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Federal Communications Commission  
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20554



November 18, 2016

John Greenewald  
The Black Vault



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FOIA No. 2017-070  
FOIA No. 2017-071

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs (CGB) and Enforcement Bureaus (EB). Your requests seek complaints regarding: 1) the television series "The Walking Dead," from January 2016 to the present and 2) the three Presidential debates which took place in September, and October 2016. The above requests have been aggregated. Your requests have been assigned FOIA Control Nos. 2017-070 and 2017-071.

CGB conducted a search of the databases in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. Our search identified approximately forty-eight responsive documents. Enforcement reports that it did not identify any responsive records.

Records responsive to your request were withheld or redacted under FOIA Exemption 6. Exemption 6 protects files containing personally identifiable information disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Balancing the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy, we have determined that release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Therefore, all FCC employee names, complainants' names, addresses, and telephone numbers were redacted under Exemption 6.<sup>1</sup> The FCC receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, a complaint or comment does not necessarily indicate any wrongdoing by any individuals or entities named in the complaint or comment.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6); see also 47 CFR § 0.457(f).

FOIA and FCC rules require the FCC to charge requesters for time spent searching for and reviewing responsive documents, and for copying them. Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission's rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), "educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media."<sup>2</sup> As an "educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media," the FCC assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. The production in response to your request did not involve more than 100 pages of duplication. Therefore, you will not be charged any fees.

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.<sup>3</sup> You may file an application for review by mailing the application to Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to [FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov](mailto:FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov). Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action" and the application should refer to FOIA Nos. 2017-070 and 2017-071.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison  
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director,  
Performance Evaluation and Records Management  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW, Washington, DC 20554  
202-418-0440  
[FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov](mailto:FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's Office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 CFR § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
202-741-5770  
877-684-6448  
[ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
[ogis.archives.gov](http://ogis.archives.gov)

Sincerely,



Nancy Stevenson  
Deputy Chief  
Consumer Policy Division  
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Attachments

# #1311181 CNN releasing presidential debate questions prior to debate

<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Received via</b>	<b>Requester</b>
November 11, 2016, 9:21 AM	Web Form	(b) (6)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Assignee</b>
Solved	-	-	CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets	(b) (6)

<b>Complaint Internal Status</b>	<b>Name of TV program</b>	<b>TV Method</b>	<b>TV Issues</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Not Served	CNN Newsroom	Cable	Indecency	Ronald
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Time of Issue</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>
(b) (6)	Tennessee	37174	1:00 P.M.	Nov 1
<b>Phone (where you can be contacted)</b>	<b>TV channel</b>	<b>City Where Program was Viewed/Heard</b>		
(b) (6)	789	Spring Hill		
<b>Network</b>	<b>State Where Program was Viewed/Heard</b>	<b>Address 1</b>	<b>City</b>	
CNN	Tennessee	(b) (6)	SPRING HILL	
<b>Filing on Behalf of Someone</b>				
No				

(b) (6) Nov 11, 9:21 AM

CNN Television News Network should be investigated for releasing Presidential Primary Debate questions to Hillary Clinton prior to the debate with Bernie Sanders. Donna Brazile was used as a scapegoat while CNN feigned outrage and disgust. CNN supposedly held an internal investigation and did not reveal their findings. CNN should be held responsible for this outrageous act.

(b) (6) Nov 14, 12:20 PM

(b) (6)

Thank you for contacting the FCC to share your concerns about broadcast program material that you find offensive. The FCC licenses over-the-air radio and TV broadcast stations. It is against federal law for a licensed television or radio station to air obscene programming at any time, or to air indecent or profane material during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The FCC is charged with enforcing the law that governs the broadcast of such material.

The FCC is not permitted to censor or restrict the availability of non-broadcast programming shown over cable and satellite systems. Cable and Satellite Operators do not have the same restrictions on program content as regular television broadcast stations.

For the FCC to consider whether a licensee has violated these requirements of the law, a complaint must relate to particular programming, rather than express a general opinion. To proceed on a complaint, the FCC must have information that includes the station that aired the programming material, the date and time of day of the broadcast, a recording, transcript or description of the material broadcasted.

Licensed Broadcasters are responsible for selecting the broadcast material that airs on their stations, including advertisements. The FCC expects broadcasters to be responsible to the community they serve and act with reasonable care to ensure that advertisements aired on their stations are not false or misleading.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has primary responsibility for determining whether specific advertising is false or misleading, and for taking action against the sponsors of such material. You can file a complaint with the FTC, or call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

If your complaint is regarding non-broadcast programming shown over a cable or satellite system, or concerning broadcasts from a FCC licensed TV or radio station, and you have not provided the necessary information, or the facts and information contained in the complaint did not suggest that a violation of the statute or FCC rules regarding indecency, obscenity, and profane material has occurred, we cannot proceed further with regard to your allegations. Accordingly, we must close your complaint.

Your views and concerns about program material are important to us. You may refile your complaint with this additional information. To expedite our consideration of your complaint, we recommend that you submit it via the FCC's online Consumer Help Center at [consumercomplaints.fcc.gov](http://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov).

