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



November 18, 2016

John Greenewald
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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 6.¹ 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.

¹ 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."² 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.³ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to 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 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554
202-418-0440
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:

² 47 CFR § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

³ 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
ogis.archives.gov

Sincerely,



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

Attachments


#1293836 The Walking Dead

Submitted October 30, 2016, 4:07 PM
Received via Web Form
Requester (b) (6)

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

Complaint Internal Status Not Served
Name of TV program The Walking Dead
TV Method Satellite
TV Issues Indecency
First Name Mike
Last Name (b) (6)
State North Carolina
Zip Code 28601
Time of Issue 9:00 P.M.
Date of Issue Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted) (b) (6)
TV channel 131
City Where Program was Viewed/Heard Hickory
Network AMC
State Where Program was Viewed/Heard North Carolina
Address 1 (b) (6)
City Hickory
Filing on Behalf of Someone No

(b) (6) Oct 30, 4:07 PM

I've been a fan of this show since the beginning and while I have always thought they pushed the limits in terms of gore and violence, the majority or it was towards zombies, a fictional creature and representing essentially undead monsters. However, what took place last Sunday and allowed to be aired on TV by the FCC was deplorable. It was bad enough to show a person's head being bashed with a baseball bat, but to show that same head being smashed again and again until it is essentially pulverized mush is entirely way to excessive for TV. The FCC should be ashamed of yourselves for this level of violence and gore to be shown on TV. I would like to hope that the FCC is looking into this and planning to take action, but given the constant downward spiral of our society and the constant lowering of standards, I sincerely doubt it.

(b) (6) Oct 31, 12:15 PM

(b) (6)

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the FTC, or call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

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Support Software by **Zendesk**

#1293411 Walking Dead

Submitted October 29, 2016, 11:16 PM **Received via** Web Form **Requester** (b) (6)@l.com>

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

Complaint Internal Status Not Served **Name of TV program** Walking Dead **TV Method** Cable **TV Issues** Indecency **First Name** (b) (6)

Last Name (b) (6) **State** Ohio **Zip Code** 90210 **Time of Issue** 9:00 PM **Date of Issue** Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted) (b) (6) **TV channel** 4 **City Where Program was Viewed/Heard** Toronto

Network AMC **State Where Program was Viewed/Heard** Ohio **Address 1** (b) (6) **City** Toronto

Filing on Behalf of Someone No

(b) (6) at 29, 11:16 PM

I understand the FCC is the body in the US which regulates cable with regards to public safety. If this is true, then I cannot understand how an episode like #1 of season 7 for Walking Dead was able to air on public television. Talk about unnecessary violence and terrorism - beyond what ANY viewer should be able to withstand! These types of graphic displays should not be approved for public viewership and I recommend the FCC step in and take immediate action on this program, and any others like it, and remove them from the air.

*Note my address is located in Toronto, ONTARIO (Canada)

(b) (6) Oct 31, 12:19 PM

(b) (6)

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Support Software by **Zendesk**

#1288742 Profanity on AMC's Live Episode of Talking Dead on 10/23/2016

Submitted	Received via	Requester		
October 26, 2016, 7:08 PM	Web Form	(b) (6)		
Status	Type	Priority	Group	Assignee
Solved	-	-	CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets	(b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Talking Dead	Satellite	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Alabama	35179	9:05 pm	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	254	Cullman		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	Alabama	(b) (6)	Vinemont	
Filing on Behalf of Someone				
No				

(b) (6) Oct 26, 7:08 PM

Repeated use of profanity on live television during AMC's Talking Dead on 10/23/2016 at 9:00pm. Host Chris Hardwick and several cast members of The Walking Dead used various vulgar words which were not successfully muted or "beeped" by AMC. Over the last few years, AMC has been pushing the boundaries of decency in their language.

(b) (6) Nov 4, 9:04 PM

(b) (6)

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#1287647 The glorification of Violence on Walking Dead Season 7

Submitted **Received via** **Requester**
 October 26, 2016, 11:31 AM Web Form (b) (6) >

Status **Type** **Priority** **Group** **Assignee**
 Open - - EB Indecency -

Complaint Internal Status **Name of TV program** **TV Method** **TV Issues** **First Name**
 Not Served Walking Dead Cable Indecency [REDACTED]

Last Name **State** **Zip Code** **Time of Issue** **Date of Issue**
 (b) (6) Massachusetts 01803 9:00 PM Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted) **TV channel** **City Where Program was Viewed/Heard**
 (b) (6) 59 Burlington

Network **State Where Program was Viewed/Heard** **Address 1** **City**
 AMC Massachusetts (b) (6) Burlington

Filing on Behalf of Someone
 No

[REDACTED] (Oct 26, 11:31 AM
 See attachment for details of complaint.

