- Savage famously launched a public campaign to define the word "Santorum" as "the frothy mixture of lube and fecal matter that is sometimes a byproduct of anal sex" because he disagreed with comments Senator Rick Santorum made. Of his desire to have "hate sex" with

Sen. Santorum, Savage said, “I sometimes think about fucking the shit out of Rick Santorum. Because I think he needs it...Like, let’s bone that Santorum boy. I’m up for whipping up some santorum in Santorum.”

- During a lecture at a high school conference, Savage called for Christians to “ignore the bullshit in the Bible about gay people” and then called high school students “pansy-assed” for walking out.
- Of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s opposition to same-sex marriage, Savage said: “What the Pope is saying that the only thing that stands between my dick and Brad Pitt’s mouth is a piece of paper... What the Pope is saying, once we’re all gay married we’re going to go extinct as a generation. Because Once we’re all gay married, we’re gonna forget which hole shits babies.”
- Upon the pope’s resignation, Savage wrote an article headlined *That Motherfucking Power-Hungry, Self-Aggrandized Bigot In the Stupid Fucking Hat Announces His Retirement*.
- Savage also hosts an annual pornography festival called “Hump!”; coined the term “monogamish” when encouraging marital infidelity; and wrote and directed a raunchy play called “Miracle!” that mocked Helen Keller.
- Savage uses his graphic sex column to encourage others to “find a kink community,” reassure brothers whose “wives fucked each other,” counsel, “If I were in your shoes...I would cheat on my husband of 30 years,” and warn a young man that “An intense deep-throating session is physically taxing, and you feel it for a few days after.”
- This past February, Savage plumbed new depths of lewd anti-Catholicism in a series of Twitter posts. The hypocritical "anti-bullying" activist pointed out how a "'repair' on this statue of John Paul II makes him look like he just stuck 2 fingers in a squeaky clean altar boy."
- In 2011, Savage told Bill Maher, “I wish [Republicans] were all fucking dead.”
- In 2006, Savage said, “Carl Romanelli should be dragged behind a pickup truck until there’s nothing left but the rope.”
- Within the last few weeks, Savage told Dr. Ben Carson to “Suck my dick. Name the time and the place and I’ll bring my dick and a camera crew and you can suck me off and win the argument.”

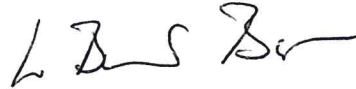
These examples are the tip of the iceberg when it comes to Dan Savage’s hateful behavior. How is this comedic?

Do Savage’s repeated and troubling actions represent the values of a network whose parent company is Disney? Knowing what you know now, do you still plan on airing the sitcom?

If you do, Disney will be associated with the hate language of this uncivil figure since Disney will be endorsing it. If you choose to go forward, it is very likely you will be creating an immediate national scandal for yourself.

We look forward to your response, and would be grateful if we can receive your response by Monday, March 23, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Brent Bozell III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Perkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Tony Perkins
President, Family Research Council