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FOIA No. 2018-317

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs (CGB) and Enforcement Bureaus (EB). Your request seeks copies of complaints that the FCC received in response to news coverage that used President Trump's alleged use of an expletive in a private meeting to describe certain countries. Your request has been assigned FOIA Control No. 2018-317. We are responding to your request electronically.

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 162 pages of documents responsive to your request. EB informed CGB that it did not identify any additional responsive records.

Records responsive to your request were withheld or redacted under FOIA Exemption 6.¹ 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. The FCC receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6); see *also* 47 CFR § 0.457(f).

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.

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. Since your request did not involve any duplication, 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 No. 2018-317.

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:

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Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director,
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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).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Stevenson', is positioned above the printed name.

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Attachments

Ticket: # 2162098 - CNN posting vulgar language on screen

Date: 1/11/2018 6:40:07 PM

City/State/Zip: Mesquite, Nevada 89027

Description

CNN has gone too far with their "news". I do not appreciate them putting "shithole countries" whether it is a direct quote or not. Nothing makes them special to do that and they are going to far. I insist that they be fined for putting vulgar language on TV.

Ticket: # 2162280 - Indecent language in text in on screen graphics

Date: 1/11/2018 7:42:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Brainerd, Minnesota 56401

Description

CNN airs a news report claiming to quote President Donald Trump as using the unedited word "Shithole" which clearly and blatantly violates indecency and profanity broadcast rules. My two children (7 & 9) now are using these words and believe it's acceptable. It is not acceptable and I wish that the FCC take Enforcement action on this flagrant violation of broadcast law.

This is not a political revenge report.

Ticket: # 2162313 - Profanity on news

Date: 1/11/2018 7:57:00 PM

City/State/Zip: Springfield, Missouri 65802

Description

Within two minutes of the NBC Nightly News coming on, they quoted a tweet by President Trump. There was a warning that the following quote would not be appropriate for young viewers. The quote included the word, "shithole." The reporter spoke the word clearly. The word was also spelled out on screen. This is still clearly against the rule for profanity on broadcast tv, despite the warning beforehand. This should not have been said on air, and the text on screen should have used asterisks so that it was not spelled out.

Ticket: # 2162349 - CNN uses the S word?

Date: 1/11/2018 8:11:06 PM

City/State/Zip: Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067

Description

I'm watching CNN as the kids are eating dinner in front of the TV. Erin Burnett shows headline says in bold letters, "Trump doesn't want immigrants from 'Shithole' countries." I get that maybe they're quoting someone but I don't want that displayed for my kids to see. Since when is this ok?

Ticket: # 2162385 - CNN 6pm 1/11/18

Date: 1/11/2018 8:32:37 PM

City/State/Zip: Macedonia, Ohio 44056

Description

I am writing to complain about the channel CNN allowing one of their commentators to consistently say the word "Shithole" on their network for a least one minute. I had just entered my car with my 5 year old son and had my Sirius channel set to CNN. We couldn't even get into the car, put our seatbelts on and get settled before we heard this one gentleman use the word shithole about 5 times. Not cool and CNN should have either cut his microphone or went to commercial. It was bad enough that during election, one of their commentators used the word pussy about 20 times in one segment but at least that was after 10pm. I feel that CNN should be strongly reprimanded for allowing this disgusting language on air.

Ticket: # 2162397 - Words shithole Accross screen on cnn

Date: 1/11/2018 8:38:31 PM

City/State/Zip: Lake Forest, California 92630

Description

It's 4:30 in the afternoon and I'm sitting with my child. I turn on cnn and it spells out shithole accross the screen. That's bull shit.

Ticket: # 2162549 - Swearing at 9pm est

Date: 1/11/2018 10:16:29 PM

City/State/Zip: New York, New York 10038

Description

1/11/2018 CNN had a banner up for 10 minutes which read exactly, "Trump slams immigrants from "shithole countries".

They also allowed the guest to utter the word "shithole" multiple times.

Ticket: # 2162582 - Curse word on prime time tv

Date: 1/11/2018 10:40:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Severn, Maryland 21144

Description

On the NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt on January 11th 2018 at the 6:30 p.m. broadcast they broadcast on the news the quote from president Trump and said the word "shit hole." My 6 year old son was in room and heard this. This is inexplicable for a news program to air that word on regular tv.

Ticket: # 2162671 - CNN allowed curse words on live TV!!!

Date: 1/11/2018 11:52:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Chicago, Illinois 60645

Description

To who it may concern, It's sickening that CNN allowed this moron Don Lemon say the words shit hole various times on his show "CNN with Don Lemon"! Not only did he say it countless times, but CNN put the whole word on the screen!!! I have children that were watching the news with me at the time and it's incredible that this was allowed to happen! Please take CNN off air!!

Ticket: # 2162698 - CNN "shithole"

Date: 1/12/2018 12:19:20 AM

City/State/Zip: Laguna Niguel, California 92677

Description

CNN has said, written, or called President Trump "shithole" at least 500 times this evening. This jewish propaganda should not be allowed on television.

Ticket: # 2162718 - CNN cursing

Date: 1/12/2018 1:07:14 AM

City/State/Zip: Winslow, Arizona 86047

Description

While watching CNN tonight a member of Wolf Blitzers show used the curse word SHITHOLE numerous times.

Not only were my children in the room when this happened but it upset my elderly mother.

Ticket: # 2162802 - CNN cursing on live tv

Date: 1/12/2018 7:13:03 AM

City/State/Zip: Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083

Description

My young children heard "shit" multiple times on cnn news programs. I then switched channels to msnbc and my young impressionable children heard "shithole" said multiple times. I then switch to Fox News and they had the decency to mute that term. CNN and msnbc must be fine and or sanctioned for the outrage.

Ticket: # 2162813 - inappropriate language on cnn

Date: 1/12/2018 8:19:57 AM

City/State/Zip: Haymarket, Virginia 20169

Description

cnn has the word shithole on uts scroll all night abd now day...furst time i have ever seen this us
this allowed ...if not please adk them to remove it is highly offensive thank you

Ticket: # 2162837 - Profanity on air

Date: 1/12/2018 9:20:42 AM

City/State/Zip: Guild, Tennessee 37340

Description

NPR Morning Edition, Friday 1/12/18. 8:08 a.m.

88.1 WUTC Chattanooga

Announcer used the word "shit hole". This violates FCC policy regarding disallowed per my understanding

Ticket: # 2162841 - CNN 24/7 indecent newscast

Date: 1/12/2018 9:25:09 AM

City/State/Zip: Fayetteville, North Carolina 28314

Description

Continuous 24/7 CNN offensive broadcast of "shithole" on tv and all of it's other media outlets. Not a fan of Donald Trump but to repeatedly display profanity on tv merits a fine for every minute that CNN used the offensive term. At least, other news outlet had the decency to edit (s#*&hole) their broadcast of the word.

Ticket: # 2162844 - Indecent language

Date: 1/12/2018 9:30:00 AM

City/State/Zip: Geneva, Illinois 60134

Description

CNN broadcast indecent language both verbally and in the chyron: "shithole." This does not serve the public interest and I demand CNN follow their obligations. Furthermore, CNN stated, "the President of the United States is racist." This is demonstrably untrue and is a clear violation of their obligations to the public trust. <https://t.co/cBsX10Skwx>

Ticket: # 2162859 - CNN use of foul language

Date: 1/12/2018 9:50:43 AM

City/State/Zip: Telford, Pennsylvania 18969

Description

CNN has been using the word "shithole" repeatedly without any warning or apologizing. This word was supposedly used by the President in a closed door meeting. I don't understand why they are not bleeping or warning viewers about this offensive language.

Ticket: # 2162865 - Obscene language

Date: 1/12/2018 9:53:57 AM

City/State/Zip: Decatur, Michigan 49045

Description

CNN repeatedly using the word "shithole"

Ticket: # 2162892 - CNN

Date: 1/12/2018 10:08:00 AM

City/State/Zip: Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

Description

Don Lemon and Anderson Cooper's news scrolls used the word "shithole" on the air.

Ticket: # 2162899 - cnn vulgarity

Date: 1/12/2018 10:09:06 AM

City/State/Zip: Farmville, Virginia 23901

Description

CNN repeatedly used, and at this time, continues to use the word 'shithole' live on the air without warning in front of my children. this is in quoting the president but he was not on live TV with this language. I would suggest some kind of investigation and discipline for this offensive language. Unbelievable!