(b) (6) [REDACTED] Nov 4, 8:52 PM
 [REDACTED]

Your complaint provides the Commission with valuable information that we use to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. We do not resolve individual complaints about this issue and, there will be no status information to report on your complaint.

Your complaint (Ticket No. 1287647) was closed as of today. The information you provided us will continue to be available internally within the FCC to inform the Commission's enforcement and policymaking processes.

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

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#1287015 The Walking Dead Television Show

Submitted	Received via	Requester		
October 25, 2016, 8:35 PM	Web Form	(b) (6)		
Status	Type	Priority	Group	Assignee
Solved	-	-	CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets	(b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	The Walking Dead	Cable	Indecency	
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Utah	84403	10:00 p.m.	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	38	Ogden		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	Utah	(b) (6)	Ogden	
Filing on Behalf of Someone				
No				

(b) (6) Oct 25, 8:35 PM

The Season Opener for the Walking Dead show was horrible. It was so gory and violent that I turned it off. It was totally inappropriate for television viewing. I've been a fan of the show until now. I believe they crossed the line of decency with the brutal beating of two characters on the show. I'm no longer a fan and want the producers to know that their writing for this show is disgraceful.

(b) (6) Nov 4, 8:48 PM

(b) (6)

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Support Software by **Zendesk**

#1286933 Walking dead - egregious violence

Submitted October 25, 2016, 7:39 PM
Received via Web Form
Requester (b) (6)

Status Solved
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		The walking dead	Cable	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue	
(b) (6)	New Jersey	07302	9:00 pm	Oct 23	
Phone (where you can be contacted)	Address 2	TV channel			
(b) (6)	#2002	500			
City Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard			
Jersey City	AMC	New Jersey			
Address 1	City	Filing on Behalf of Someone			
(b) (6)	Jersey City	No			

(b) (6) Oct 25, 7:39 PM

I have watched every season of the walking dead but was completely shocked by the egregious violence shown during the season premiere. I watch very violent shows, including game of thrones, and still have never seen such unnecessary violence. I also did not think that violence at that level was allowed on a cable channel (amc). How was this episode consider acceptable for television? Even HBO does not show that much violence. The walking dead showed a man beating two men with barbed wire on a baseball bat and did not just tease the blows but showed him actually beating their heads in. At one point, there were multiple close ups of a character with his head beaten in and eye popping out. Just truly horrific stuff that I would expect to see in an indie horror film, not on tv. Have the standards really changed to that extent?

(b) (6) Nov 4, 8:48 PM

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Support Software by **Zendesk**

#1286873 Season Premiere of the Walking Dead

Submitted October 25, 2016, 7:10 PM
Received via Web Form
Requester (b) (6)

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

Complaint Internal Status Not Served
Name of TV program Walking Dead
TV Method Cable
TV Issues Indecency
First Name (b) (6)

Last Name (b) (6)
State Texas
Zip Code 77339
Time of Issue 8:00 pm
Date of Issue Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted) 4 (b) (6) 3
TV channel 274
City Where Program was Viewed/Heard Houston

Network AMC
State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Texas
Address 1 (b) (6)
City Kingwood

Filing on Behalf of Someone
 No

(b) (6) Oct 25, 7:10 PM

Here is the email I also sent to AMC, which outlines my concerns:

To Whom This May Concern:

Let me begin by saying I've been a big fan of the Walking Dead since the beginning. However, I feel the need to share my distaste for the season premiere aired on Sunday. The brutality depicted was tasteless and irresponsible. I found it to be problematic on a number of fronts:

