

## Transcription

is one of the best radio programs. Number one, it's not intellectual. Number two, it's not sensitive, compassionate, kind, or just [like others have noted]. Number three, it's not creative either. Too bad we cannot do better than Howard Stern. Too bad he's on the air.

Rush Limbaugh is often paired with him as another shock jock [by observers]. At least there is something of merit with Rush Limbaugh. At least there's something you could change. He may actually get you to think. He at least discusses political issues. That involves the brain. Certainly, he has his own problems, but compared to Howard Stern, he is a giant. Compared to Howard Stern, he is someone who is sensitive. Someone who is wise. His program is something amazing compared to Howard Stern.

It is really too bad people are so focused on this type of activity. He's also very crude. I don't particularly care for crudeness. I understand why he has to do that. It seems juvenile. What he has on his show seems to be the type of activity we may or may not have liked when we were in sixth, fourth, third, second grade.

Recently, Mad Magazine did a very good parody about Howard Stern. It's very funny. Very appropriate. Very fitting. It's good. They're willing to make fun of him. They're willing to show his flaws, his problems.

I saw one website from a Christian perspective that was encouraging people to boycott Howard Stern. Unfortunately, I don't believe people have enough fortitude to boycott. They don't have enough strength to resist. But they should. They really should.

Since, as I said before, censorship is not a good goal. It's not a mode I prefer. Boycott is probably what's left to do. Advocates of boycott stress the fact that the boycott is very powerful because in a capitalist society, money drives. Thus, if you take money away from Howard Stern, he may crumble because it's all based on the number of listeners. People stop listening to Howard Stern. Advertisers pull their money out. They say, thus, he is more inclined to maybe do what is right.

I believe that often a great way to change. I saw one transcript where he was just saying swear words to protest the FCC's ruling against him. Certainly, I am one of the biggest opponents of federal communications. They're no friends of mine. But it seems really sad. He's protesting something that's pretty minute, something that's pretty petty. Sure, swearing. Sure, I believe a person should be allowed to swear. Personally, I don't I try not to swear. I don't like to have swear words in my vocabulary. But I believe the government should censor that.

Reminds me of when I had a radio station, when I was protesting, when I was censored for. To me, what I was censored for was a lot more noble than what Howard Stern is censored for. And I had my radio show. They got on me because I read a poem against the Federal Communications Commission called I Hate the FCC [inspired by the style and substance of Dead Kennedys songs as well as Pirate Radio Stations and the book *Pirate Radio Stations: Tuning Into Underground Broadcasts* that argue the FCC restricts and violates freedom of speech and freedom of the press by the very existence of its station licensing.] That was really offensive to the people in the school. I expressed political sentiments about why I believe the FCC was wrong. This occurred my sophomore year of college, which was 1998. Really sad.

That furthered my anti-media view because the FCC putting pressure on these radio managers that they

would not allow someone to criticize them [the radio managers indicated that they were afraid of the FCC]. I thought that was horrible. I believe that was a good way to protest the FCC. To have political arguments, write a poem. A poem to me has something of value. It's creativity to write a poem. But Howard Stern instead of doing that, he is doing all these horrible deeds.

Also we should point out, he does have talents. But he's using his talents for purposes that are not too good. He should be using his talents to help people, to make lives better. But he chooses not to do that. It is really quite sad. Very sad that he is there.

Nobody else has really taken him on. You see people here and there. Thus it's very fitting, very appropriate that we are gathered here today to diss Howard Stern. To show what is wrong with him. To have a forum to talk about why Howard Stern is to be feared. He's certainly very powerful. He certainly rakes in millions of dollars. Consider that aspect.

We've all heard people complain about how these celebrities, Michael Jordan, Oprah Winfrey, make millions of dollars. [These people say] Salaries that it would take social workers or teachers many lifetimes to earn what they have earned. Thus people argue that's a very distorted scale: Michael Jordan is earning all this: These social workers are earning this: When social workers are contributing to society.

Even more scary when you put Howard Stern into the picture. Michael Jordan has some very positive aspects. He's a very hard worker [as the stories go]. In a way he's a good role model for youth because you can see what can happen if you don't quit and you believe in yourself. If you try hard. Oprah Winfrey in some ways is a good role model too. Some of these others. But Howard Stern is not a good role model. Howard Stern is the opposite of a role model. He is someone we should not emulate. I'm not confident he will ever change his ways.

One of those web pages wanted us to pray for him. I don't have faith. That's what happened in Kenton Sioux. That's just the way people are. Often people are very resistant to change. I don't think he will have a change of heart.

Long ago in that magazine they had another piece that was very funny about Howard Stern. They had a cartoon where this one young man was dating Howard Stern's daughter. This young man was saying something very vulgar what he wanted to do with Howard Stern's daughter. Their comic part was that was the payback for him teaching all these young people to view women, to view sex in that way. Thus they were saying what goes around comes around: He's teaching people to be this way and to ultimately come back and hit. I'm glad that they, Mad Magazine, are willing to poke fun at him. I believe satire can be very powerful. Sometimes merely expressing the view does not have the same effect as some millions. Expression of view does not have the same effect as some really good satire. A satire which demonstrates the other failures, inconsistencies, flaws, absurdities, ironies of people's positions and views.

I would encourage everyone to watch Howard Stern, not to listen to Howard Stern. He is part of what is wrong with mainstream media. He is part of a lie, as Julia Butterfly Hill would say, "the mainstream media is a beast." We have better tasks to do, better ways to fill our time than to watch Howard Stern. May Howard Stern's program fall apart. Something better arise in his place. Good evening.

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