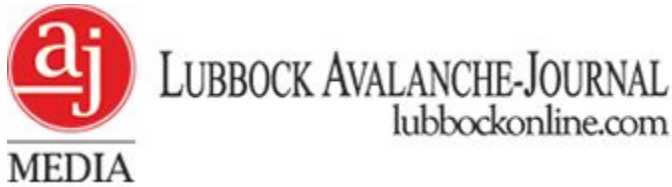


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## Hate Radio: No insult is Avoided, no Humor Understood

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Do you feel threatened or victimized by any type of change? Are there specific people—liberals, minorities, immigrants, foreigners, feminists who are to blame for society's ills? Do you drink from the mother's milk of 2015 paranoia? Then Hate Radio is for you.

Hate Radio is nothing new just the same ugliness in a new wrapper. Father Charles Coughlin brought his message of hate and distrust to radio waves across America in the 1930s. With the loss of market share on the radio dial AM radio stations sought out ways to regain listeners and establish market brand. National Hate Radio was championed by early supporters like Rush Limbaugh and Glen Beck.

Hate Radio has been a favorite broadcast of home-grown terrorists and extremists like Timothy McVeigh and Clive Bundy. One might recall that the white supremacist who shot up the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C was a self-described long-time fan of Hate Radio.

In 2012 the National Hispanic Media Coalition and UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center [released a study](#) showing that guests and topics discussed during "The Rush Limbaugh Show," "The Sean Hannity Show," "The Glenn Beck Program," "The Savage Nation" and "The John and Ken Show" overwhelmingly marginalized minority groups.

Using hateful rhetoric, these hosts have cast immigrants as [disease ridden](#), [equated](#) pro-immigrant organizations with neo-Nazis, called Islam an "[evil religion](#)," claimed the Obama administration is promoting "[race riots](#)" and [made fun of the ethnicity](#) of Asian-American politicians.

Local Hate Radio hosts have not enjoyed the audience of their national counterparts. Despite their best efforts to spew their vitriol attacks their share of ratings has remained low. Their listenership may be loyal but it has never been expansive. Their format of non-guested one-sided bias has been a showcase of vilification of individuals and groups with no allowance for any review of facts or offer of equal time for opposing views.

Lacking any opponent these local Hate Radio hosts will gladly demonize anyone who has an opposing viewpoint. In a recent diatribe one host provided a lengthy review of my purported alcoholism. These “Are You Drunk?” types of personal attacks are classic mud-slinging which end with the “now I don’t know if he really is an alcoholic” disclaimer.

I expect that any attempt to counter the facts that are presented will fall on deaf ears. I’ve got to admit, when it comes to schoolyard taunting and insults, I am better off having fun with them as I doubt it possible to win an argument.

I would welcome an honest debate in a neutral setting. In the past I have been involved in this and found it refreshing to see true public opinion when the debate is organized and fair. Otherwise I must fall back on the humor that is so often lacking in Hate Radio.

Answers to the following questions might be useful in such a debate. Questions such as:

Have you ever had unnatural relationships with farm animals or are all your relationships natural?

How much starch do you find necessary to keep the point in your hood?

Do you have to limit your Oxycontin when you drink alcohol before your show?

Have you ever played with a greased pig?

Where do you wear your pants when on the air?

How often do you play with butter?

Does circulation affect your thinking?

Do walls impede your progress?

My disclaimer here is that I have no idea how any Hate Radio host, national or local, might response to these questions. A debate would be an invitation to hear each side and I would schedule one in a minute. I actually support the notion of First Amendment rights and our right to criticize others so long as no violent action is suggested. Unpopular speech is the cornerstone of our society and the exchange of opinion is what helps our political process.

I just know that some people can’t take a joke.

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