1. There was no regard shown for human life. The incessant bashing of the characters' heads was disgusting and intolerable. While I can tolerate gore related to zombies, this took it to another level that I don't feel is appropriate for television. Imagine the societal impact this could have on younger, more vulnerable viewers. I'm 31, but I know I wouldn't be comfortable with my 17 year old brother watching this.
2. The level of violence was unnecessary. I don't believe it was crucial to advance the plot as the writer mention on the Talking Dead. It was simply violence for the sake of violence. It provided no social commentary. The sole purpose seemed to be to shock the audience. And that disgusts me. It's pure smut.
4. I understand following the plot of the comics. However, the writers already take a huge amount of creative license with the show. The way they chose to portray this part of the story was irresponsible. Television is a different medium, which requires different moral considerations. The portrayal involved real humans which were dehumanized through the violence depicted. It can't be healthy for young minds to see this. Plus, with the show, audience and reach is much greater than the graphic novels. The potential negative impact on society is far greater.

In short: I expect more from AMC and the Walking Dead. I hope there are other voicing their concern over this episode, and that you consider our opinions as you develop new episodes in the future.

I will be also sharing my views with the FCC.

I hope you take this complaint seriously.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

██████████ Nov 4, 8:47 PM

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#1285270 Extreme Violence on AMC's The Walking Dead

Submitted **Received via** **Requester**
 October 25, 2016, 3:19 AM Web Form Fcc <fcc@scenario.com>

Status **Type** **Priority** **Group** **Assignee**
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Complaint Internal Status **Name of TV program** **TV Method** **TV Issues** **First Name**
 Not Served The Walking Dead Satellite Indecency (b)

Last Name **State** **Zip Code** **Time of Issue** **Date of Issue**
 (b) (6) Oregon 97224-3420 6:20 PM Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted) **TV channel** **City Where Program was Viewed/Heard**
 (b) (6) 254 Portland

Network **State Where Program was Viewed/Heard** **Address 1** **City**
 AMC Oregon (b) (6) Portland

Filing on Behalf of Someone
 No

Fcc Oct 25, 3:19 AM

I am absolutely disgusted by the brutal killings depicted in this show's Season 7 premier. Where is Standards & Practices and why did AMC's sponsors allow what amounts to a snuff film to be broadcast? In this day and age of violence, there has to be some line!

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#1285263 AMC Walking Dead Season 7 Episode 1

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Requester (b) (6)

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

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
(b) (6)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)
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(b) (6)	California 92563	8:00 pm	Oct 24	
Phone (where you can be contacted)		TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard	
(b) (6)		2	Murrieta	
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	California	(b) (6)	Murrieta	

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

J(b) Oct 25, 2:50 AM

AMC Walking Dead Season 7 Episode 1

AMC's Walking Dead Season 7 episode 1 has gone way too far in what they believe is ok to broadcast on TV with a TV-14 rating. So far that me my wife and our daughter were not prepared for what we witnessed, and had we known would not have watched as the intense gory and graphic nature of its latest episode was just too much.

Two cast members heads are smashed with a barbwire bat over and over again and every detail you would think would not be shown was shown. They went as far as to show brain matter strew about and show full face close ups. One character is alive for a while mumbling while it shows one eye bulging out and half his skull crush making his head flat on top while blood pours down.

If you have not seen this episode I would suggest you do, as many people feel this was by no means appropriate. Many have taken to twitter posting the following:

- I'm done and won't be watching from here out. Sorry @AMC_TV@AMCTalkingDead, but it was too graphic.
- I've officially quit watching the walking dead after today

USA Today even wrote an article saying:

In a moment of extreme graphic violence (even for a routinely violent show), two fan-favorite cast members, Glenn (Steven Yeun) and Abraham (Michael Cudlitz), were brutally beaten to death by Negan with a baseball bat covered in barbed wire. The two deaths of beloved characters were shown in such excruciating detail in a relentless and frustrating episode that many fans said they were frustrated enough to quit the show for good. For this recapper, it was a hard episode to get through, with the violence verging on nauseating while the plot dithered and attempted to manipulate fans into caring.

The episode was also lambasted by critics, with The Daily Beast writing, "When real life already seems a few calamitous steps away from dystopia, surviving an hour of pure, relentless misery isn't entertainment — it's a chore," while GQ said, "if the average episode is as much fun as a punch to the jaw, the Season Seven premiere was—well—a barbed-wire baseball bat to the skull." Vox went so far as to call it "dumb, dumb, dumb, dumb, dumb. It's stupid. It's downright appalling, is what it is."