Ticket: # 2162900 - CNN Profanity

Date: 1/12/2018 10:09:29 AM

City/State/Zip: New Bedford, Massachusetts 02745

Description

At 9am on CNN the news anchor named Poppy and a corespondent has used the word " SHITHOLE " Numerous times. Are you going to let them do this. You wouldn't let a radio station use this language.

Ticket: # 2162926 - Trump "SHITHOLE" on multiple stations

Date: 1/12/2018 10:28:39 AM

City/State/Zip: West Lebanon, New Hampshire 03784

Description

To Whom It May Concern:

NBC Nightly News on 1/11/2018 verbally said and spelled out the word "SHITHOLE" in reference to Trumps' speech / quote. I am reporting this incident primarily. This was NOT during the hours of Safe Harbor.

CNN verbally said "SHITHOLE" as well this morning. Not sure of details from a friend.

Ticket: # 2162941 - NBC Nightly News used expletive while quoting the President

Date: 1/12/2018 10:37:53 AM

City/State/Zip: Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Description

While watching an NBC Nightly News on Thursday, January 12 NBC Nightly News did a feature on President Trump and quoted him. While saying the quote they did not censor the word "shithole". This is a expletive and shouldn't be broadcast over federal airwaves.

To solve this problem, the President shouldn't say shit like this.

Ticket: # 2163061 - Language and graphics on CNN

Date: 1/12/2018 11:17:23 AM

City/State/Zip: Mcdonough, Georgia 30253-7498

Description

Is the term "shithole" a term that can be said repeatedly and put up on graphics on CNN during the day? Many schools broadcast CNN, and I would rather not have folks repeating it 3 times per minute and have it plastered all over the television for young readers.

Ticket: # 2163085 - CNN. "S**t-Hole"

Date: 1/12/2018 11:23:05 AM

City/State/Zip: Overland Park, Kansas 66223

Description

CNN's Anderson Cooper blatantly used profanity on a evening show referencing president Trump's tweets: the word shithole was used repeatedly This Was Heard by my ten-year-old daughter who is now repeating it constantly... I'm filing a lawsuit for this profanity on LIVE TV, ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE WHAT IS THE FCC DOING TO REGULATE CNN OR FINES BEING ISSUED?

Ticket: # 2163105 - Obscene Language

Date: 1/12/2018 11:30:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Hampton, Georgia 30228

Description

President trump talking about countries as a shithole. This word "shit" this has been repeat 70-80 times during the program.

CTR98-phone

Ticket: # 2163115 - Profane language on CNN

Date: 1/12/2018 11:34:17 AM

City/State/Zip: New York, New York 10013

Description

This type of language is completeley inappropriate to be on air:

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2018/01/11/cnn_analyst_philip_mudd_shitholer_don_lemon_s_eeen_as_nigger.html

[Ticket: # 2163190 - npr kopb 91.5 fm profanity](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 11:57:17 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97116

Description

Repeatedly during the 7am news broadcast on NPR Oregon Portland station, the word shit hole was used no less than 5 times during the 7am news broadcast by the NPR broadcaster. We were very offended by this. Rules should be observed by this news agency. Swearing seems to be a common facet to the broadcasts lately. The station is KOPB 91.5 fm Portland Oregon.

[Ticket: # 2163288 - Shithole word broadcast on NPR](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 12:22:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Eliot, Maine 03903

Description

Listening to a news broadcast by NPR on 90.1 FM at 10am in Maine and listened to them repetitively say "shithole" with a 5 year old kid in the car. Very upset at profanity on public airwaves.

Ticket: # 2163348 - Obscene, Indecent and Profane Broadcasts

Date: 1/12/2018 12:35:47 PM

City/State/Zip: Warwick, Rhode Island 02889

Description

CNN, MSNBC, CBS using the profane "Shithole " on air.

This has to stop before we MAKE it stop.

These stations & their anchors will be dealt with.

Ticket: # 2163384 - Profane language on mainstream tv during daytime

Date: 1/12/2018 12:42:18 PM

City/State/Zip: Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Description

FCC,

During most of the daytime t.v. yesterday, CNN used the actual word "shithole" to describe the presidents remarks during a meeting. I have no issue with reporting what the president may have said but to use the word literally almost 100 times during daytime hours is unacceptable. As parents, one expects not to monitor daytime tv as you expect it to be family friendly. Since when did shithole become non profane term? I expect the FCC to be fair in monitoring such outlets and fine accordingly .

Ticket: # 2163480 - Vulgar language

Date: 1/12/2018 1:02:19 PM

City/State/Zip: Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Description

CNN keeps saying the word “shithole” on live tv and even has it written on the screen. This vulgarity is unacceptable on live tv during the day. Children are impressionable and we shouldn’t have to worry about them hearing such words repeated over and over on networks like CNN.

Ticket: # 2163486 - CNN News Station

Date: 1/12/2018 1:03:56 PM

City/State/Zip: Afton, New York 13730

Description

Why is CNN plastering 'SHITHOLE' all over the television that my kids watch? This is entirely unacceptable and I sincerely hope the FCC makes a public announcement on how they plan to fine CNN and how they will prevent this in the future.

Ticket: # 2163521 - CNN Saying Shithole 36 times.

Date: 1/12/2018 1:09:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

Description

CNN said shithole 36 times last night, the 11th of Jan 2018. This is unacceptable and very unprofessional. None the less, Trumps comments are HEARSAY and they are reporting FALSE non-verified information.

Ticket: # 2163593 - Sh*thole

Date: 1/12/2018 1:22:09 PM

City/State/Zip: Kingston, Washington 98346

Description

So, as you are well aware, almost every network, mostly CNN, last night, used, in front of millions of children, the word "shithole". No "s-hole", pretty easy or whatever...they used the word.

My question to you is...are you going to fine them for the use of this word? Because, you sanction networks for far less.

Thank you

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Ticket: # 2163619 - Profanity during news broadcast

Date: 1/12/2018 1:26:33 PM

City/State/Zip: Battle Ground, Washington 98604

Description

Profane headline from a news headline "shithole" was shown during the primetime news broadcast.

My 11 year old daughter saw this.

It was very negligent and inappropriate of NBC to have done this.

Ticket: # 2163637 - Los Angeles radio station KPCC 89.3 FM used the word "shithole" in a news report

Date: 1/12/2018 1:29:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Palmdale, California 93551

Description

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Ticket: # 2163679 - Inappropriate language on broadcast tv and cable

Date: 1/12/2018 1:38:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Description

The verbal and oral use of the term used by President Trump by the news is inappropriate for my young children. Although it was said by the President, the reporting of the word in an unfiltered manner is disturbing for me and my children. I do not want my children to be exposed to this language.

Ticket: # 2163680 - vulgar word

Date: 1/12/2018 1:38:46 PM

City/State/Zip: Newark, Delaware 19702

Description

CNN has been putting the word "shithole" on their screen all day long. This is playing at businesses, airports, coffee shop and schools.

[Ticket: # 2163699 - radio profanity](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 1:43:21 PM

City/State/Zip: Indianapolis, Indiana 46228

Description

A noon NPR news broadcast on January 12, 2019 on station FM 90.1 WFYI in Indianapolis used the term "shithole" during a news item about President Donald Trump, apparently in an attempt to dare the FCC to enforce its daytime profanity prohibition.

Ticket: # 2163740 - CNN repeatedly cursing

Date: 1/12/2018 1:54:11 PM

City/State/Zip: Joliet, Illinois 60435

Description

CNN has repeatedly said the word: shithole. Not only have they repeatedly said it, it has been written on screen for lengthy periods of time.

Video compilation:

<http://dailycaller.com/2018/01/12/cnn-has-been-possessed-by-shole-gate-video/>

Ticket: # 2163742 - Broadcast Profanity

Date: 1/12/2018 1:54:16 PM

City/State/Zip: Ogden, Kansas 66517

Description

CNN keeps repeating an obscene and profane word, "shithole." They are doing this in front of children. They are doing it for political purposes. I used to work in TV. This is against the law. Please fine them appropriately and make them stop

Ticket: # 2163786 - CNN's repeated use of the word sh*thole on air

Date: 1/12/2018 2:03:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Warrenton, Virginia 20187

Description

I have children, now they must put up with listening to CNN news anchors repeatedly use the word shithole every 20 seconds for the next few days? Really? This station should be fined for the continuous use of profanity.

