
Bringing Responsibility To The Entertainment Industry



**PARENTS
TELEVISION
COUNCIL**

West Coast PTC Office
707 Wilshire Blvd., #2075 • Los Angeles, CA 90017
Tel: (213) 629-9255 • Fax: (213) 629-9254
(800) TV-COUNTS

East Coast PTC Office
315 South Park St. • Alexandria, VA 22314
Tel: (703) 664-1616 • Fax: (703) 693-9736

November 24, 2003

EB-03-JH-0672

David Solomon
FCC Enforcement Bureau
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Solomon,

On behalf of the Parents Television Council and its over 800,000 members, I am filing an indecency complaint against the Fox network television program, *Arrested Development*. The episode that contained the indecent material originally aired at 9:30 p.m. on November 16, 2003. This program was seen in homes across the country on Fox, and in Washington DC, the program aired on WTTG.

If the content is found to be indecent, then a Notice of Apparent Liability should be levied against each Fox affiliate that aired the program.

A transcript of the indecent segment follows. I would be happy to provide you with a videotape of this episode to further demonstrate the indecency of this episode.

I look forward to your timely judgment and response.

Sincerely,



Lara Mahaney
Director of Corporate and Entertainment Affairs
Parents Television Council

Cc:

Chairman Powell
Commissioner Abernathy
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Adelstein

Sen. Hollings
Sen. McCain
Sen. Brownback
Sen. Dorgan
Sen. Hutchison
Sen. Shelby

Sen. Smith
Rep. Tauzin
Rep. Dingell
Rep. Greenwood
Rep. Markey
Rep. Shimkus
Rep. Upton



Partial Transcript

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

11/16/2003

GM joins the school play to kiss Mae. Michael spends time with his troubled brother Buster. There are multiple scripted bleeps, and some sexual innuendo dealing with homosexuality.

Michael burns himself on the corn baller

- Michael: "'Bleep' (Shit) 'Bleep' (Jesus) Christ. Stupid corn balling piece of 'bleep' (shit)."
-

Another flashback shows Sr. attacking Richard Simmons.

Analysis: Michael and his mother are talking about Buster. She wants Michael to start including Buster.

- Lucille: "Because he's you're brother. And you run around with everyone else. Going on bike rides, making corn-holes. Everyone's laughing, and riding, and corn-holing except Buster."

[Corn-holing is slang for anal sex.]

Michael is getting ready to go ride bikes with Buster. Michael tells him that he is in good shape and Buster better watch out.

- Buster: "And you might be eating 'bleep' (shit). It's going to 'bleep'."



- Michael: "I hope it doesn't have to come to that."

These are extended bleeps, where more than one offensive item is said, but you can't make out what is being said.

All the kids are sitting around talking about their mother.

- Buster: "It like she gets off on being withholding."

Buster goes off on a tirade.

- Buster: "Because I'm an uptight "bleeeeeeeep" muster "bleecep" you old horny slut."
- Michael: "Well no one's going to top that."

These are extended bleeps where you cannot decipher what the character is saying, but it offends the other characters.

Lyndsay confronts her mother.

- Lyndsay: "You do get off on being withholden."