To assist you further, we are including links to information that discusses the law with respect to indecent, profane and obscene broadcasts and our enforcement procedures.

We encourage you to convey your concerns, whether general or program-specific, directly to station management. This can be an effective method to influence a broadcast licensee's programming decisions.

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/obscene-indecent-and-profane-broadcasts>

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700670-Cable-TV-and-Offensive-Programming-Quick-Facts>

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700610-Satellite-Programming-Quick-Facts>

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# #1306660 Election Interference

**Submitted** November 7, 2016, 8:12 PM      **Received via** Web Form      **Requester** (b) (6)

**Status** Open    **Type** -    **Priority** -    **Group** Media Bureau    **Assignee** -

<b>Complaint Internal Status</b>	<b>Name of TV program</b>	<b>TV Method</b>	<b>TV Issues</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Not Served	Election coverage	Cable	Indecency	(b) (6)
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Time of Issue</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>
(b) (6)	New York	11764	8:10 P.M.	Nov 7
<b>Phone (where you can be contacted)</b>	<b>TV channel</b>	<b>City Where Program was Viewed/Heard</b>		
(b) (6)	25	New york		
<b>Network</b>	<b>State Where Program was Viewed/Heard</b>	<b>Address 1</b>	<b>City</b>	
CNN	New York	(b) (6)	Miller place	

**Filing on Behalf of Someone**  
No

(b) (6) Nov 7, 8:12 PM

I'm very concerned with the way selective information is being fed to the masses in our country. Stations like CNN, MSNBC and FOX NEWS have always been known to lean towards different political parties but when I read articles about Donna Brazil giving debate questions to presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and then hear they they asked her campaign what questions to ask republican nominees Donald Trump and Ted Cruz I believe a serious line of not only ethics and responsibility is being crossed that should be punished. News channels in America shouldn't be working for a campaign this shouldn't be perceived any differently than a company being caught in insider trading , this is abuse of our first amendment and one of our most important constitutional rights. It doesn't matter whether you support a republicans or democrats and if this continues our media is going be on a path that mirrors something you hear goes on in a country like North Korea our main stream media has become the WWE of news the only difference is we have about 320 million people that believe it's real and are voting people to run our country based on the manipulated information they are forced fed. I hope someone actually reads this and some kindve action is taken .

(b) (6) Nov 8, 10:50 AM

(b) (6)

Your complaint provides valuable information and is shared among FCC bureaus and offices to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. If the FCC needs more information about your complaint, we will contact you directly.

Thank you for your help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

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# #1287683 Media Bias and lies in all Broadcast news stations

**Submitted**                      **Received via**      **Requester**  
 October 26, 2016, 11:46 AM      Web Form              (b) (6)

**Status**    **Type**    **Priority**    **Group**    **Assignee**  
 Solved    -            -            CAMS        (b) (6)

**Complaint Internal Status**    **Company Name**    **Company Name (Other)**    **TV Method**    **TV Issues**  
 General Inquiry                      Other                      All stations                      Fiber                      Privacy

**First Name**    **Last Name**    **State**    **Zip Code**    **Phone (where you can be contacted)**  
 (b) (6)                      California    94541                      4 (b) (6)

**Account Number**    **Address 1**    **City**    **Filing on Behalf of Someone**  
 NA                      (b) (6)                      Hayward    No

**Privacy - Personal Information Accessed**    **Contacted Company About Issue**  
 No    No

**Relationship to Company**  
 Prospective Customer

(b) (6) Oct 26, 11:46 AM

The content regarding the republican candidate was presented in a clip naming words that should not be stated on television or internet in the context of gaining political advantage. Regardless of its source or how inappropriate; and, whether the statements came from the Republican candidate or not, it should not be presented or permitted on TV or be allowed to be used for political advantage. Whats more is that after exposing it, the clip was later are allowed to paraded as a issue of parental guidance in political debates after its presentation. Its highly inappropriate to present such material and without providing a disclaimer of parental guidance; and, then allowing a random person without qualification to parade it in debate proceedings. This is a grave atrocity in the media and a refection of a huge oversight by the commission on presidential debates who should be monitoring guidelines of the FCC. Thus a very inappropriate statement made relating to parental guidance did not belong on TV in such a manner. It was insulting to see that this was allowed in spite of how inappropriate any exposed comments by the republican candidate were. Last you are then leaving children with a sense of curiosity about the debates to inevitably see things and word that they are not ready to see. Those who exposed the clip; and those gaining benefit from it should be held accountable.

(b) (6) Oct 28, 10:57 AM

(b) (6)

Thank you for your submission. Your complaint provides the FCC with important information we can use to develop policies to protect consumers, remedy violations of the Communications Act, and encourage future compliance with the law.

Please follow the link below to a consumer guide that includes relevant information on the issue you have raised.

As such, no further action is required by the FCC. Your complaint was closed as of today.