Ticket: # 2163933 - cnn using the word SHITHOLE

Date: 1/12/2018 2:31:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Bridgewater, New Jersey 08836

Description

I have been watching cnn since last night and they have had the word SHITHOLE on the bottom of the screen and the host and guest of all said the word at least twenty times. As of 1:19 pm today the cnn screen says trump loves controversy of word SHITHOLE. Is this ok to do?

[Ticket: # 2164156 - CNN profanity](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 3:13:23 PM

City/State/Zip: Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Description

Last night CNN used the word shit hole over 20 times on television without any formal warning. I find this apprehensive and profane. Had to keep young children from listening.

Ticket: # 2164191 - Cnn broadcasting vulgar language

Date: 1/12/2018 3:18:05 PM

City/State/Zip: Dalton, Georgia 30721

Description

My grandkids are now all saying shithole thanks to cnn, is there nothing your agency can do to get this off the screen. I'm in the process of filing a class action lawsuit for all the vulgarity they are teaching kids with no warning.

Ticket: # 2164435 - Npr

Date: 1/12/2018 4:10:35 PM

City/State/Zip: Lemmon, South Dakota 57638

Description

Every half hour on the radio they said "shithole" this morning 1/12/18. This is on the RADIO kids are listening it's morning. At least network news and cable news censored it.

Ticket: # 2164476 - NPR use of the word "shithole"

Date: 1/12/2018 4:21:01 PM

City/State/Zip: Newhall, California 91321

Description

NPR repeatedly using the word "shithole" on their broadcast in light of Trump news. Trump never explicitly said in public. News outlets like NPR, CNN and MSNBC are using foul language.

Ticket: # 2164654 - News

Date: 1/12/2018 4:59:54 PM

City/State/Zip: Perry, Florida 32347

Description

I thought FCC had certain words that were prohibited from saying or using. all the other networks are blanking out the word President Trump said by using s***head. CNN is actually scrolling the word across the banner AND the announcer is saying the word on live network news thought this was one of the banned words on network broadcast. CNN is known to be biased against Trump and just wants to make sure everyone knows exactly what he said. I condone Trump for saying it but just don't like hearing or seeing it on TV so they can make A POINT

Ticket: # 2164700 - disallowed word

Date: 1/12/2018 5:12:27 PM

City/State/Zip: West Hollywood, California 90046

Description

At 6:20am PST on 1/12/2017, on 89.9FM, the uncensored word "shithole" was used in a story regarding a hearsay quote from the president of the United States. I believe this broadcast was part of a nationally broadcast show on various NPR stations. I don't know if there are different rules for public radio stations, but i believe this is one of the words that is not allowed. Or at least the first half of the word is not allowed to be broadcast on over the air stations. This news story was covered by other local radio and TV stations in Los Angeles, and they did not say that word, and used the term "profanity" instead. If the word "shithole" is not allowed, it should be brought to the attention of FCC covered broadcasters that it should not be used, or that it needs to be censored.

Ticket: # 2164745 - Use of profanity

Date: 1/12/2018 5:20:53 PM

City/State/Zip: Boca Raton, Florida 33433

Description

The radio station NPR 91.3 allowed for profane language to be used without bleeping out an expletive, "shithole" when interviewing senator Dick Durbin. Senator Durbin's remarks are allege and I can see no reason why the expletive was required to make his point known for the purposes of Talk Radio. In my opinion the expletive was allowed for purely political purposes to go against the character of the president.

Ticket: # 2164831 - Cursing on TV CNN at all airports, gyms etc..I have an 8 year old.

Date: 1/12/2018 5:39:01 PM

City/State/Zip: Silver Lake, Ohio 44224

Description

CNN who is on in many public places like airports or gyms for example decided to repeat the word "shithole" where children like my 8 year old could be present. I don't appreciate an adult meeting being one place to use that language being translated into using it on CNN for children to hear. We don't let him watch foul language television because it is inappropriate at age 8. I don't like worrying at anytime they want to using language like that for him to hear. They are at every airport..I can't turn off those TVs or escape while waiting for a plane hearing them. Please protect me and my family. Thank you. It might not be public tv in the past but they made themselves public with their own contracts. Thank you

[Ticket: # 2164851 - Profanity laced shows](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 5:43:46 PM

City/State/Zip: Villas, New Jersey 08251

Description

A variety of host and broadcasters kept using the word SHITHoles on TV ALL DAY.
We had to have the kids finally leave room while we watched news

Ticket: # 2164863 - Languge

Date: 1/12/2018 5:47:06 PM

City/State/Zip: Joplin, Missouri 64804

Description

Rachel was using the line that was supposedly said by the president. She said the word with no censor "shithole". The scrolling at the bottom had shithole, even being written on chalkboard. Channel is 356(fieldbox would not allow 3 digits). **CTR98-phone**

[Ticket: # 2164911 - CNN profane languagd](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 5:57:16 PM

City/State/Zip: Santee, California 92071

Description

During broadcasts on CNN, the word "shithole" was said on the air multiple times on 1/11/18

Ticket: # 2164972 - vulgar language

Date: 1/12/2018 6:09:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Eastvale, California 92880

Description

ktla news in los angeles, in its rush to make the president look bad, ran the actual language on the ticker that president Trump allegedly used in a private meeting. it was written in full and was plain to read for children and any others viewing the public broadcast. ktla needs to be held responsible.

Ticket: # 2165001 - CNN language

Date: 1/12/2018 6:15:16 PM

City/State/Zip: Eynon, Pennsylvania 18403

Description

CNN posted "SHITHOLE" all morning long and many newscasters said the word shithole. Is this allowed ? I noticed the other networks used " S***HOLE" instead.

Ticket: # 2165021 - CNN

Date: 1/12/2018 6:18:36 PM

City/State/Zip: Memphis, Tennessee 38107

Description

CNN has said SHIT HOLE live on TV too many times today to keep up with. Why is that ok?

Ticket: # 2165057 - Bad language and maligning the President on TV

Date: 1/12/2018 6:28:59 PM

City/State/Zip: Chico, California 95973

Description

CNN, MSNBC, NBC using disparaging language to discribe the Here Say from Senator Durbin who intentionally made supposed by President Trump calling other Countries "Shit Holes". For days this private meeting in the Presidents office and what the President supposedly said. I am becoming my grand children are asking if the bad things being said by the news services are real after watching the new with their parents and grand parents. My children are again about what CNN, MSNBC, NBC continue to spin making it even worse. It is also one my granchildren's computer at home. I had to block there access to news though the home page. FCC it is your job is to monitor the news, and the maligning a president based on hearsay using nasty language and comments condemning President Trump. Will you please do your job and censor these News Media companies, YouTube, Yahoo, and google News CNN, MSNBC, NBC during multiple times over the last 24 hours. Your form does not allow for multiple times.

Ticket: # 2165077 - Shithole on NPR

Date: 1/12/2018 6:34:23 PM

City/State/Zip: Mesa, Arizona 85213

Description

I was listening to NPR this morning 1/12/18 on my way to work at approximately 7:50 AM Arizona time. The hosts repeatedly used the phrase "shithole" over and over with no effort to protect sensitive ears. I do not want to hear this kind of salty talk on publicly funded radio. Please make sure this never happens again and that people are held accountable.

Ticket: # 2165101 - Profanity on the air

Date: 1/12/2018 6:43:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Description

My problem is with the Main Stream News Media continuing to repeat foul language like "shithole" on the air. Who do they think they are? Also, when is it ok to promote drug use like CNN did on NYE? What are they thinking? I expect better as as a veteran. I look forward to hearing from you.

To solve this problem, make it very clear we don't want to hear this and start calling these people out by name. I will start...Don Lemon, Anderson Cooper to start.

Ticket: # 2165115 - CNN saying SHITHOLE

Date: 1/12/2018 6:53:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Beverly Hills, Florida 34465

Description

Stop CNN from saying SHITHOLE on live TV! My 3 children are now running around the house screaming SHITHOLE! Every 5 seconds someone is saying SHITHOLE!

