New UCLA Study Cites Anti-Latino/Anti-Undocumented Hate Speech by KFI Radio

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Hat tip to Media Matters for news of a recently completed study by UCLA’s Chicano Studies Research Center. The report, “Quantifying Hate Speech On Commercial Talk Radio,” carefully researched “hate speech” documented in Southern California talk radio stations. The report cites KFI’s “John and Ken Show” as a prime example of a program that “disproportionately targeted Latino, Mexican and immigrant groups.”

The study, which you can see here, examined evidence dating back to 2008. The study cites the John & Ken Show for repeatedly comments about immigrants, Latinos and Mexicans.
John and Ken trail the Lou Dobbs show in the total number of references and the study says the duo only have a 55 percent accuracy rate on their claims “related either entirely or predominantly to undocumented immigrants and governmental agencies or public officials that were characterized as supporting them or facilitating their negative impact on society.”

John and Ken, and KFI, are the subject of an advertiser boycott from the National Hispanic Media Coalition that started after John and Ken gave out the personal cell phone of immigrant rights activist Jorge-Mario Cabrera over the air where he received death threats. Several large advertisers including AT&T, Verizon and GM have already pledged not to advertise on the program (this is what brought Glenn Beck down from Fox).

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1. Phil on November 10, 2011 at 2:23 pm

What? John and Ken regularly point out what illegal immigration costs Californians and how our failure to crack down has harmed us. I listen to them from time to time and they are never racist. Reality is that most illegals in California are Latino. Does that make them “racist” because they want people to obey our laws?

How’s Santa Ana doing with the drunk illegal who ran over and killed a baby last night? He shouldn’t have been on the road. In Santa Ana, that’s okay behavior.

I will make sure and patronize Jon and Ken’s advertisters. The haters want to silence free speech. Not going to happen!

Reply

junior on November 10, 2011 at 6:35 pm

Excellent Phil! Well said.

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Francisco Barragan on November 10, 2011 at 10:08 pm

1) FED LEVEL:
See 2007 White House Council of Economic Advisers “Immigration’s Economic Impact” Discovered that immigrants (both legal and illegal) have a NET POSITIVE effect to the USA economy and the individual pocketbook of Americans.

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