Thank you for your submission and help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

Link to consumer guide:

Issues Outside the Jurisdiction of the FCC - <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/202958440-Issues-Outside-the-Jurisdiction-of-the-FCC>



## #1286221 Political programs broadcast with DRM lock on.

<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Received via</b>	<b>Requester</b>
October 25, 2016, 2:28 PM	Web Form	(b) (6)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Assignee</b>
Open	-	-	Media Bureau	-

<b>Complaint Internal Status</b>	<b>Company Name</b>	<b>TV Method</b>	<b>TV Issues</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Not Served	Comcast	Cable	Availability	(b) (6)	(b) (6)
<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Phone (where you can be contacted)</b>			
Virginia	22192-1411	(b) (6)			
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Address 1</b>		<b>City</b>		
[Unknown] I am recognized by my phone number.	John (b) (6)		Woodbridge		
<b>Filing on Behalf of Someone</b>	<b>Contacted Company</b>	<b>About Issue</b>	<b>Relationship to Company</b>		
No	Yes		Current Customer		

(b) (6) Oct 25, 2:28 PM

The 3rd 2016 Presidential Debate was broadcast with Digital Rights Management lock on so that I could not record the program for later review [I retired early that evening]. I receive TV programs over Comcast Cable. An inquiry to Comcast revealed that the broadcast station, not the cable service was responsible for invoking the DRM lock. Calling Fox News gained not contact [the Station does not answer the phone] but the answering machine announced that Fox News no longer provides transcripts or tapes of programs. I thought this issue had been resolved in the age of broadcasting recorded music. This debate is a historic event that belongs to the people. How, then, can a citizen obtain a recording of this historic event for future review and study? I am writing to the FCC since I am unable to contact the broadcasting station [I believe it asserts the Intellectual Property Rights to this program]. Furthermore, I believe that, due to the nature of the program, Intellectual Property Rights in the program should belong to Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Trump who contributed the Intellectual Property which is covered by the DRM at issue.

(b) (6) Nov 3, 10:26 AM

(b) (6)

Your complaint provides valuable information and is shared among FCC bureaus and offices to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. If the FCC needs more information about your complaint, we will contact you directly.

Thank you for your help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

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# #1283226 Unwanted excessive emails

**Submitted**                      **Received via**      **Requester**  
 October 23, 2016, 11:16 PM      Web Form              (b) (6)

**Status**    **Type**    **Priority**    **Group**    **Assignee**  
 Solved    -            -            CAMS              (b) (7)(A)

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**Complaint Internal Status**    **Company Name**    **Company Name (Other)**    **Internet Method**  
 Referral FTC                      Other                      Atlantic BB                      Cable

**Internet Issues**    **First Name**    **Last Name**    **State**    **Zip Code**  
 Availability              (b) (6)              ██████████              Florida    33160

**Phone (where you can be contacted)**    **Address 1**              **City**  
 (b) (6)                                      (b) (6)                      North Miami Beach

**Filing on Behalf of Someone**    **Contacted Company About Issue**    **Relationship to Company**  
 No                                      No                                      Current Customer

**Internet Availability Sub Issue**  
 Other

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(b) (6) Oct 23, 11:16 PM

They do not have a unsubscribe link, when you click change preferences you have to register to unsubscribe, stop the garbage from being sent.

From: Donna Brazile [mailto:[democraticparty@democrats.org](mailto:democraticparty@democrats.org)]  
 Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:32 AM  
 To: ██████████ >  
 Subject: re: pride

After last night's debate

After last night's final presidential debate, pitch in to show Hillary you have her back.  
 DONATE

There have been a lot of reasons to get fed up about this election. But right now, the only thing I'm feeling is pride.

Last night, Hillary showed why she is the right choice to be our next president, why her plans are the right plans for our future, and why our party's values are the right values to move this country forward.

Our girl did us proud.

So now it's on us. Hillary did her part, and now we have to give it our all every single day for the last 19 days of this election. Hillary and all the Democrats running who will fight for us if they're elected are counting on us to fight for them right now.

Today, that starts with your \$3 donation. Can I count on you?  
 If you've saved your payment information, your donation will go through immediately.

QUICK DONATE: \$3

QUICK DONATE: \$10

QUICK DONATE: \$25

QUICK DONATE: \$50

QUICK DONATE: \$100

Or donate another amount:

<https://my.democrats.org/Stronger-Together>

Thanks,

Donna

Donna Brazile  
Chair  
Democratic National Committee

Paid for by Hillary Victory Fund, a joint fundraising committee authorized by Hillary for America, the Democratic National Committee and the State Democratic Parties in these states: AK, AR, CO, DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WI, and WY.

Contributions or gifts to Hillary Victory Fund are not tax deductible.

This email was sent to [TRAFFIC1957@PRIMESITE1.COM](mailto:TRAFFIC1957@PRIMESITE1.COM). If this isn't the best email address at which to reach you, update your contact information. Our email list is the best way we have of staying in regular contact with supporters like you across the country and letting you know about the work President Obama and other Democrats are doing. If you like staying in touch, but want to receive only the most important messages, [click here](#). [Click here](#) to unsubscribe from our supporter list, but if you leave, it will be harder for you to stay involved in the organization that you've been such a critical part of. This organization is powered by you, and we'd love to hear your ideas. Send us any comments, criticisms, or feedback [here](#), or just reply to this email! Thanks for supporting President Obama and Democrats.