Ticket: # 2165184 - Offensive Language on CNN

Date: 1/12/2018 7:23:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Port St Lucie, Florida 34986

Description

CNN not only had "Shithole" on screen for 20 minutes in bold letters. They also said the word Shithole around 30 times with no editing. That channel is played in public places in some businesses

Ticket: # 2165185 - CNN said "Shithole" over 10 times based on false reporting

Date: 1/12/2018 7:23:55 PM

City/State/Zip: Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

Description

The president was accused of saying that Haiti was a 'shithole'

It turns out that this reportage is FALSE and that he did not say that, certainly not today and that this reportage was a conflation and possible fabrication, according to Jake Tapper, one of his accusers
<https://archive.is/dT42J>

Many broadcasters have picked up on this 'shithole countries' comment--that is likely fake news--and in their outrage, they said the word 'shithole' (not bleeped) not less than 10 times, possibly over 100 times

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkkKzKAa7-w>

I am very offended that our media has to repeat shithole over and over today. I feel like it's some kind of mental assault. In fact, hearing it over and over feels like the broadcasters are calling ME a 'shithole' because of their hysteria and histrionic backbiting and hatred.

I'd really like FCC to consider fining them millions upon millions of dollars for today, and that goes not just for CNN (main offender) but to all TV news as well as Washington Post print and other print journalism for the same reasons stated

I believe FCC has to make an example out of CNN, so that they know this behavior is NOT ok. Even if Trump had said that, it still would not be ok for these "news" stations to say the word "shithole" all day long

Think of all the children at airports where CNN is playing at full volume all day long who have to be assaulted by this word said over and over. They have no choice but to hear it.

Think of the example this is setting if FCC does nothing!

[Ticket: # 2165243 - CNN spelling and using of a word](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 7:51:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Del Rio, Texas 78840

Description

Why are they using and spelling the word shithole

Ticket: # 2165251 - CNN News continuous vulgarity

Date: 1/12/2018 7:55:56 PM

City/State/Zip: Greensboro, North Carolina 27409

Description

I don't understand why CNN News is allowed to continue speaking and billboard the word "Shithole" on the excuse that the President "allegedly" used that word during a government meeting. Other stations utilize the spelling "S**thole" or similar and are not actually speaking this word while CNN has for 2 full days had the actual word on the bottom billboard of their screen and at most times during the day actually say this word over and over many times. I counted 32 times they said it in one hour alone. Does this not break any FCC rules? I understand that they are a Trump hating station and I figure they are just paying any fines you may impose but it is still very offensive to me.

Ticket: # 2165263 - Profanity used on CNN

Date: 1/12/2018 7:58:23 PM

City/State/Zip: Broomall, Pennsylvania 19008

Description

CNN has broadcast the word "shithole" repeatedly over the past several days. My 5 year old daughter heard this profanity and now is going around the house repeating the word. This is unacceptable and they should be sanctioned and fined for broadcasting obscenity.

Ticket: # 2165305 - Vulgar language used by news agencies

Date: 1/12/2018 8:13:46 PM

City/State/Zip: Merced, California 95348

Description

Today I have been hearing the word “shithole” used by CNN, MSNBC, NPR, CNBC. I find these news agencies have violated FCC guidelines. Please investigate and advise me of your findings.

[Ticket: # 2165404 - Foul language](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 9:07:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Description

Constant use of the phrase shithole

Ticket: # 2165407 - Language on air

Date: 1/12/2018 9:09:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

Description

Today on CNN, they said the word "shithole" on air nearly 40 Times. I was forced to turn the TV off due to young children in the room. They kept using profanity on live TV which has now introduced that word to a young child who has already repeated it. This is not okay and something needs to be done about this so they don't continue to use profanity on live TV.

Ticket: # 2165418 - Foul language on NPR Public Radio

Date: 1/12/2018 9:14:11 PM

City/State/Zip: Holmen, Wisconsin 54636

Description

On Friday January 12, 2018, National Public Radio repeated foul language (attributed to President Trump) a number of times and ran a recording of a politician repeating the same foul language numerous times. This degradation of broadcast standards must stop. Please investigate

Ticket: # 2165419 - CNN overuse of profanity

Date: 1/12/2018 9:14:32 PM

City/State/Zip: Fort Myers, Florida 33913

Description

CNN keeps using the term "shit hole" over and over and has it plastered on the banner

[Ticket: # 2165537 - S*** hole on broadcast radio](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 10:54:24 PM

City/State/Zip: Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

Description

89.5 WITF in Harrisburg PA broadcast the phrase "shit hole" several times in their NPR broadcast in the 4:30 hour on 1/12/2018

Ticket: # 2165570 - "Shithole" on CNN

Date: 1/12/2018 11:39:29 PM

City/State/Zip: San Diego, California 92127

Description

CNN has the word "shithole" written on the screen. This is inappropriate for children.

Ticket: # 2165571 - bullying verbiage on TV

Date: 1/12/2018 11:42:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Mary Esther, Florida 32569

Description

CNN Tonight with Don Lemon, January 12, 2018 9:30-10:00 both the host Don Lemon and his guest repetitively used the term "shit hole" and then used excessively vulgar and disparaging phrases to describe the President of the United States. This is teaching the public it is acceptable to bully other human beings by using verbally violent phrases over and over again on public television.

[Ticket: # 2165573 - Cursing during broadcast](#)

Date: 1/12/2018 11:47:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Centreville, Virginia 20120

Description

The use of "shit hole" (unedited) throughout the day by various news networks. I've indicated an approximation for the date and time below since it was used so much. I saw it on CNN, but I heard it was used unedited on others channels as well. These networks political affiliations are of no concern to me. I care what my children hear and see on these channels during daylight hours.

Ticket: # 2165579 - cnn

Date: 1/12/2018 11:54:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512

Description

(b) (6) CNN has been saying "shithole" all day .I have little children that are in the hose with me and i think that a news organization should not used this language on regular TV, fox is reporting the stary and never said the word ,please advise

[Ticket: # 2165589 - nuisance/profane speech](#)

Date: 1/13/2018 12:09:29 AM

City/State/Zip: Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072

Description

Network using and displaying the word "Shithole".

Ticket: # 2165592 - CNN repeated use of indecent language

Date: 1/13/2018 12:12:50 AM

City/State/Zip: Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Description

CNN has been using the expletive "shithole" throughout the day. This includes many hours during which children may be watching. This is harmful conduct towards children, as well as being offensive to me and many other adults, and CNN should pay a price for their misconduct. Their hosts have been saying the word many times, and just now I see they are still spelling it out on the screen.

Ticket: # 2165624 - Profanity used in speech and written display multiple times at 3pm CST

Date: 1/13/2018 1:27:06 AM

City/State/Zip: Twin Oaks, Missouri 63021

Description

CNN Live presented a report about the President referring to Africa as a "shithole". During that telecast, which included a panel of 2 women and a moderator, the word "shit" was used over 14 times and displayed very largely on a title bar. This was at 3pm CST. I was at a casual restaurant with several children. We were sitting at a lounge/fireplace table with a large flatscreen monitor above us that we were unable to control (no remote). It was impossible for us to mute or change channels. The word "shit" was consistently used and the visual display was on for a considerably long time. Our only option would have been to cancel our meals and walk out of the restaurant. I shouldn't have to take such action due to the irresponsibility of CNN. I am embarrassed for their desperation and lack of judgement/concern for their content.

Ticket: # 2165626 - Shithole news coverage on CNN

Date: 1/13/2018 1:29:35 AM

City/State/Zip: Mckinney, Texas 75071

Description

I find the fake news story of President Trump saying shithole being covered on CNN to be offensive and obscene and would like the network fined for saying it over and over again.

Ticket: # 2165636 - CNN

Date: 1/13/2018 2:11:35 AM

City/State/Zip: Foristell, Missouri 63348

Description

Can you tell me why CNN is allowed to use the word 'shithole' on TV?
Regardless of the news, CNN should ensure that it masks profanity.

[Ticket: # 2165643 - foul language use is a crime isn't it?](#)

Date: 1/13/2018 2:21:48 AM

City/State/Zip: Bellingham, Washington 98229

Description

(CNN)President Donald Trump's complaints about immigrants coming to the United States from "shithole countries" have prompted condemnation from around the world.

Ticket: # 2165646 - CNN bias, hate and propaganda reported as "news"

Date: 1/13/2018 2:28:49 AM

City/State/Zip: San Diego, California 92117

Description

There has to be some standard to which broadcast media outlets can be held to be more honest when allegedly reporting "news". I get that most, apparently, who are media professionals today are upset that Donald Trump is our President and I get they hate him and anyone who voted for him. However, their reporting crossed a line long ago and has been, for some time, seditious and may have already become outright reason. And if they would just allow opposing views, a little honest, it might not be so bad. The recent segment featuring Don Lemon (<http://www.newsweek.com/watch-cnns-don-lemon-declares-president-racist-and-people-color-warned-you-779291>) and his actions to cut off any opposing view are a prime example. This sort of behavior is responsible for the growing animosity that leads to riots and other crimes and is in fact tearing our country apart. And they complain about Trump's language, if he even really said that using those exact words, then they repeat the same expletive over and over - it's OK for them to do it, but wrong when he does? I realize this is "consumer" complaints - I could not find the correct place to send this other than here though.