In a conference call with reporters on Monday, episode director Greg Nicotero defended the use of such graphic violence.

"In this instance, we felt it was important to launch us into this season to show the extent of what Negan is

capable of doing because that drives so much of where the series is going from here on," he said. "It's graphic and horrible. And while designing, testing and shooting the makeups, we wanted to push it a little bit." In response to fans saying they would quit, Nicotero added, "I would say that that means we have done something to affect these people in a way that they don't necessarily know how to process. I'm a big Game of Thrones fan and I've been shocked at the turn of events on that show but I still love it and I still am committed to seeing where the story goes. I think it's a kneejerk reaction people have because they care about these characters."

Thank you,

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#1284701 Gratuitous realistic violence

Submitted October 24, 2016, 6:03 PM **Received via** Web Form **Requester** (b) (6) >

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

Complaint Internal Status Not Served **Name of TV program** The Walking Dead **TV Method** Cable **TV Issues** Indecency **First Name** (b) (6)

Last Name (b) (6) **State** Kansas **Zip Code** 67207 **Time of Issue** 8:05 PM **Date of Issue** Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted) (b) (6) **TV channel** 2055 **City Where Program was Viewed/Heard** Wichita, KS

Network AMC **State Where Program was Viewed/Heard** Kansas **Address 1** (b) (6) **City** Wichita

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No

(b) (6) Oct 24, 6:03 PM

AMC, with a warning, aired an episode that was well beyond any form of graphic realistic violence depicted on basic cable. It was disturbing and disgusting, well beyond the realms of entertainment, in my opinion. These images could be easily viewed by people under age of 18.

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#1283892 gratuitous violence

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Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Walking Dead	Cable	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
Price	Pennsylvania	17920	9:00 pm	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	Address 2	TV channel		
(b) (6)	(b) (6)	37		
City Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
Aristes	AMC	Pennsylvania		
Address 1	City	Filing on Behalf of Someone		
(b) (6)	Aristes	No		

(b) (6) 4 Oct 24, 1:03 PM

I wish to file a complaint against AMC and the Walking Dead for Episode 701. In this episode we see Negan bashing two men's heads in and then showing the one body twitching. It was over the top gratuitous violence that has no place on television. Sometimes children watch this show. Also, there is a chance that someone could decide to copy the character of Negan's actions. I think this episode should be banned in its current form or banned altogether. We do not need violence porn in an already overly violent society.

(b) (6) Oct 25, 9:50 AM

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#1283745 AMC Walking Dead - Should be censored more

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Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	The Walking Dead	Satellite	Indecency	John
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Virginia	24101	9:00 pm	Oct 24
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	256	Hardy		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	Virginia	(b) (6)	Hardy	

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Oct 24, 12:10 PM

The AMC show The Walking Dead has transformed from people killing soulless animated corpses into a sadistic, emotional torture by showing people killing other people in the most brutal and sadistic ways. The last episode of season 6 and the latest episode of season 7 made me very anxious and sick to my stomach. Watching ISIS behead someone isn't as horrible as watching this tv show.

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#1283528 extreme violence on AMC

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Complaint	Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served		The Walking Dead	Cable	Indecency	G(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue	
(b) (6)	Illinois	60090	8:00 pm	Oct 23	
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard			
(b) (6)	171	Wheeling			
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City		
AMC	Illinois	(b) (6)	Wheeling		

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No

(b) (6) Oct 24, 10:33 AM

The season opener of The Walking Dead on AMC was beyond brutal, beyond sick and beyond evil. I know there is a warning posted before airing, but kids can still see this. Watching a favourite character's (human) head being repeatedly pulverized into the ground by another human until there is nothing left is beyond comprehension. I find it hard to believe that this is allowed to be aired, yet 2 people having sex and showing even part of a genital is not. Absolutely disgusting.