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(b) (6) Nov 1, 10:24 AM

Thank you for your submission. Your complaint provides the FCC with important information we can use to develop policies to protect consumers, remedy violations of the Communications Act, and encourage future compliance with the law.

The FCC appreciates the information you've shared with us. It appears that the Federal Trade Commission will be better able to assist you.

We urge you to contact that agency about this matter.

Please go to the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer website at <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>. You can review educational materials or file a complaint.

As such, no further action is required by the FCC. Your complaint was closed as of today.

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## #1277408 Over the air broadcasts

**Submitted** October 19, 2016, 8:12 PM  
**Received via** Web Form  
**Requester** (b) (6)

**Status** Solved  
**Type** -  
**Priority** -  
**Group** CAMS Supervisors  
**Assignee** (b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name	Last Name	State
Not Served	Broadcast (over the air)	Availability	Linda	Wright	Ohio
Zip Code	Phone (where you can be contacted)	Address 1	City		
45323	937-219-5372	66 W. Hunter Dr	Enon		

**Behalf of Someone**  
No

(b) (6) Oct 19, 8:12 PM

The day of the 2nd and 3rd presidential debates the time was/is one hour behind. The cast time is corrected after the debate is over. It is now actually 8 pm. "Blindspot" on WDTN-HD lists it as 7 to 8 pm. I receive 19 channels and all are behind one hour. Is this legal? I believe it is the stations' way to force us back to cable. The attached picture should indicate the tone the photo was taken. You can see the tv is 1 hour earlier. Thank you.

(b) (6) Oct 20, 2:41 PM

Hi (b) (6),

Your complaint provides valuable information and is shared among FCC bureaus and offices to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. If the FCC needs more information about your complaint, we will contact you directly.

Thank you for your help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

(b) (6) Oct 20, 3:06 PM

Internal note

rescreen\_for\_cgb\_review

The reason(s) are: e-mail sent

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# #1250598 CNN Debate coverage

**Submitted** October 10, 2016, 12:17 PM **Received via** Web Form **Requester** (b) (6)

**Status** Closed **Type** - **Priority** - **Group** CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets **Assignee** (b) (6)

Complaint	Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served		Presidential Debate	Cable	Indecency	Tania
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue	
(b) (6)	Alabama	35128	8:00 pm	Oct 9	
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard			
(b) (6)	42	Pell City			
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City		
CNN	Alabama	(b) (6)	Pell City		

### Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Oct 10, 12:17 PM

CNN refuses to be subjective when moderating the debates. They should put themselves in this role if they are unable to perform their services without unduly demonstrating their own prejudices. I expect more for a presidential debate.

(b) (6) Oct 11, 1:48 PM

Hi (b) (6)

Thank you for contacting the FCC to share your concerns about broadcast program material that you find offensive. The FCC licenses over-the-air radio and TV broadcast stations. It is against federal law for a licensed television or radio station to air obscene programming at any time, or to air indecent or profane material during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The FCC is charged with enforcing the law that governs the broadcast of such material.

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<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700670-Cable-TV-and-Offensive-Programming-Quick-Facts>

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700610-Satellite-Programming-Quick-Facts>

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# #1243850 Presidential Debate

**Submitted** October 7, 2016, 4:27 PM  
**Received via** Web Form  
**Requester** (b) (6)

**Status** Closed  
**Type** -  
**Priority** -  
**Group** CAMS  
**Assignee** (b) (6)

Company Name	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name	Last Name	State
Comcast	Broadcast (over the air)	Interference	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Florida
Zip Code	Phone (where you can be contacted)	Address 1	City		
32621	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Bronson		

**Filing on Behalf of Someone**  
 No

**Tuu105** Oct 7, 4:27 PM

I sent the FCC two previous complaints, both related to the September 2016 presidential debate. Both complaints said NBC and Moderator Lester Holt intentionally manipulated the debate and the federal air waves to give Hillary Clinton a big, big edge over Donald Trump. I don't often watch UTUBE videos, but a friend of mine sent me several videos from UTUBE showing Hillary Clinton's podium/lectern had a brightly lighted bar inside the top area forward of where her hands were resting. There was also a light on the interior of her podium/lectern on the back. Donald Trump's podium/lectern had neither. After the debate several men, one at a time, removed items from the back of Hillary's podium/lectern. The last items removed appeared to be clandestinely handed to Bill Clinton as he and Hillary left the debate area. The first item removed by the first man appeared to be a tablet and a pen. Lester Holt hurried to his location and escorted him off the stage. The same man returned moments later to remove something else. A different man removed the third set of items and handed them to Bill Clinton. We live in an age of nanotechnology. I request this matter to be investigated before the next debate begins on Sunday. If Hillary Clinton is being coached and alerted by assistants through nanotechnology, it would be unethical to say the least. There are a lot of ramifications if this is the case. If the FCC ignores this email, or gives me any type of brush off, my suspicions will be heightened. The air waves and presidential debates should never be manipulated for political purposes.