Ticket: # 2165670 - Philip Mudd on CNN

Date: 1/13/2018 4:24:43 AM

City/State/Zip: Quakertown, Pennsylvania 18951

Description

I was watching CNN with my family the night before and to my surprise, was blind-sided by the bombastic slurs and curses spewing from the mouth of one of the guests they were having on while talking about another recent Trump issue. I am filing this because it is still an issue in our house hold, and I am quite frankly disgusted by his vulgar disregard for the decency of the public.

Ticket: # 2165697 - CNN

Date: 1/13/2018 8:33:33 AM

City/State/Zip: Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905

Description

CNN continues to violate FCC standards by constantly using the word shithole for 3days now on every show on their network, and acknowledge they are violating FCC standards. I think it's time to stop this and make them abide by FCC regulations.

[Ticket: # 2165718 - CNN coverage of the President of the United States vulgar language comment](#)

Date: 1/13/2018 9:36:33 AM

City/State/Zip: Fpo Ae, District Of Columbia 09622

Description

CNN has displayed a vulgar word on every single hour of their news program for the last 48 hours. I cannot understand how a network can display "shithole" through all 24 hours of the day. I understand that there are time windows networks can implement vulgar language in their programs or not edit films that have sexual content or vulgar language, but this is ridiculous. why have any restriction or even a Federal Communication Commission if networks can just display or say anything vulgar language they want. Please act now and fix this radical networks behavior. Though the content is news, and children may not be actively watching the program, CNN broadcasts at many public facilities that include airports, gyms, and even pediatric doctor offices. This is one of the guidelines the FCC is to monitor...please fix this!

Ticket: # 2165746 - "shithole"

Date: 1/13/2018 10:46:34 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Maine 04102

Description

ALL over the internet, radio and TV on my wife's birthday and an insult to the country where I was born.

FINE THEM ALL starting with Trump.

Ticket: # 2165748 - Indecent profanity

Date: 1/13/2018 10:48:41 AM

City/State/Zip: Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Description

CNN regularly repeated the word, "shithole"

Ticket: # 2165777 - LANGUAGE USED ON-AIR

Date: 1/13/2018 11:21:54 AM

City/State/Zip: Pahrump, Nevada 89061

Description

I was watching CNN with my six- and four-year old boys when they started using the word "shithole". CNN continues to say the word today.

[Ticket: # 2165800 - Foul language on live TV](#)

Date: 1/13/2018 11:46:20 AM

City/State/Zip: Denver, Colorado 80219

Description

During the Nightly News, reporter used the words "Shit hole" on live TV

Ticket: # 2165900 - CNN

Date: 1/13/2018 1:07:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Dorr, Michigan 49323

Description

Yesterday CNN said, "Shit" over a hundred times in response to Donald Trump SUPPOSEDLY(Thanks to anonymous, unnamed sources) that he called Haiti a shithole. This company is fake news and is pushing its limits on Television. Link to video of it happening:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpOqX_FxQM

Ticket: # 2165916 - CNN excessive and blatant use of the phrase "Shithole"

Date: 1/13/2018 1:28:29 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97216

Description

<https://youtu.be/fW7k6A8G7UE>

I am offended by the excessive and incite full use of the term "bullshit" by CNN. They intentionally broadcast the word over 30 times to paint the President as a bigoted racist.

CNN is out of control and is attempting to completely undermine the President of the United States. CNN has overstepped their 1st Amendment rights and needs to be punished.

Ticket: # 2165954 - Profane language on CNN news broadcasts via TV and online

Date: 1/13/2018 1:49:07 PM

City/State/Zip: Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657

Description

This network continues to use profane language on TV broadcasts and on their website. We use them as a new source in our customer area at work, I watch the,m at home and these things are in clear view of my kids and family who feel offended by it. All we see and hear most of the day is "Shithole Countries" being broadcast.

Ticket: # 2166068 - Language that was used by CNN

Date: 1/13/2018 2:48:27 PM

City/State/Zip: Hewitt, Texas 76643

Description

I have been watching coverage of the alleged language of President Trump. It seems that they believe repeating the word by everything that's it's acceptable for them to use. I would like the suspension of those who blatantly continue to use the phrase even though they knew it was illegal. I guess they're exempt

Ticket: # 2166112 - CNN using the word "shithole" dozens of times

Date: 1/13/2018 3:23:59 PM

City/State/Zip: Foley, Alabama 36535

Description

Basically what the Subject says. That on January 11th, several of the programs and personalities and guests on CNN did speak the word "shithole". I especially find it an egregious and purposeful use of foul language due to the fact that the network seems to have planned to use the word.

Ticket: # 2166211 - CNN cursing over and over all day and night

Date: 1/13/2018 4:40:50 PM

City/State/Zip: Keizer, Oregon 97302

Description

CNN news anchors have been cursing day and night. SHit hole this and shit hole that. They need to be punished for this, this is unreal. the filth streaming out of these peoples mouths is gruesome and horrible.

Ticket: # 2166246 - Foul language on tv

Date: 1/13/2018 5:05:20 PM

City/State/Zip: Madison, Ohio 44057

Description

CNN and MSNBC countless number of times said the word(s) shithole

[Ticket: # 2166333 - Obscene language](#)

Date: 1/13/2018 5:46:43 PM

City/State/Zip: Vass, North Carolina 28394

Description

CNN displayed the word shithole on prime time news.

[Ticket: # 2166385 - foul language on live tv](#)

Date: 1/13/2018 6:36:46 PM

City/State/Zip: Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Description

The host on MSNBC just used the word "shithole" on live tv in front of my 5yo and 8yo children!
These people need to be fined to the fullest extent!!!

[Ticket: # 2166444 - foul language on live television](#)

Date: 1/13/2018 7:40:59 PM

City/State/Zip: Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356

Description

The host, Don Lemon, of CNN show 'CNN Tonight' just used the word "shithole" on live television in front of my children. This is not acceptable behavior.

Ticket: # 2166503 - Indecent Words and Text

Date: 1/13/2018 8:27:19 PM

City/State/Zip: Seattle, Washington 98109

Description

On 1/13/2018, CNN ran the word 'shithole' on the screen in their broadcast graphics around 3 PM EST. They did this repeatedly and it was obscene. There were children in a public restaurant that had CNN news on during this inappropriate language. It was unacceptable. CNN needs to be sent a formal notice from the FCC.

Ticket: # 2166560 - CNN and swear words

Date: 1/13/2018 9:37:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Evington, Virginia 24550

Description

Hello, I would like to file a complaint against Jim Accosta and Don Lemon for repeatedly using curse words that they believe were said in private by the President. It does not matter if the president said it or not (in a private meeting) it is still inappropriate and illegal for shithole to be said on TV. This word was said over and over and was completely for shock value and out of line. They should be fined for each time they said the word.

Ticket: # 2166694 - SNL

Date: 1/14/2018 1:14:50 AM

City/State/Zip: Saint Clair, Michigan 48079

Description

Profanity on Saturday Night Live they used the F Bomb and Shithole, where are the standards.

Ticket: # 2166706 - NBC - Saturday Night Live; multiple obscenities

Date: 1/14/2018 1:35:01 AM

City/State/Zip: Akron, Ohio 44333

Description

I have just watched people saying "fucking" and "shithole" multiple times on Saturday Night Live. They made no attempt to censor "fucking" or "shit", even though they bleeped out another actress during a different sketch. SNL also on a weekly basis has obscene material that is sexually explicit and inappropriate for a non-cable channel.

NBC needs to be fined and should also get a refresher course on what is and what is not allowed to be said on a non-cable show. I am on East Coast time, so my kids aren't watching, but on the West Coast this is airing during prime time.

Please address this issue.

Ticket: # 2166736 - vulgar language used on television news

Date: 1/14/2018 2:49:40 AM

City/State/Zip: Alta Loma, California 91701

Description

CNN news consistently used the word shithole over and over.. not noticing the kids watching. we now have our children using the word at home and school. i find this fruiting that the news can use these words over and over

Ticket: # 2166764 - Indecency on TV

Date: 1/14/2018 9:35:25 AM

City/State/Zip: Fenton, Michigan 48430

Description

On the NBC network the TV anchor REPEATEDLY used the word "shithole" on the air. Now my nephew is running around calling everything a shithole. NBC must be fined for this, there's no excuse to use these words on broadcast television.