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#1283496 The Walking Dead Season Premier 2016

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Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program		Company Name			
Not Served	The Walking Dead Season Premier 2016		AT&T			
Company Name (Other)	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name	Last Name	State	Zip Code
AMC Networks	Cable	Indecency	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Alabama	35758
Time of Issue	Date of Issue	Phone (where you can be contacted)		TV channel		
8:00 pm	Oct 23	(b) (6)		119		
City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard			
Madison		AMC	Alabama			
Address 1	City	Filing on Behalf of Someone	Subscription Service Name (Other)			
(b) (6)	Madison	No	AT&T U-verse			

(b) (6) a Oct 24, 10:20 AM

Excessive realistic violence for regular cable, non-premier channel. The season premier of The Walking Dead was so horrific and realistic that it should not be able to be broadcasted on a non-premier channel and definitely not on prime time. The Walking Dead is televised on AMC, which is a non-premier channel. It is my concern that the censors' and producers' allowing it's broadcasting in extreme vivid graphic violence in this episode creates a precedence for other television channels to create the same. Although the show has a warning after commercials for violence, this episode goes way beyond the common warning. It is my sincere hope that the FCC will look into this episode to regulate such broadcasting in the future on all non-premier channels by either requiring that the producers make known to the viewer ahead of time that a separate Director's Cut may be seen at a special time or on-line that shows extreme graphic violence.

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<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>

██████████ ct 25, 11:00 AM

Laws need to be changed. Since a few years ago, everything went digital. There are no more rabbit ears. There is no such thing as cable or satellite anymore. These ARE all now regular television broadcast stations. You have two options: Pay for non-premier channels (which is regular television broadcasting) or pay for premier channels.

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016 8:39 AM, FCC <consumercomplaints@fcc.gov> wrote:

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#1283411 Exceptionally Graphic Violence

Submitted **Received via** **Requester**
 October 24, 2016, 9:26 AM Web Form (b) (6) >

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

Complaint Internal Status **Name of TV program** **TV Method** **TV Issues** **First Name**
 Not Served The Walking Dead Cable Indecency Paul

Last Name **State** **Zip Code** **Time of Issue** **Date of Issue**
 S(b) (6) Virginia 20152 9:00 pm Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted) **TV channel** **City Where Program was Viewed/Heard**
 (b) (6) 731 Chantilly

Network **State Where Program was Viewed/Heard** **Address 1** **City**
 AMC Virginia (b) (6) Chantilly

Filing on Behalf of Someone
 No

(b) (6) Oct 24, 9:26 AM

On October 23, 2016 at 9PM EST the cable channel AMC aired the season 7 premier of "The Walking Dead". While this show is already known for gruesome depictions of violence against "zombies", this episode went well beyond viewer expectations and depicted human-on-human violence of several characters having their skulls smashed by a barb-wire wrapped baseball bat in full detail for several minutes of the show, including a character with his eye bulging out of its socket and corpses visible on-screen in detail for significant portion of time after the violence has ended. The entire episode focused on nothing but grief and violence to an extent I've never witnessed in another TV show or horror movie of any rating. If there's a limit to what's acceptable on TV at all, this episode clearly crossed it. Multiple news articles are being published today about how far over the line this show has gone with this episode.

(b) (6) Nov 4, 8:42 PM

(b) (6)

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#1283275 WALKING DEAD Oct. 23, 2016

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October 24, 2016, 1:25 AM	Web Form	(b) (6)
Status	Type	Priority
Solved	-	-
Group	Assignee	
CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets	(b) (6)	

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Walking Dead	Cable	Indecency	Philip
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	California	95252	10:00 PM	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	131	Sacramento		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	California	(b) (6)	Valley Springs	

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

P (b) (6) Oct 24, 1:25 AM

DISGUSTED that you allowed this episode. Absolutely not appropriate for any age without STRONG content WARNINGS

This should not be allowed.

Thanks for bringing down TV as we know it

YOU as a board should be held accountable to remove this show from public TV

This is an OUTRAGE.

I am not a conservative christian or anything like that. In fact I usually could care less. This however is just NOT COOL.

Give honest hard working Americans a proper viewing system we can rely on!

(b) (6) Oct 24, 1:51 PM

(b) (6)

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#1283209 Talking Dead Using The F Bomb

Submitted October 23, 2016, 10:45 PM **Received via** Web Form **Requester** [REDACTED].net>

Status Solved **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	Talking Dead	Cable	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
K [REDACTED]	Ohio	44256	10:30 p.m.	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
[REDACTED] 0	34	Medina ohio		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	Ohio	(b) (6)	Medina	

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Oct 23, 10:45 PM

On 10/23/16 at 10:30pm est the cast member that plays Maggie of the Walking Dead AMC series used the F Bomb and the host of the show The Talking Dead Chris Hardwick used the F Bomb then proudly told the viewing audience he didn't care and he would take the heat for it.