(b) (6) Oct 8, 12:43 AM

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On Friday, October 7, 2016 4:27 PM, FCC <consumercomplaints@fcc.gov> wrote:

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#yiv4652303836 table td {border-collapse:collapse;}#yiv4652303836 body .filtered99999
.yiv4652303836directional_text_wrapper {direction:rtl;unicode-bidi:embed;}
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(b) (6) Oct 11, 4:01 PM

Internal note

This request was closed and merged into request [#1232744](#) "Presidential Debate".

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# #1240221 Presidential Debate Complaint

<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Received via</b>	<b>Requester</b>
October 7, 2016, 7:33 AM	Web Service	[REDACTED]

<b>Status</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Assignee</b>
Open	Incident	-	Media Bureau	-

<b>Complaint Internal Status</b>	<b>TV Issues</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
Not Served	Availability	(b) (6)	[REDACTED]	North Carolina	28145
<b>Address 1</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Filing on Behalf of Someone</b>			
(b) (6)	Salisbury	No			

**Postal Mail Intake** Oct 7, 7:33 AM

Postal Mail Ticket Ready For Data Entry

[REDACTED] r Oct 11, 11:26 AM

Hi Ada M.,

Your complaint provides valuable information and is shared among FCC bureaus and offices to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. If the FCC needs more information about your complaint, we will contact you directly.

Thank you for your help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

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# #1232744 Presidential Debate

<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Received via</b>	<b>Requester</b>
October 3, 2016, 9:08 PM	Web Form	(b) (6)
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Assignee</b>
Open	Media Bureau	-

<b>Complaint Internal Status</b>	<b>Company Name</b>	<b>TV Method</b>	<b>TV Issues</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Not Served	Comcast	Broadcast (over the air)	Interference	(b) (6)
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Phone (where you can be contacted)</b>	<b>Address 1</b>
(b) (6)	Florida	32621	(b) (6)	P.O Box 483
<b>City</b>				
Bronson				
<b>Filing on Behalf of Someone</b>				
No				

(b) (6) Oct 3, 9:08 PM

I filed a complaint last week on this website concerning the first 2016 presidential debate and the obvious bias of NBC and its moderator Lester Holt. I received one reply saying FCC had received the complaint but nothing more. The email from FCC has mysteriously disappeared from my inbox. I didn't delete it. I feel there is so much politics involved in how this presidential debate was presented that Donald Trump doesn't stand a chance. The questions presented by Holt in the first debate were intended to shame and disgrace Trump. None of the questions directed to Hillary Clinton were intended to explore the sensitive issues in her past, including the 33,000 emails, her use of a private server for sensitive national emails and Benghazi and her longstanding health problems. NBC doesn't own the federal air waves. The American people own the nation's air waves, not the NBC network or the Democratic Party. The nation's air waves were manipulated in the debate an effort to debase Trump's campaign and elevate Clinton's campaign. The debate wasn't the same as a television advertisement paid for by the candidates or special interest groups. The viewers of the debate were misled into believing Holt was honest and objective. He was clearly a Clinton supporter and made no effort to hide his bias. I am hoping the FCC doesn't allow NBC to get a pass on the biased way it handled the debate. The nation's presidency is at stake. The nation's air waves are clearly threatened by political bias and political manipulation by one of the nation's largest and clearly most liberal networks - NBC. I hope the FCC can't be pressured by the wealth and power of NBC into giving NBC a pass regarding my complaint.

(b) (6) Oct 3, 11:17 PM

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On Monday, October 3, 2016 9:08 PM, FCC <[consumercomplaints@fcc.gov](mailto:consumercomplaints@fcc.gov)> wrote:

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(b) (6) Oct 4, 11:24 AM

Hi Terry,

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Thank you for your help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

(b) (6) Oct 4, 6:25 PM

Internal note

Request [#1227177](#) "September 2016 Presidential Debate" was closed and merged into this request. Last comment in request [#1227177](#):

