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To Brian Lamb:

After months of tuning out your show I happened to pick up the June 28 show which caught my eye. Once again, it was more of the same, right wing boot licking. I could not believe how you turned the show into a Limbaugh love-in. Several times you held up the Limbaugh article from the Wall Street Journal. Why? Wasn't referring to it once enough? As one caller said it seems you constantly have reactionaries from the Journal and you seem to love the paper. Why did you push callers and guests to comment on Limbaugh? I thought you were a sophisticated, professional, serious program. Why do you stoop so low to cater to a hot aired hatermonger, racist, bigot, who has made millions hurting decent Americans and undermining the presidency of the United States? Are you one of the media people who defend him but you're not informed? Well perhaps the attached Limbaugh comment from actual shows will make you think a bit before you decide to stroke his ego any further. He needs more free publicity like a hole in the head. After you read the comments perhaps you should pass them around to the women, minorities, cancer victims, etc. of your staff and see how they feel about you promoting such an evil animal.

I also would like to know why you vigorously and thoroughly search out every negative article on Clinton/Gore you can find. When I've watched your show you constantly hold up articles to the camera which are only negative. Don't say you haven't done that because you definately do. I know the media has trashed Clinton since day one and it's hard to find a positive article but I'm sure you could if you tried. Attached is an article that you and your staff and others in the media have conveniently missed or ignored. Gee, I wonder why? I'm sure you've ignored the Japan trip or other Clinton successes. By the way, why don't you stop with so much attention to polls. The media has has poll-gasms since day one on Clinton. I've never seen anything like it. The media seems to be getting their rocks off dogging Clinton with a negative poll every other week. Bush and Reagan were not treated like this 6 months into their term. The media simply wants to reinforce a negative image of Clinton by showing a fairly low poll. If his ratings were 90% approve would there be a poll every other week? I rest my case. Bad polls and coverage leads to more bad polls and coverage and those influential in the media know it damn well. They make public opinion for the most part and you know it. So stop acting like it's still an election year with idiotic polls which only reinforce a quick fix, instant gratification, impatient, spoiled attitude in society today which has been fueled by the media. I think we can wait 3 years for the polls.

Finally, what the heck is the logic behind "Road To The White House" now? Did you have this 2 months into Bush's term in '89? I don't remember this. I think it's very weird and it reinforces my believe in the previous paragraph about the medias negative tone and complete lack of respect towards Clinton. Again, you're pushing the impatient, instant gratification, etc. attitude. Clinton has just begun his job and you're giving the Republicans free coverage for a road to the white house already. I wouldn't mind doing this in a campaign year which is normal but what you're doing is bizzare 3½ before an election. I've seen you list footage of Clinton a couple months back as road to the white house while it was not at all. I feel you just used his footage to balance out the Republican coverage. Since when is a speech to a college or visit to a town by a president 3½ years before an election a "road to the White House?" Give us a break already!

• TRENDS •

Clinton-Gore Are Bashed on TV More Than Bush-Quayle

Think that TV's newscasters and late-night comics were rough on **George Bush** and **Dan Quayle**? It's nothing compared to the pasting **Bill Clinton** and **Al Gore** are taking, according to new statistics from the Center for Media and Public Affairs, which tracks the nightly telecasts. "Bill Clinton has the worst of both worlds," says CMPA co-director **Robert Lichter**. "The journalists are treating him like Bush and the

humorists are treating him like Quayle." Over the last six months, about 66 percent of the references to Clinton on the three major nightly newscasts were negative. In May, the figure leaped to 77 percent. (In Bush's first six months, only about 40 percent were critical.) The monologues of **Jay Leno** and **David Letterman** skewered Clinton 391 times. (Four years ago, **Johnny Carson** and Letterman made only

60 cracks about Bush.) Equally surprising: The comics threw as many darts at **Al Gore** (57) as at Quayle (59). Lichter says the findings show how much TV news and humor have changed since 1989: Journalists are rebelling against spin doctors, and late-night comedy is much more topical—Leno tells twice as many political jokes as Carson did. "Clinton is in the wrong place at the wrong time," says Lichter. "These days, when you dig a hole for yourself, the media dig it deeper and faster."

—David Lieberman

• SERIES •

Gwynne Is Gone, But The Munsters Live On

Fred Gwynne, best known for his portrayal of Herman Munster in *The Munsters* and as police officer Francis Muldoon in *Car 54, Where Are You?* died July 2, but will be seen for generations in those cherished 1960s classics. TBS SuperStation owns *Munsters* until 1995, and Fox's planned cable channel has the rights through 1996. MCA-TV exec **Jim Kraus** calls it "a steady performer. It continues to attract a new audience in that younger people have never seen it." No stations now carry *Car 54*, but Republic Pictures chairman **Russell Goldsmith** says two cable networks are interested in the show's 68 episodes and he expects it to be back on the air sometime in 1994.

Fred Gwynne in "My Cousin Vinny."



