

Where's the outrage over the latest assault on women?

by Charita M. Goshay

Some years ago, comedian Al Franken wrote a best-selling book, "Rush Limbaugh is a Big, Fat Idiot."

But are liberals big, fat hypocrites? How else to explain the dearth of outrage over remarks broadcast on "Opie & Anthony," a radio show that puts the "moron" in moronic?

The duo has been suspended for 30 days by XM Satellite Radio for broadcasting violent and derogatory sexual remarks about Laura Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Queen Elizabeth.

Opie & Anthony were booted by CBS Radio in 2002 for broadcasting a couple allegedly having sex in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Nice.

If one of the problems with such shows is the degradation of women, as was cited in the case of Don Imus, shouldn't the same degree of moral outrage be leveled at Opie & Anthony? Should it matter that the women to whom they were referring are white, or Republican, or conservative, or foreign, or rich, or elderly?

Condoleezza Rice is a black woman, just like most of the members of the Rutgers University basketball team. Is she somehow less deserving of defense and dignity because she's loyal to George W. Bush?

Where is the XM boycott? Why no cable-news specials, "national conversations" or navel-gazing magazine cover stories? Where's Al?

Laura Bush does not deserve such degradation; really, no woman does.

And what has the Queen ever done to anybody?

XM Satellite currently is experiencing widespread transmission problems.

Coincidence? Not if I were president.

GOING TO THE DOG?

Speaking of coincidence, Cerberus, the holding company that recently acquired Chrysler, shares its name with the mythological, three-headed hound that guards the Gates of Hell.

That's gotta make you feel good as you walk through those factory gates.

Consultants get paid big bucks to help companies cultivate a certain image. Who was drinking what, when Cerberus was pitched?

Its meaning was brought to my attention by a librarian at the Stark County (Ohio) District Library. Librarians are some of the smartest folks I know - smart enough to know that Cerberus is a frightening name for an investment firm.

In this age of spin, perhaps the company should consider tweaking Cerberus' image, from a demonic nightmare into a fuzzy-wuzzy Labrador retriever known as "He Who Guards the Golden Parachute."

Cerberus, by the way, was born of a giant and a half-snake, half-woman creature.

I'm not implying anything. I'm just putting it out there.

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