The United States air waves belong to the American people. The FCC can't allow the air waves to be misused by the all-powerful NBC Network to manipulate the outcome of a presidential debate. I have been a journalist for more than 40 years. I listened to NBC Moderator Lester Holt serve up issues to Hillary Clinton that allowed her to discredit Donald Trump. All the questions to Trump were aimed at embarrassing him. The entire "debate" was guided and manipulated by Holt and his superiors at NBC News to keep Trump on defensive and Clinton on the attack. Trump would have had to refuse to answer the questions and then change the subject in order to escape the torrent of manipulative questions by NBC. The biased questions were clearly intended to manipulate the outcome of the debate as 100 million people watched. The biased questions were intended to back Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. The medium is the message as Marshal McLuhan opined in his famous book by the same name. The media, in this case NBC, made no attempt to disguise its clear intent to influence the outcome of the presidential election with leading questions that permitted Clinton to slice and dice Trump with issues that cast him in a bad light and forced him to spend much of his time defending himself, while at the same time eating up valuable time Trump could have used to explain his agenda. It was an extremely biased "debate" and NBC should be condemned and fined for its efforts to back Hillary Clinton in the guise of "objective journalism." I can't believe the FCC would stand by idly and watch such a horrific misuse of the national air waves by NBC news for the purpose of skewing a nationally televised presidential debate. The manipulation of the "debate" was very much a first cousin to the Russians hacking DNC emails and was intended for the same purpose -- to influence the outcome of the presidential election. We are talking about electing a president. The air waves are much too powerful to be manipulated by a political party, the Democratic Party, in collusion with a powerful television network. I still have a difficult time fathoming the depth of the deceit and corruption by NBC News, which appeared to be in collusion with the Clinton campaign. I realize politics is politics. But the extreme bias of Lester Holt and NBC News in manipulating questions, and therefore influencing the outcome of the debate, to improve Hillary Clinton's chances of winning went well beyond disgusting and appalling or simply bad journalism. The FCC should make some feeble attempt to ensure fairness in the final two debates. I also believe NBC should be publicly condemned for its obvious bias in the September 2016 presidential debate. Please consider this a formal complaint against NBC News and its political manipulator Lester Holt who clearly wants a woman elected as president in 2016. The woman he and NBC news are backing to the hilt, and were clearly backing to the hilt in the first 2016 presidential debate was Hillary Clinton.

(b) (6) Oct 11, 4:01 PM

Internal note

Request [#1243850](#) "Presidential Debate" was closed and merged into this request. Last comment in request [#1243850](#):

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On Friday, October 7, 2016 4:27 PM, FCC <[consumercomplaints@fcc.gov](mailto:consumercomplaints@fcc.gov)> wrote:

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Ticket: # 1284950 - broadcast news

Date: 10/24/2016 8:24:29 PM

City/State/Zip: Loveland, Colorado 80539

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### **Description**

According to the wikileaks emails journalists at NBC ABC and others have edited there reports giving the clinton campaign the right to edit stories and giving debate questions ahead of time to certain canidates in order to sway the outcome. They have given questions ahead of time for interviews so that the candidate of their choice will perform well. This is not reporting the news but using their position to unfairly influence the electorate. Therefore i am filing a complaint against these organizations for using the public air ways for propaganda purposes rather than reporting the news which is their advertised function. Thank you for your attention to this problem.

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Ticket: # 1283226 - Unwanted excessive emails

Date: 10/23/2016 11:16:05 PM

City/State/Zip: North Miami Beach, Florida 33160

Company Complaining About: Atlantic Bb

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**Description**

They do not have a unsubscribe link, when you click change preferences you have to register to unsubscribe, stop the garbage from being sent.

From: Donna Brazile [mailto:democraticparty@democrats.org]

Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:32 AM

To: (b) (6) |>

Subject: re: pride

After last night's debate

After last night's final presidential debate, pitch in to show Hillary you have her back.  
DONATE

There have been a lot of reasons to get fed up about this election. But right now, the only thing I'm feeling is pride.

Last night, Hillary showed why she is the right choice to be our next president, why her plans are the right plans for our future, and why our party's values are the right values to move this country forward.

Our girl did us proud.

So now it's on us. Hillary did her part, and now we have to give it our all every single day for the last 19 days of this election. Hillary and all the Democrats running who will fight for us if they're elected are counting on us to fight for them right now.

Today, that starts with your \$3 donation. Can I count on you?  
If you've saved your payment information, your donation will go through immediately.

QUICK DONATE: \$3

QUICK DONATE: \$10

QUICK DONATE: \$25

QUICK DONATE: \$50

QUICK DONATE: \$100

Or donate another amount:

<https://my.democrats.org/Stronger-Together>

Thanks,

Donna

Donna Brazile

Chair

Democratic National Committee

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Contributions or gifts to Hillary Victory Fund are not tax deductible.

This email was sent to (b) (6) [REDACTED] If this isn't the best email address at which to reach you, update your contact information. Our email list is the best way we have of staying in regular contact with supporters like you across the country and letting you know about the work President Obama and other Democrats are doing. If you like staying in touch, but want to receive only the most important messages, [click here](#). [Click here](#) to unsubscribe from our supporter list, but if you leave, it will be harder for you to stay involved in the organization that you've been such a critical part of. This organization is powered by you, and we'd love to hear your ideas. Send us any comments, criticisms, or feedback [here](#), or just reply to this email! Thanks for supporting President Obama and Democrats.