(b) (6) Oct 24, 2:02 PM

Hi William

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#1283190 Violence vs Sex

Submitted October 23, 2016, 10:20 PM **Received via** Web Form **Requester** (b) (6)

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

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Is	First Name
Not Served	The Walking Dead	Cable	Indecency	C
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
W	North Carolina	28205	6:00 p.m.	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
7 (b) (6) 6	44	Scottsdale		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	Arizona	(b) (6)	Charlotte	

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Oct 23, 10:20 PM

It sickens me that the violence portrayed in The Walking Dead is allowed and promoted on prime time television yet the mere image of a female nipple or utterance of a swear word causes new regulations or fines. The hypocrisy is palpable. You wonder why violence in schools and society has seen increases. The rest of the world laughs at us and you, the regulators, at our ignorance.

(b) (6) Oct 24, 2:03 PM

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#1283188 Walking Dead Episode 10/23/2016

Submitted October 23, 2016, 10:17 PM
Received via Web Form
Requester (b) (6)

Status Solved
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	Walking Dead	Satellite	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Ohio	45140	9:00 pm	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	154	Cincinnati		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	Ohio	(b) (6) La	Loveland	

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Oct 23, 10:17 PM

HOW???can AMC get away with showing XXX television content on primetime with millions and millions of kids tuning in. I have never filed a complaint but I am absolutely outraged at the Walking Dead episode aired on 10/23/2016. That show should be shut down immediately! FCC, DO YOUR JOB HERE!!!

(b) (6) Oct 24, 2:04 PM

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#1283176 FCC Complaint

Submitted **Received via**
 October 23, 2016, 10:02 PM Web Form

Requester

Summitrealestateinvestments <summitrealestateinvestments@gmail.com>

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

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Walking Dead	Cable	Indecency	John

Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
Doe	Virginia	22655	9:15 PM	Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed
555-555-5555	131	Stephens City

Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City
AMC	Virginia	(b) (6)	Stephens City

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

Summitrealestateinvestments Oct 23, 10:02 PM

I have to file a complaint based on the death of a particular character common name Glenn. The death was so gruesome, in graphic detail. Unlike 95% of the show that involved killing zombies, this particular death was way too gruesome. It included brain matter, deformed cranium, and bulging eye due to blunt force trauma. The individual was living and in pain during this.

Frankly, if this did not qualify as indecency nothing does. Never before have I seen something like so gruesome on television.

(b) (6) y Oct 24, 2:35 PM

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Summitrealestateinvestments Oct 24, 2:50 PM

How are the facts not sufficient enough? I described the scene with particularity.

(b) (6) Oct 24, 2:51 PM

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Summitrealestateinvestments Oct 25, 12:43 PM

Thank you. May I ask one question that may steer me in the right direction? Were cable network to broadcast the F word or show full frontal nudity would that be in the purview of the FCC?

Is it the fact that it's violence, after 10 p.m. on a non-broadcast channel that it cannot be regulated?

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#1283171 The Walking Dead

Submitted	Received via	Requester
October 23, 2016, 9:58 PM	Web Form	(b) (5), (b) (6)

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

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	The Walking Dead	Cable	Indecency	Jason

Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Ohio	43112	9:00 P.M.	Oct 23

Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard
(b) (6)	1277	Columbus

Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City
AMC	Ohio	(b) (6)	Carroll

Filing on Behalf of Someone
No

(b) (6) Oct 23, 9:58 PM

The scenes that depicted the death of two cast members was over the top in graphic content. It appall's me that they depicted this type of violence on a public television broadcast that many of young kids have access to. We wonder why our nations youth is so screwed up anymore....

(b) (6) Oct 24, 1:50 PM

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(b) (6) Oct 24, 2:21 PM

AMC - station

9pm Eastern Standard Time

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Sent from my iPhone

(b) (6) 24, 2:37 PM

Internal note

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#1283171 The Walking Dead

Submitted October 23, 2016, 9:58 PM
Received via Web Form
Requester [REDACTED]

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

Complaint Internal Status Not Served
Name of TV program The Walking Dead
TV Method Cable
TV Issues Indecency
First Name J(b) [REDACTED]
Last Name (b) (6)
State Ohio
Zip Code 43112
Time of Issue 9:00 P.M.
Date of Issue Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted) (b) (6)
TV channel 1277
City Where Program was Viewed/Heard [REDACTED]s
Network AMC
State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Ohio
Address 1 [REDACTED]
City [REDACTED]

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No

(b) (6) Oct 23, 9:58 PM

The scenes that depicted the death of two cast members was over the top in graphic content. It appall's me that they depicted this type of violence on a public television broadcast that many of young kids have access to. We wonder why our nations youth is so screwed up anymore....