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TV CLIPS

"**Andrey Hepburn Remembered**," a documentary tribute to the late film star, will air on PBS in mid-August. **Roger Moore** narrates...**Oprah Winfrey** will star in "There Are No Children Here," an ABC movie about growing up in a Chicago housing project...CBS has cooked up a series for *Northern Exposure*'s scruffy chef **Adam Arkin**. It's a sitcom, *Big*

Wave Dave's, featuring three men running a Hawaiian surf shop...Comedian **Denis Leary** has signed with Showtime for a one-hour special, and to write, direct, and star in a movie about **Elvis Presley's** death, "The King's Wake"...In the *Heat of the Night*'s **Anne-Marie Johnson** has left after six seasons to join *In Living Color*.

—Penelope Patsuris

You've helped
fuel this
Mr. Lamb.
Does it
please you?

ANTI-WOMEN & RELATED ISSUES

- Mr. Limbaugh suggested that many women ask to be sexually harrassed or raped: "In the real world everybody knows that no doesn't mean no all the time, sometimes it means yes."
- "These women are absolutely promoting the sterotype of what everybody thinks a bitch is what these women are doing is confirming what men have known all along."
- Mr. Limbaugh wore several colored ribbons on his jacket as a way to ridicule victims and supporters of victims of breast cancer. Mr. Limbaugh laughs and says very sarcastically and cruelly "The pink ribbons are for breast cancer; I am sensitive to those suffering breast cancer, and I care more than you. Why? Because I'm wearing that pink ribbon."
- "It's said that wives get beaten up more on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year.....I hear this, and I said this is a bunch of feminist bilge."
- Mr. Limbaugh puts up a picture of Anita Hill and sings. "My hands explored you", rather than the song "My eyes adored you."
- Mr. Limbaugh regularly calls feminists nazis:
"Bob Packwood was seated despite the angry protestations of the femi-nazis."

ANTI-BLACKS/RACIST

- Mr. Limbaugh regularly picks out black Democrat politicians, such as Carol Moseley Braun. When he mentions her name, he begins to sing the theme song from the black comedy show, The Jeffersons. He says, "Remember Carol Moseley Braun hey, we're movin on up (singing theme from The Jeffersons) where is the national nipple, Ms. Braun?"
- Mr. Limbaugh regularly mocks and attacks the Rev. Jesse Jackson by pronouncing his name in an affected manner and tone. He calls him, "The Revvv...rend Jackson."
- Mr. Limbaugh laughs and says very sarcastically "Heah, tonight I'm going out to celebrate Martin Luther King Day."

ANTI-AMERICANS WITH AIDS

- Mr. Limbaugh states that people with AIDS are sinners. "Let's tax some real sin... let's have a sin tax on people who, because of their behavior test positive for HIV."
- "They say basketball players are more likely to use condoms than their fans are. I bet the fans of Magic Johnson would like to hear that."

ANTI-CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS

- Mr. Limbaugh wore several colored ribbons on his jacket as a way to ridicule various victims and supporters of victims in our society. Mr. Limbaugh laughs and says very sarcastically and cruelly "The blue ribbon is for child abuse. Can you believe there are actually ribbons for this?"

RIDICULE OF TAINTED BEEF POISONING VICTIM

- Mr. Limbaugh imitates and mocks in a whining voice, a woman whose child almost died from tainted beef. The woman asked President Clinton a question at the Town Meeting. Mr. Limbaugh imitates the woman as follows: "Oh, Mr. President, I just got food poisoning in Seattle, what are you going to do about it?"

ANTI-HOMOSEXUAL

- "When a gay guy turns his back on you, it's an invitation, maybe."
- "Don't y ou love the colors of gay protest, pink and black ... somebody in the audience is getting sick."
- Mr. Limbaugh shows a film of a gay marching band to perform at the inauguration, and says, "Look, that's what the inauguration will look like. The Culver City Military Academy Horse Team is out of there in favor of that collection (the gays), a wandering parade of dare-we-say human ____ (pause), oh, never mind."
- "Do you in America want to normalize homosexuality. If you lift the ban of homosexuality in the military, you're saying homosexuality is o.k. That's all this is about. It's an actual attempt through all of our society, in schools and everywhere else, the activists in the gay community are trying to normalize homosexuality."
- Mr. Limbaugh shows a film of gays in New York and says, "Here are people, signing up for their domestic partner relationship. This is not a Marine Corp. Recruitment Center (Mr. Limbaugh laughs), but it may be."
- Mr. Limbaugh suggests that homosexuality is a perversion by attacking former New York City School Chancellor Joseph Fernandez, who wanted to introduce education concerning homosexual families in the schools. Mr. Limbaugh says, "The city where I live has gotten rid of a social pervert running the schools. It's about time."

ANTI - HOMELESS

- Mr. Limbaugh holds up a new product and says, "This is a "beg repellent". Wear it, hang it and display it, wear it around your neck. It's an actual piece of cardboard with a rope around it. We're thinking of putting these in the Limbaugh Network merchandise product line, and making them available."

ANTI-UNEMPLOYED

- Mr. Limbaugh imitates and mocks in a whining voice a woman who lost her job in Miami who asked President Clinton a question at a town meeting. Mr. Limbaugh says in a whining voice, "Oh, Mr. President, I worked for Pan Am Airlines, and I was laid off, what am I gonna do for health care and a job?" Mr. Limbaugh continues, "go get a job!"