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**Ticket: # 1281453 - Political Spam text**

**Date: 10/21/2016 8:40:02 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Hudson, New Hampshire 03051**

**Company Complaining About: Comcast**

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**Description**

Spam political text graphic of Trump toting record fundraising after debate from 860-888-2303

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**Ticket: # 1279343 - customer service**

**Date: 10/20/2016 4:53:16 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Chicago, Illinois 60618**

**Company Complaining About: Nbc**

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### **Description**

Mauricio tried calling NBC Channel 5 ( 212-664-4444 where Jackie the receptionist he couldn't understand works ) to voice a complaint. The receptionist had an accent which prevented Mauricio from understanding what she was saying. He could not get connected to anyone whom he could understand. He lives in the Chicago area and tried calling an NBC affiliate in Chicago but was directed to the Corporate office in NYC. This is where he encountered Jackie whom he couldn't understand. Mauricio would like us to get him in touch with the person who hired Jackie to find out why this person got hired when no one can understand her. He believes the person who hired her is well paid and well educated so he is very curious why this person would pick an inarticulate person to fill this job whose very essence is to be articulate. He would love to speak at someone at NBC (original reason for the call) to find out why the debates are working the way they are working. He's been watching debates for "a good 20 years now"; he's noticed that a lot of questions get asked but not one single question ever gets answered so what's the point of the debate. Why take off the entertainment for something that isn't getting done. The moderators who are supposed to elicit the information from the candidates fail to do their job. We get no information from these debates. "No politician in America wants to be accountable for anything anymore". Various examples could be cited.

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**Ticket: # 1257205 - NBC**

**Date: 10/12/2016 1:41:09 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Highlandville, Missouri 65669**

**Company Complaining About: 10/12/2016**

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### **Description**

I am disabled and look to television to provide myself and my family with accurate and timely information. NBC has violated this trust in miss leading and purposely attempting to influence a national political election. This must be a clear violation of the public trust and FCC rule and guidelines for news broadcasts. They held back information, namely the Trump audio tape, and timed the release to coincide with the debate schedule. They went to "Negative" and "Opinion Based" reporting during newscasts and then further biased the distribution of information by informing us on only minor infractions of HRC , almost in passing. Example spent 17 minutes on Mr Trump this morning on the Today show, and 22 seconds on two day old information about Sec. Clinton. When breaking news had been release about Clinton just the night before.

The same disparity is true during the nightly newscasts.

As a member of the public, We have to look to the FCC to quickly and responsibly react to these attempts to use public broadcasting to influence a election.

I would expect no less than a full suspension for 10 to 30 days of the broadcasting licence of anyone using news reports as commentary to change our nation.

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**Ticket: # 1251994 - Profane language**

**Date: 10/10/2016 11:38:38 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Hooper, Nebraska 68031**

**Company Complaining About: 10/10/2016**

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**Description**

I am just wondering if this is actually ok? We were watching the CNN news program with children about presidential debate and now i have to explain another derogatory word for female parts? How is it allowed for television to air the word "pussy" on CNN and my kids are watching? This is appropriate?

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**Ticket: # 1250598 - CNN Debate coverage**

**Date: 10/10/2016 12:17:42 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Pell City, Alabama 35128**

**Company Complaining About: 10/9/2016**

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**Description**

CNN refuses to be subjective when moderating the debates. They should put themselves in this role if they are unable to perform their services without unduly demonstrating their own prejudices. I expect more for a presidential debate.

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Ticket: # 1250090 - Video proof CNN interfering with election

Date: 10/10/2016 3:05:36 AM

City/State/Zip: Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307

Company Complaining About: 10/9/2016

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### **Description**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqClub3SmCI> During the second Presidential debate CNN was caught coaching independent voters to respond on camera negatively towards Donald Trump. There is video evidence of this. They have broken the rules and all journalistic integrity has been lost. I've watched CNN for twenty nine years but this is such damning evidence of betrayal of the code of conduct that no American citizen can rely on honest coverage/polling (which might influence uneducated voters) to vote.

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Ticket: # 1250032 - CNN (Cory Lewandowski) promoting sex assault of women post 10/9/2016 debate

**Date:** 10/10/2016 12:54:08 AM

**City/State/Zip:** Seattle, Washington 98109

**Company Complaining About:** 10/9/2016

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### **Description**

Following the debate on 10/9/2016, CNN talking panel were referring to Trump's Access Hollywood profane language, and in the heated exchange that ensued one actually justified the use of the profane words, said it is normal and typical of men to discuss sexual assault against women, thereby promoting conspiracy to commit sex assault and the ultimate crime of sex assault.

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**Ticket: # 1250006 - F Word Complaint**

**Date: 10/10/2016 12:22:16 AM**

**City/State/Zip: St. Louis, Missouri 63116**

**Company Complaining About: 10/9/2016**

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**Description**

Ksdk News Channel 5. While showing video of debate protestors marching, a sign shown of "Fuck Trump" is clearly visible. This was not a live shot as it went on after 11pm and the video was during the daytime.

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Ticket: # 1229891 - RE: REVOKE NBC;S LICENSE...(THE RIGGED PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE AND THEY THOUGHT WE WOULD'N'T KNOW )

Date: 10/1/2016 1:28:38 PM

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## Description

Dear (b) (6),

Thanks for your email!

My name is Gabrielle, and I'm commander in chief of customer happiness for Survivopedia, Backyard Liberty and related companies.

We have over 120,000 preppers, so we do our best to reply in a timely manner.

However, rest assured that we read every single email and will get back to you ASAP.

We're here to provide you and your family with the help you need to be prepared and self reliant.

Thanks again for being part of the Survivopedia community!

We're in this together.