Ticket: # 2166783 - Vulgarly and foul language on MSNBC

Date: 1/14/2018 10:30:07 AM

City/State/Zip: Keystone, Florida 33556

Description

On 1/13/18 the cable network MSNBC allowed their an employee to use vulgar language "shithole". I am offended and I want them fined for breaking the govt. regulations they so dearly support.

Ticket: # 2166801 - Curse words

Date: 1/14/2018 11:02:30 AM

City/State/Zip: Aurora, Colorado 80011

Description

F bomb said on Saturday night live. My kids heard that. Not to mention all the shithole comments on main stream media. So do your job.

Ticket: # 2166821 - Fareed Zakaria GPA - Used the word Shit Hole

Date: 1/14/2018 11:27:25 AM

City/State/Zip: Sterling, Virginia 20165

Description

Watching Fareed Zakaria GPS on Sunday Morning - Fareed Zakaria said Shit Hole

I was watching the program with my sons right after church and was shocked at the language. It is on thing for the President to use that in the backrooms but quite different when it is on a Sunday morning show. This is unacceptable!!

[Ticket: # 2166865 - Indecent profanity](#)

Date: 1/14/2018 12:18:00 PM

City/State/Zip: Jupiter, Florida 33469

Description

Contributor said "shithole" at 11:09 am on MSNBCs 'AM Joy' show

Ticket: # 2166870 - CNN vulgar language indecency

Date: 1/14/2018 12:28:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Fountain Hills, Arizona 85268

Description

My 9 year old daughter keeps hearing and seeing the word Shithole all over CNN. CNN needs an R rating or NC-17 rating displaying and saying this type of vulgarity.

Ticket: # 2166871 - "shithole" all over my tv with my kids watching

Date: 1/14/2018 12:28:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Escondido, California 92029

Description

i don't care what the president said behind closed doors, he didn't say it on my tv while kids were watching. The networks and news channels all did and should be fined.

Ticket: # 2166939 - Offensive, profane language broadcast on evening network newscast

Date: 1/14/2018 2:27:13 PM

City/State/Zip: South Lake Tahoe, California 96158

Description

Use of the word "shithole" with no bleeping, redacting, or full or partial censorship at 5:30 PM on evening network newscast on 1/11/2018 was offensive, profane, and inappropriate especially for the time of day when families and children are viewing and listening. Not appropriate for acceptable community standards.

Ticket: # 2167299 - CNN cursing and displaying curse words on Television

Date: 1/14/2018 8:13:23 PM

City/State/Zip: Los Angeles, California 90210

Description

I was watching CNN o 1/12/2018 and Don Lemon continually displayed and said the words "shithole". My 8 year old daughter was watching along with me and it was a very awkward and embarrassing situation. Isn't that a banned word?

Ticket: # 2167348 - during daytime hours CNN's use of a vulgarity repeatedly and excessively

Date: 1/14/2018 8:46:05 PM

City/State/Zip: Mesa, Arizona 85207-1820

Description

they constantly and continually used the word "shithole" well beyond the need to explain what they were discussing. It was sophomoric and abusive and offensive.

[Ticket: # 2167384 - Swearing children present ,written swearing comments ,large font size](#)

Date: 1/14/2018 9:38:07 PM

City/State/Zip: Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871

Description

CNN at noon hour placed on TV at Mc Donalds play area curse words in large font size for many minutes and font size I could see from 50 ft away . Parents had to block children from seeing "Shit hole" on screen for a very long time .

Ticket: # 2167556 - CNN expletives

Date: 1/14/2018 11:49:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Baden, Pennsylvania 15005

Description

When I'm watching a news program, especially on one of the most popular channels, I should not expect to have to usher children out of the room because CNN commentators are repeatedly spewing the word 'shithole'.

I first heard this story on Don Lemon's show. I thought that would be the end of it. It was not. It was repeated over and over again by Lemon, Chris Cuomo, Anderson Cooper and about every other anchor on that channel. It was also in print on the banners and on a whiteboard.

Where are the FCC regulations on this? It's unacceptable. I understand this network has a constant hatred for President Trump, but at least Trump said this in private amongst adults - if he said it at all.

Please fine this network. They've become increasingly more irresponsible, irrelevant and their contempt for the President is turning them into, simply, a trashy channel.

Ticket: # 2167619 - CNN and other media outlets used "Shithole contries" over 30 times in 24 hr period

Date: 1/15/2018 1:34:29 AM

City/State/Zip: Dublin, California 94568

Description

Dear Sir or Madam,

My complaint is regarding CNN and other MSM media outlets repeated use of "Shithole contries" slur during January 12'th 2018 broadcasts.

Regardless whether the President said it or not in a private (off-camera) meeting, I believe, reiterating this phrase more than 30 times during the day, by multiple hosts and guests, is not acceptable.

I believe CNN is in violation of FCC indecency rules on more than 30 counts and I am asking FCC to look into this mater.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW7k6A8G7UE>

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2018/01/12/cooper-hearts-with-haiti-anniversary-ac.cnn/video/playlists/ac360-videos/>

<http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/11/politics/immigrants-shithole-countries-trump/index.html>

Regards,

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Ticket: # 2167642 - CNN cursing

Date: 1/15/2018 3:00:42 AM

City/State/Zip: Vine Grove, Kentucky 40175

Description

For the last 3 almost 4 days CNN has been showing and saying Shit hole make them stop. It is vile disgusting language to be aired on TV from 0600 to today Monday. Non stop

Ticket: # 2167958 - CNN, MSNBC - OFFENSIVE "S#!thole" graphic on TV programs

Date: 1/15/2018 12:27:13 PM

City/State/Zip: San Francisco, California 94107

Description

On Thursday, January 11, 2018 CNN (And MSNBC) had an offensive word (Shithole) on their Broadcasts ALL AFTERNOON and Evening. I was PERSONALLY Offended as CNN was broadcast on all our Work Break Room TV screens all day. Given the President is now denying he made the comment, CNN, MSNBC and other network should face a fine for this offense. What if Kids saw this on their TVs across the country? Very irresponsible broadcasting.

Ticket: # 2168121 - Shithole

Date: 1/15/2018 1:35:34 PM

City/State/Zip: Akron, Ohio 44319

Description

I don't understand how CNN still has a license to broadcast. I was appalled to see this word displayed on their banner line for several days now. Do they know that their broadcast is carried in public places where children are such as airports, stores, etc? It is appalling to think that just because they remove a space between 2 words means that they are not using one of those words? At least most other news sources that I saw (including most internet sources that still have some class which CNN obviously doesn't) used something like "sh*thole" which most adults would understand but it wouldn't be so in your face to all people and children.

What will be next from them? If they eliminate the space in "F*ck off" to form "F*ckoff" (without the star), would this become acceptable?

As a tax payer and someone who still has desire to maintain at least some decency in public broadcasts (especially to those who are routinely broadcast in public places), I demand that CNN's broadcast license be revoked..

Ticket: # 2168198 - Profanity on broadcast radio

Date: 1/15/2018 1:56:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Dallas, Texas 75201

Description

I would like to file a complaint against National Public Radio for broadcasting the President's use of the word, "shithole," on Weekend Edition, Sunday, January 14 at approximately 7:00 am. Although Lulu Garcia-Navarro prefaced it with a warning that she was going to say it, the warning essentially didn't exist since there was absolutely no time to turn off the radio unless one was poised and ready to push the button. There is absolutely no reason why broadcasters have to air these terms, and just because the President uses a term, doesn't give them license. Whatever happened to "expletive deleted"?

Ticket: # 2168270 - CNN - other networks at Prime Time

Date: 1/15/2018 2:19:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Aston, Pennsylvania 19014

Description

I would like to know when the FCC will be FINING every network that repeated the word "shithole" while in mixed company viewing time.

I do not care if Jesus Himself dropped an F bomb in a CLOSED MEETING. It does not belong on television. I want FCC regulation on profanity ENFORCED.

Ticket: # 2168306 - Shithole

Date: 1/15/2018 2:29:34 PM

City/State/Zip: San Jose, California 95124

Description

If shithole is okay to say now on TV, can we free up all words that involve shit? For example, shitfuck, shit-for-brains, shitmonger, shithouse, shitstain, etc.? Thanks! Also, since Trump started this, I would like to see him fined.

