Resolution

The Negative Treatment of Religion On Prime-Time TV

WHEREAS 90% of Americans profess a belief in God and 60% say religion is very important to them; and

WHEREAS the Parents Television Council (PTC) released a study on Hollywood’s treatment of religion on prime-time television; and

WHEREAS the PTC study found that hostility toward religion increased on television with each subsequent hour of prime-time; and

WHEREAS prime-time television cast religious institutions and doctrine in a negative light nearly three-times as often as in a positive light; and

WHEREAS the study found that clergy were treated negatively more than twice as often as positively: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED That National Religious Broadcasters commends the Parents Television Council for producing an in-depth study on Hollywood’s prime-time treatment of religion; and be it further

RESOLVED That National Religious Broadcasters encourages Hollywood to portray religion and people of faith more honestly and fairly in all of its creative outlets.

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