(b) (6) Oc [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 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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#1283145 Carl

Submitted	Received via	Requester
October 23, 2016, 9:16 PM	Web Form	(b) (6) >

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

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	The Walking Dead	Satellite	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)n	Tennessee	38372	8:09 P.M.	Oct 23
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	254	Savannah		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	Tennessee	(b) (6)	Savannah	

Filing on Behalf of Someone
No

(b) (6) Oct 23, 9:16 PM
Carl dies in the walking dead . Bring him back to life . Carl is my fav. I will be mad you if Carl is not back alive

(b) (6) Oct 24, 2:03 PM
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#1175973 Graphic gory, violent and bloody scenes broadcasted on KARZ 42

Submitted September 3, 2016, 1:31 PM **Received via** Web Form **Requester** (b) (6) >

Status Open **Type** - **Priority** - **Group** EB Indecency **Assignee** -

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	The Walking Dead	Broadcast (over the air)	Indecency	Joanie
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Arkansas	72104	7:00 P.M.	Aug 30
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	42	Malvern		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
NBC	Arkansas	(b) (6)	Malvern	
Filing on Behalf of Someone				
No				

(b) (6) p 3, 1:31 PM

KARZ 42 continues to broadcast graphic gory, bloody and violent scenes from the cable TVMA rated show The Walking Dead. The graphic scenes from this show should not be aired on regular tv! They showed the scenes of Shane shooting Otis and leaving him to be eaten alive by zombies, they showed Daryl falling down the side of a cliff and landing on an arrow that went thru his side, they showed Daryl hallucinating about his brother and Merl used the phrase-do you have enough nuts in that sack of yours- Nutsack? Do they really need to say that on regular tv?! They showed Daryl pull the bloody arrow thru his body and use it to shoot a zombie in the head, they showed Daryl cut a squirrel open and eat it's bloody meat, they showed Andrea shoot Darl in the head, they showed multiple scenes of zombies being shot and blood spurting out and they also showed Glen being lowered down into a well to tie a rope around a bloated wet zombie that they pulled out of the well. They showed the zombie getting caught and the rope ripping it in half with guts, blood and maggots spilling out onto the ground and it still moving and grunting and then they hit in the head and killed it! Graphic gory scenes like these should not be broadcast on regular tv for children as young as 14 to see! They are rated TVMA on cable for a reason, they are gruesome and disturbing and not suitable for little kids to see! KARZ needs to be fined for not eating the show accordingly and broadcasting it during primetime for children to see!

(b) (6) Sep 7, 6:11 PM

(b) (6)

Your complaint provides the Commission with valuable information that we use to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. We do not resolve individual complaints about this issue and, there will be no status information to report on your complaint.

Your complaint (Ticket No. 1175973) was closed as of today. The information you provided us will continue to be available internally within the FCC to inform the Commission's enforcement and policymaking processes.

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

(b) (6) Nov 3, 11:14 AM

Internal note

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#892173 Profanity

Submitted **Received via** **Requester**
 April 3, 2016, 5:34 PM Web Form (b) (6)

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

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
General Inquiry	The Walking Dead	Satellite	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	New York	14011	5:15 p.m.	Apr 3
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	254	Attica		
Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	City	
AMC	New York	(b) (6)	Attixa	

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 No

(b) (6) Apr 3, 5:34 PM

April 3rd, 5:15pm. Directv 254 Walking Dead
 Sweating by character Carole (Melissa McBride) swore saying ASSHOLE.
 April 2nd, Rocky Balboa, 10:30 am Character Pauly swore saying God Damn
 April 3rd Rocky Balboa Character Pauly swore saying God Damn 7:30am.

(b) (6) Apr 4, 2:18 PM

(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: <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/service-options-satellite-television-subscribers>

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