Ticket: # 2168380 - CNN using bad words verbally & textually

Date: 1/15/2018 2:44:58 PM

City/State/Zip: Henderson, Nevada 89053

Description

Why is CNN allowed to use the word "SHITHOLE" verbally & textually on their live broadcasts when they are permitted to be shown in schools, airports, doctor's office's, coffee shops, bars & restaurants? This is offensive allowing the use of vulgarity in this fashion. They should be fined for every time they said it, and for every time it appeared on the chryon. This is outrageous.

Ticket: # 2168577 - shithole

Date: 1/15/2018 3:21:47 PM

City/State/Zip: Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

Description

My children were in the room as reporter after reporter on CNN repeatedly said the word "shithole, he said shithole, shithole, shithole" again and again. What the crap? How is this okay? Why aren't these stations being fined for the language they are broadcasting on daytime television?

Ticket: # 2168700 - CNN Broadcasting Profane Content

Date: 1/15/2018 4:03:02 PM

City/State/Zip: North Lauderdale, Florida 33068

Description

CNN has said and displayed the words "shithole" and "shithouse" on their broadcasts repeatedly since this fake news story broke last week.

Ticket: # 2168768 - profanity on PBS station KUT-FM

Date: 1/15/2018 4:36:13 PM

City/State/Zip: Austin, Texas 78704

Description

I recently heard the word shithole on the Austin PSB station KUT-FM.

It was during some of their network programming.

I found it very offensive - especially because it was heard in the middle of the morning when children are listening.

Thank you

[Ticket: # 2169872 - CNN using profanity](#)

Date: 1/15/2018 11:41:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Fargo, North Dakota 58103

Description

I cant go through an airport in the past week without hearing CNN using the word "Shit Hole". I come home and kids have CNN on and it is non stop swearing. I can turn the channel off at home, but not in public places. Does decency not apply to cable news channels? I could see saying the word once to set the topic, but CNN has abused the use of the word "shit" when after the first time it was spoken it was siad dozens of times by each guest on each show to include placing on the screen. This cant be what passes as acceptable on tv these days.

Ticket: # 2169899 - Foul language on TV

Date: 1/16/2018 12:21:53 AM

City/State/Zip: Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Description

I watch CNN and They have been using vulgar language lately. They use words like "asshole" and "shithole" like it's a household word.! I watch with my children and nephews and I am offended. Please fine them! It is not just once or twice but common language. You must send a message and stop this vulgarity!

Ticket: # 2169909 - None stop curseing on CNN

Date: 1/16/2018 12:58:53 AM

City/State/Zip: Delray Beach, Florida 33483

Description

kids were in Dunkin donuts last week and host don lemon cot mes on and starts saying shithole ,shithole this shithole that , now kids are thing this is ok to say with their friends and they keep repeating it , when has cursing become legal on TV ?

Ticket: # 2170095 - CNN - Don Lemon -Graphic Language

Date: 1/16/2018 9:47:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Hallandale, Florida 33009

Description

On his nightly show on Jan. 11 at 10 pm, Mr. Lemon used a curse word over and over describing what President Trump allegedly said. The word "shithole" was used repeatedly, and has been used by Mr. Lemon on subsequent shows. There is no place for this language on what is supposed to be a respected news channel. Others has just said "s-hole" much more appropriate.

Ticket: # 2170265 - MSNBC Indecency Complaint

Date: 1/16/2018 11:07:40 AM

Description

On msnbc, 1/11/18, the Larry O'Donnell show at 7pm PST, the word "SHITHOLE" appears on the screen for about 10 minutes. I recorded it and took cell phone photos if you require evidence. This network commits other crimes, as well, spying, grand theft, ID theft, and conspiracy. Their license should be revoked. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

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Ticket: # 2170397 - CNN Profanity

Date: 1/16/2018 11:43:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Denver, Colorado 80206

Description

Seems like I can't watch CNN with my children, in an airport in Frankfurt, due to their inability to abide by decency standards that exist around the world. I see they used the word "shithole" and called the president the U.S. racist all day and night. This is a little difficult to explain to a 5-year old when profanity is in the way.

Please hold them accountable and impose substantial, deterrent financial penalties.

Ticket: # 2171846 - Language

Date: 1/16/2018 5:00:09 PM

City/State/Zip: St Louis, Missouri 63101

Description

They were doing a sketch and they said the work Fucking. When they were talking about president trump they said the actual word shit. ***CTR98-phone***

Did not want to give his name or address.

Ticket: # 2172147 - CNN visual use of vulgar language

Date: 1/16/2018 6:01:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Struthers, Ohio 44471

Description

On 01/16/2018 at approx 4:53 pm, CNN displayed the word "shithole" on their network while my 9 year old daughter was watching and noticed. We are not too happy about this. This was displayed for over 5 min

Ticket: # 2172252 - CNN

Date: 1/16/2018 6:30:12 PM

City/State/Zip: Sumas, Washington 98295-9649

Description

I'm not sure why I had to listen to CNN say "shit" over and over again. It appears that when Pres. Trump is in the cross-hairs, some think basic dignity can be thrown out for views.

Ticket: # 2172270 - CNN coverage of President Trumps use of the word shithole

Date: 1/16/2018 6:35:01 PM

City/State/Zip: Marietta, Georgia 30066

Description

Everyone has heard what he said. There is no reason to be continuously saying the word "shit" whenever they are covering the story on TV or writing the word "shit" at cnn.com

Ticket: # 2172338 - profanity

Date: 1/16/2018 6:54:52 PM

City/State/Zip: Wichita, Kansas 67205

Description

Since when are news TV shows allowed to use profanity on the air especially when children may be watching during the daytime? I just witnessed Ashley Banfield say "bullshit" as she was being interviewed by Ms Cupp on the "C. E. Cupp Unfiltered" HLN news show at approximately 4:30 pm CST. We need to make sure those words can be bleeped out or not said at all when children's ears may be nearby as was my grandchild. I always thought there was a 7 second delay in broadcasting so such words could be blocked out.

And the word "shithole" was repeatedly said on air during the newscasts of the CNN and MSNBC networks over the past week during the shows of Don Lemon, Anderson Cooper, Chris Matthews, Chris Hayes, Rachel Maddox and Joe Scarborough. We can't let our standards of broadcasting degrade especially during primetime where our young children's ears may be present in the room. I didn't see the network listed below but I think HLN may be affiliated with CNN; I'm not sure.

Ticket: # 2172410 - CNN broadcasting the word, "shithole" on television

Date: 1/16/2018 7:21:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Description

I was watching CNN and saw that they broadcast the word, "shithole" on their graphic banner. I understand that it was used in context about the President's words this past week. I don't believe that word belongs on Television verbally or written, in fear of our children being exposed to it at a younger than desired age and should not become the norm under ANY circumstances. That word typed out as, "Sh***ole", would suffice. I hope the FCC has a shared understanding of the importance of this issue and for the sake of our youth at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ticket: # 2172437 - CNN and "sh*thole"

Date: 1/16/2018 7:30:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Lebanon, Tennessee 37090

Description

TWO HUNDRED TIMES CNN pushed the term "shithole" on their news program.

As I have two kids, 8 and 10 years old, THIS IS NOT APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE for a "news" outlet.

While my complaint says "Lebanon, TN" as the location, they did this nationwide and continued all day long.

Something needs to be done about this kind of filth or it's simply going to get worse and worse and worse.

Ticket: # 2172483 - CNN Using Vulgar Language

Date: 1/16/2018 7:45:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425

Description

Over the last few days, it seems that CNN is obsessed with saying the word 'shithole' as often as possible. I read today where they said it 169 times so far. I listen to take radio and they don't have to say it to report it. Other stations don't have to either. I think they should be held accountable for doing something wrong, just as they feel that the President should be held accountable. It's time to reinforce the rules with the networks. Especially this one.

Ticket: # 2172629 - Repeated & Continuous use of the word "Shithole"

Date: 1/16/2018 8:39:37 PM

City/State/Zip: Staten Island, New York 10301

Description

For the past week, most CNN shows have repeatedly & in some cases, continuously used of the word "Shithole" without editing or paraphrasing. It has been said that the count was approaching 1,000 times across their various shows, this is an outrage.