ANTI-PRESIDENT CLINTON

- Mr. Limbaugh makes an obscene comment referring to the inaugural balls as "Bill's balls."
- "The only thing Clinton has in common with Kennedy is in bed."
- "I bet he's fun to go out with and chase women after the game."
- Mr. Limbaugh referring to Attorney General nominee, "She's probably the only appointee he could get in the sack."
- "We got a dysfunctional kid and he's our President."
- Mr. Limbaugh suggests President Clinton is a communist by showing a photo of Stalin and then transposes it into President Clinton and says, "Wow, Stalin and Clinton - the same person!"
- Mr. Limbaugh tells a so-called joke concerning the President being killed. He says, "The third kid says to the President 'I want to be buried in Arlington Cemetary' (The kid had saved the President from being killed and the President asked him how he'd like to be rewarded). 'That's a strange request for a 17 year old' (Clinton speaking). 'If my father finds out I saved your life he'll kill me (Kid speaking)."
- "He's got 'USA' on the back of his jacket. I wonder what country that really stands for."
- "We know he lived in Moscow and we know what he did there, he studied economics."
- "For at least a year this guy has been jogging and he hasn't lost any weight."
- "Some elementary school kids have baked Clinton lemon cookies. If you leave out cookies you've got 'Clinton lemon'."
- Mr. Limbaugh holds up a framed picture of President Clinton which says, "Slick Willie" on it. He drops the picture on the ground, and says, "good, it dropped."
- Mr. Limbaugh puts up a photo of President Clinton and then writes "what a clod" above the President's head.
- Mr. Limbaugh puts up a commercial for "Slick Willie Haricare Products" and it says to write to: Slick Willie, 1600 Penn. Ave., Washington, DC, or call 1-800-BE-SLICK. FOOD STAMPS AND WELFARE CHECKS ACCEPTABLE.
- Mr. Limbaugh puts an ad on the screen which says: WANTED BILL CLINTON A.K.A. HILL WILLIE A.K.A. SLICK WILLIE. HAS BEEN KNOWN TO IMPERSONATE JOHN F. KENNEDY AND ELVIS PRESLEY.

ANTI-PRESIDENT CLINTON (continued)

- Mr. Limbaugh says he wants to show a film of President Clinton's inauguration. He then shows footage of the "Hunchback of Notre Dame."
- Mr. Limbaugh holds up a picture of President Clinton and ridicules the way he looks when wearing makeup. He says, "Look at his hands, they are ghost white, and his face makeup orange."
- Mr. Limbaugh shows several different pictures of President Clinton with his hair slightly a different color in each. He comes to a picture of the President with Carol Moseley Braun, and says, "Look who he's with. Hey, we're movin' on up (singing the theme from the Jeffersons)*. It is clear our President is using dye. Stop it, let's see what color your hair really is!"
- Mr. Limbaugh alters a photo of the President and creates a pinocchio type nose on the photo, and says, "Here's our President, and his amazing ability he has (showing the nose growing). Look, that nose is continuing to grow. Do you know what that nose signifies? Look how long it is. Why, it's Clinocchio (Pinocchio!)"
- * Refer to the Anti-black racist comment column concerning Carol Moseley Braun for detail.

ANTI-FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

- "Maybe they should put her (a nude photo of Ms. Clinton) in a centerfold of a magazine that has to do with trees."
- Mr. Limbaugh makes an obscene inference that Hillary Clinton is good at oral sex. He shows a film clip of Vice President Gore speaking about the First Lady. Vice President Gore says, "Well, she gives excellent___" (Mr. Limbaugh stops the tape and laughs).
- Mr. Limbaugh says very sarcastically "Oh, Ms. Clinton, wife of the President, First Lady of the United States, I'm so sorry to hear that it's time to stop blaming people and telling lies."
- Maybe Clinton has to raise taxes to pay for Hillary's shopping spree. Maybe it's Hillary Rodman (deliberately mispronounces her name) Clinton."

ANTI-VICE PRESIDENT GORE

- Mr. Limbaugh rips out a page from Vice President Gore's book and mixes it with chopped beef. He puts a dog in front of it, and says, "Not even a dog will swallow the words of Gore's book." Mr. Limbaugh then puts the dog on top of the book, and encourages the dog to urinate on it, and says, "Go ahead" to the dog.
- Mr. Limbaugh holds up a tree waterer, and says, "We're going to send it to our Vice President who does a great impersonation of a tree, and put it around his neck, and perhaps he'll grow a little bit."
- "Al Gore is just as wooden as he can be. Go up and hug him, you feel as if you are hugging a tree."
- Mr. Limbaugh plays a clip of Vice President Gore's speech, then picks up a shovel and suggestively pretends to scoop.

OTHER ANTI-CLINTON ADMINISTRATION

- "Clinton didn't appoint a man for Attorney General, but who knows, Janet Reno could be a man."
- Mr. Limbaugh puts up a picture of Les Aspin on the screen, and says, "This is our Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin, right before they inserted the pacemaker (Limbaugh hysterically laughs)."



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