

## Correspondence Profile

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### **Message:**

Dear CRTC

Around 0713 (by my car clock) on December 7, 2011 I was scanning the dial on my way to work and came across this exchange on the KICK morning show "Spot of T (tea?)"

It was something along the lines of:

Host1: Today is hump day (meaning Wednesday) and we should get out there and hump somebody. I'm going to hump Tristan Field-Jones, host of the MOP on Tuesdays at 4pm.

Host2 (Tom): Can you say that on the radio?

Host1: Would you rather I say fornicate?

Tom: No that has even worse implications.

Host1 then discusses how Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama are calling on people to stop gay bashing.

To which Tom replies something like "I'll believe it when they allow gay marriage, then they can stop thumbing their nose at the Middle East. We all know how barbaric the Middle East is."

Host1: Can you say THAT on radio?

Tom: The way they treat their women. Muslims against (killing? can't remember exact word) other Muslims

Host1 states something to the effect that they are an "old culture" whatever that means.

There was absolutely no context to this conversation, how you leap from the middle of the week, to joking about gay love, to gay marriage, to the "barbaric Middle East" and

the way they treat "their women".

This is when I had to leave my car to get to work but here's the quality radio at KICK fm.

While I share the sentiment regarding gay bashing and gay marriage, the good point is marred by the host's inappropriate sexual conversation.

Whatever the hosts sexual orientation or infatuation with Mr. Field-Jones, the banter goes beyond sexual innuendo to in-your-face inappropriate sexual content better suited to cable television than public airwaves.

This is also not appropriate discourse as it unfairly paints all people of middle eastern extraction as "barbaric". This would include all Syrians, Lebanese, Israelis, Jordanians, Palestinians, Egyptians, Saudis, Yemenis, United Arab Emirates, Iraqis, Kuwaitis and Iranians. Many Canadians have come from or are descended from ethnicities in these areas (including a number of people I know and work with personally). The host demonstrates his religious intolerance as well as ignorance by assuming the entire area is strictly beset "Muslim against Muslim" intolerance. Anyone who reads the news or knows anything of history realizes that the issues of the Middle East are anything but simple and involve a diversity of peoples and religions including Christians, Jews and Druze in addition the sects of those religions. Some of these issues go back thousands of years dealing with such fundamental questions as "right to exist".

This is not an opinion based on any research or placed in context with regards to any specific instance but a broad brush of thinly veiled contempt bordering on incite to hate for the multiplicity of peoples and cultures of the Middle East and by extension their immigrant communities here in Canada.

Tom is also under the mistaken belief that all Muslims mistreat "their women".

Based on my own observations of Muslim people that I have met, I do not think this is true and again Tom's broad brush of intolerant ignorance is used to paint the innocent as well as the guilty. One only needs to hear the stories of women who have sought the assistance of places such as Osbourne House to realize that domestic violence is not limited to any one culture, religion or ethnic group.

Tom also displays a touch of misogyny in the statement "their women". This listener asks the question "As opposed to 'our women'?"

Tom is apparently under the mistaken view that women are somehow "owned" by the men in their given culture. This host would do well to review Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Winnipeg's public does not need to be subjected to this garbage in the morning or any other time of day.

Please advise me as to what actions the CRTC is going to take and I expect to be apprised of any decisions.

Thank you and best regards.

John Hotchkiss

Dear CRTC,

To clarify complaint 560536 -

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Thank you and best regards  
John Hotchkiss