Here are a few links:

https://youtu.be/_LAHTuZ6xHw

<https://youtu.be/NrynNeqx48I>

<https://youtu.be/NrynNeqx48I>

<https://youtu.be/fW7k6A8G7UE>

Ticket: # 2172690 - Obscene verbiage on CBS News

Date: 1/16/2018 9:14:58 PM

City/State/Zip: Whiteford, Maryland 21160

Description

I was watching CBS Evening News with Jeff Glor, Channel 13 WJZ Baltimore. They were broadcasting a story about President Donald Trump calling Haiti a "S***hole", very proudly displaying their asterisks. Then they show footage of a protest. One of the protesters is clearly and prominently carrying a sign that says "FUCK Trump". There is no way that the editors did not notice this. A picture of the screen is attached (I DVR the news to watch it). The wording on the sign almost looks like it's photoshopped. If so, then that is even worse since it implies that someone in the news department deliberately added this wording. Not appropriate for a prime time newscast that I watch with my family.

Ticket: # 2172825 - Indecent, offensive and abusive language flaunted and celebrated by CNN, where is FCC?

Date: 1/16/2018 10:47:25 PM

City/State/Zip: La Mesa, California 91942

Description

Throughout the entire news day on 12 January, 2018, nearly all news programs on the CNN channel continuously repeated extremely offensive language with no censorship of any kind. The offensive term used was "Shithole" based on hearsay from anonymous sources allegedly spoken by the President. Regardless of the business's reason for use, there is no justification for bombarding viewers with abusive and offensive language over 200 times throughout the entire news day. This did not occur during the late night when children are asleep but occurred during morning, afternoon, evening and prime time. This is an unacceptable violation of the most basic indecency rules, guidelines or even morals standard in nearly every culture across America. CNN should be fined for every single use of this offensive word and monitored by agents from the FCC as they have clearly proven they are unable and unwilling to police themselves and maintain an acceptable level of language and a modicum of respect for Americans on their channel. In a perfect world, every newscaster and show that repeated this language for the purpose of ratings would be suspended through execution of existing FCC rules and laws, but that is probably asking too much.

Ticket: # 2172836 - CNN overuse of Sh\$&hole

Date: 1/16/2018 10:53:48 PM

City/State/Zip: Columbus, Nebraska 68601

Description

I feel that CNN is overusing the recent word that President Trump supposedly said. Many times when visiting restaurants, airports, and other public places where kids could be CNN is showing on a tv. I thought the word is banned from tv so then why is CNN saying it?

Ticket: # 2172882 - CNN

Date: 1/16/2018 11:37:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Houston, Texas 77064

Description

CNN used the word shithole approximately 195 times on air

Ticket: # 2172909 - The repeated use of the word "shithole" during an early evening CNN broadcast

Date: 1/17/2018 12:04:38 AM

City/State/Zip: Columbus, Ohio 43212

Description

The following YouTube text link reveals the repeated use of the obscene term "shithole," on CNN during "The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer," on January 12, 2018, during the 5:00 p.m. EST broadcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYQd2v0v0T8>. I am an Amateur Extra Class licensed ham radio operator and am deeply offended by CNN's offensive display during an early evening broadcast.

Ticket: # 2173011 - CNN

Date: 1/17/2018 4:34:14 AM

City/State/Zip: Baltimore, Maryland 21225

Description

All day long CNN spewed their hate about a comment that was never made the shithole comment, they said shithole a total of 195 times in a 12 hour news cycle. They should be held to the same standards as any other radio or television show. Shithole isn't something I expect to hear 195 times on a news broadcast.

Ticket: # 2173523 - Profanity

Date: 1/17/2018 11:56:58 AM

City/State/Zip: Alexandria, Virginia 22303

Description

CNN continues to use the word shit hole on live television. I thought such language was prohibited

Ticket: # 2174127 - FOUL Language on CNN

Date: 1/17/2018 2:01:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Houston, Texas 77070-2540

Description

Why does a news organization like CNN have to use SHITHOLE hundreds of times while that language is against FCC rules. The claim that they are quoting the POTUS are unsubstantiated. Will FCC take any action against CNN for this use of foul language? They have used that phrase 200+ times now, and do not seem willing to stop, even when Durbin has backtracked on his claim that is what Trump said.

Ticket: # 2175919 - cnn "shithole" word use

Date: 1/17/2018 10:15:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Miami, Florida 33133

Description

Hello,

I'm not sure if saying "shithole" on TV is allowed. It seems to me it shouldn't be. cnn has used the word multiple times on the air they should be reprimanded and fined for doing so.

[Ticket: # 2175920 - Obscene language](#)

Date: 1/17/2018 10:20:21 PM

City/State/Zip: Palm Harbor, Florida 34684

Description

I would like to file a complaint on CNN for using obscene language. Their Network said the word Shithole over 100 times on Friday January 12th

Ticket: # 2176082 - CNN use of profanity on Cable TV and the Internet (website)

Date: 1/18/2018 1:00:30 AM

City/State/Zip: Kingwood, Texas 77345

Description

CNN during primetime TV hours (with kids watching) allowed the repeated use of the word "SH**" when referencing something that President Trump supposedly said in a private meeting. They should be warned, censured, and severely fined (maximum extent possible) for it's apparent and flagrant disregard for not censoring the repeated (20 to 30 times) inappropriate use of vulgar words.

Ticket: # 2176142 - CNN profanity

Date: 1/18/2018 6:08:17 AM

City/State/Zip: Phoenix, Arizona 85044

Description

I was shocked by CNN's constant usage of the term "shithole" recently. Isn't there regulations about profanity? Can you please fine them or something because they obviously don't care and we can't all keep our kids away from the TV just in case CNN decides not to follow the rules. The time listed isn't exact considering they were blatantly using the term all day.

Ticket: # 2177475 - CNN Shithole

Date: 1/18/2018 3:20:06 PM

City/State/Zip: Fountain, Colorado 80817

Description

CNN has swarm more on live TV than I care to listen too. Im a truck driver. When i go into a mcdonalds or other food chain a lot if times CNN is playing on the TV. I was in line to order and the reporter saud "shithole," four times. There were young children present. I was appalled.

Ticket: # 2177939 - CNN

Date: 1/18/2018 4:51:07 PM

City/State/Zip: Peoria, Arizona 85345

Description

CNN has yet again attempting to paint a picture that President Trump is unfit to be president. This is not fair reporting of actual news. This new agency can not be allowed to report false news to the public in the manner they are doing so both on air and the internet.

Please address this issue in a timely manner.

Link to specific articles:

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/17/health/trump-heart-disease-gupta/index.html>

[Ticket: # 2182403 - Indecent profanity](#)

Date: 1/21/2018 12:47:33 PM

City/State/Zip: Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Description

Host of AMJoy used profane language and said "shithole" at 11:44am

Ticket: # 2182741 - Obscene Language

Date: 1/21/2018 8:06:11 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97212

Description

I have been a community radio programmer off and on for several years. I know there are words that cannot be spoken on air, particularly when children may be listening. Why is it, then, that the president says, "Shithole" and suddenly I hear on television, radio, and elsewhere at all times? It seems several media are now placing a strategic asterisk instead of a couple of letters, but still, it makes me wonder. Is "shit" now a word that can be used on air? If so, then thanks for the clarification. If not, then why does the president, and those who report on his commentaries, get to use obscene language without consequences? Thank you for taking the time to respond,

Ticket: # 2182915 - CNN Vulgarity

Date: 1/22/2018 1:44:18 AM

City/State/Zip: Cameron, North Carolina 28326

Description

CNN has repeatedly been saying "shithole" on live broadcasts and on their webpage. One article in particular, www.cnn.com/2018/01/21/opinions/government-shutdown-opinion-stewart/index.html uses the language. Other networks are forced to adjust the ratings when they use language like this. At a bare minimum, as a parent, I expect them to be held to the same standard and have warnings for parents when language like that is going to be used. They didn't even 1st bleep holes which could more easily be explained to children. CNN should be forced to have a viewer discretion advised or the rating blasted on the screen when they use such language. FX and other networks are forced to, why not CNN as well? Please let me know what can or will be done to remedy this.

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Ticket: # 2183263 - Profanity in a News Broadcast

Date: 1/22/2018 11:55:51 AM

City/State/Zip: Tucson, Arizona 85710-4449

Description

On January 12, 2018, KVOA TV - Tucson AZ - broadcast a story and failed to edit and or censor the word "S**THOLE" from their broadcast - Intentionally. The story was in follow-up to our President Trump's alleged remarks. The word was repeated at least 7 times