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### The Worst Television Show

Television today is a great travesty of our society. There are numerous shows filled with vulgar language, obscenity, nudity, and poor choice of topic. However, I believe the worst show aired on television today is *The Jerry Springer Show*. There are several reasons I consider this show to be the worst on television. It is a bad influence on young children, extremely vulgar, and not credible. *The Jerry Springer Show* is a horrible program that should be banned from television.

Most of the topics introduced on *The Jerry Springer Show* are unsuitable for any child who may be watching television. The show teaches children bad morals and about many subjects that they may not have encountered yet. For example, some episodes deal with incest or homosexuality. Many children have never been taught about either of these things and should not be introduced to them in the manner of Jerry Springer. Also, screaming and fighting between spouses and family members do not give children much encouragement for the future. As often as it is done, children may begin to think that it is normal to fight like Jerry's guests. To my knowledge, *The Jerry Springer Show* does not have one positive teaching and is a horrible influence on children.

Also, Jerry Springer's sad excuses for guests are always extremely vulgar and, most of the time, violent. The episodes that I have seen always ended with several people taking all of their clothes off and many getting both physically and emotionally abused. It is unbelievable the

way some family members treat each other on television and the way many men and women want to flaunt their nude bodies all over the stage. Another negative factor is the language. The profanity on this show is worse than that on probably any other show on television that I have seen. There is no excuse for the amount of vulgarity demonstrated on the show, and this vulgarity should not be allowed on national television.

Another problem that I have with *The Jerry Springer Show* is its credibility. It is hard for me to imagine that any of the stories shown on the show are real. Like many other people, I believe that half, if not all, of the skits are people trying to get some television attention. However, I cannot understand why anyone would want that kind of crude attention. The stories that are presented to be true are sad and disturbing. It scares me to think that there are people in our world leading the life of some of Springer's guests. For their sake, I hope that their stories are false and that they are just acting. However, for the many children viewing the show, these stories seem true and believable. They then take the story and try to put it into perspective, thinking that many of the lives lived by the guests are normal. The values and lifestyles lived out on the show are definitely not the kind of lifestyles we want our children becoming accustomed to.

We wonder why children act the way they do these days, and the cause may be the outrageous things that they see other people do on television. Springer's circus is one of these outrageous shows, if not the worst. Because of its vulgarity, bad influence on children, and unbelievable stories, I would have to say that *The Jerry Springer Show* is the worst program on television today and should be cut as soon as possible.