Take Care,  
Gabrielle

Commander in Chief of Customer Happiness @ Survivopedia, Backyard Liberty, etc.

support@survivopedia.com  
(254)236 6549  
(214) 646 3275

On Sat, 1st Oct 2016 at 5:28 pm, (b) (6)

> wrote:

> The Cleaner!

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> NBC rigged the debate with the Clintons.

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> I saw this first video and thought maybe there is something to this.

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> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=os5fe-ADtZA>

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> Then I saw this on twitter, top story. The cleaner is a retired NBC staff news correspondent doing "freelance" work. He meets Bill at the car then walks in with Hillary before the debate!

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- > Why is a retired news guy no one ever heard of so important to Hillary?
- > <https://twitter.com/ChatRevolve> (the top story Cheat Evidence from C-Span feed)
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- > and remember, daughter Chelsey is paid 600K a year for a no-show job as a news correspondent at NBC
- > <http://www.latimes.com/business/hiltzik/la-fi-mh-why-did-nbc-pay-chelsea-clinton-20140616-column.html>
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- > Then on top of that cheating, here is an analysis of hand signals Hillary is giving to the moderator, Lester Holt. Does any of this crap bother you? Crooked Hillary. Lies, cheats, and does anything she can to get power to screw us.
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Ticket: # 1229890 - REVOKE NBC;S LICENSE...(THE RIGGED PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE AND THEY THOUGHT WE WOULD'N'T KNOW )

Date: 10/1/2016 1:28:34 PM

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**Ticket: # 1243850 - Presidential Debate**

**Date: 10/7/2016 4:27:33 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Bronson, Florida 32621**

**Company Complaining About: Comcast**

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**Description**

I sent the FCC two previous complaints, both related to the September 2016 presidential debate. Both complaints said NBC and Moderator Lester Holt intentionally manipulated the debate and the federal air waves to give Hillary Clinton a big, big edge over Donald Trump. I don't often watch UTUBE videos, but a friend of mine sent me several videos from UTUBE showing Hillary Clinton's podium/lectern had a brightly lighted bar inside the top area forward of where her hands were resting. There was also a light on the interior of her podium/lectern on the back. Donald Trump's podium/lectern had neither. After the debate several men, one at a time, removed items from the back of Hillary's podium/lectern. The last items removed appeared to be clandestinely handed to Bill Clinton as he and Hillary left the debate area. The first item removed by the first man appeared to be a tablet and a pen. Lester Holt hurried to his location and escorted him off the stage. The same man returned moments later to remove something else. A different man removed the third set of items and handed them to Bill Clinton. We live in an age of nanotechnology. I request this matter to be investigated before the next debate begins on Sunday. If Hillary Clinton is being coached and alerted by assistants through nanotechnology, it would be unethical to say the least. There are a lot of ramifications if this is the case. If the FCC ignores this email, or gives me any type of brush off, my suspicions will be heightened. The air waves and presidential debates should never be manipulated for political purposes.

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**Ticket: # 1232744 - Presidential Debate**

**Date: 10/3/2016 9:08:49 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Bronson, Florida 32621**

**Company Complaining About: Comcast**

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**Ticket: # 1227177 - September 2016 Presidential Debate**

**Date: 9/29/2016 5:55:57 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Bronson, Florida 32621**

**Company Complaining About: Nbc**

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**Ticket: # 1223327 - unbalanced, unfair coverage of presidential debate**

**Date: 9/28/2016 12:24:31 AM**

**City/State/Zip: Maple Lake, Minnesota 55358**

**Company Complaining About: 9/27/2016**

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**Description**

I listened today and then re-listened on the podcast on the MPR news with Kerri Miller on 9/27/2016 the day after the first debate. It was ALL anti-Trump and nothing about it was even critical of Hillary. 50 minutes of pro-Hillary advertising.

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**Ticket: # 1221303 - CNN - Debate of Trump and Clinton**

**Date: 9/27/2016 8:41:59 AM**

**City/State/Zip: Phoenixville, Pennsylvania 19460**

**Company Complaining About: Verizon**

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**Description**

I think they were playing black rap music very lowly as a subliminal message. I heard it coming through my TV when I had it on mute. Then, I thought about it and I saw it clearly. I think they are playing a subliminal message through rap music while everyone was entering.

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Ticket: # 1220803 - Presidential Debate on Cabel Channel

Date: 9/26/2016 7:31:22 PM

City/State/Zip: Irvine, California 92604

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### **Description**

It is undemocratic and un-American to air a national Presidential debate exclusively on a fee for service cable t.v. channel. We can't afford cable tv and we don't have it. Freedom of speech and acquisition of information crucial to our nation should not have a price tag on it.

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**Ticket: # 1221077 - Presidential Debate 09/26/2016**

**Date: 9/26/2016 11:08:18 PM**

**City/State/Zip: Van Nuys, California 91401**

**Company Complaining About: Time Warner**

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**Description**

Time Warner, now Spectrum, blacked out the presidential debate as I watched at least 10 or 12 times...usually when Hillary was speaking. Blacking out a presidential debate this many times is the issue. Very very problematic.