
APPENDIX

CBSC Decision 04/05-1996 Global re *ReGenesis* ("Baby Bomb")

The Complaint

The following complaint was sent via e-mail to the CRTC on August 29, 2005 and forwarded to the CBSC in due course:

Global t.v.

Monday, August 29, 2005

8:00 P.M - Edmonton, Alberta

Television program *ReGenesis*

This is regarding NUDITY on this program too early in the evening; easy access for children. My children had to witness sexual intercourse and nudity on *ReGenesis*.

Also on the show *Relic Hunter* women's butts flashing in my television in the afternoon while children present.

If nothing is done will take legal action.

Broadcaster's Response

Global responded to the complainant on September 21:

Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding Global Alberta's broadcast of *ReGenesis* on August 29th, 2005.

In your letter, you refer to nudity and sexual activity in this episode that you found inappropriate. Let me begin by saying that as responsible broadcasters, we are sensitive to the members of our viewing audience, and we apologize if this program has offended you. I assure that it is neither Global's nor the producer's intention to do so.

We recognize that this series may not suit everyone's taste. Under the *Broadcasting Act*, Canadian broadcasters are required to provide a broad spectrum of entertainment and information programming for "men, women and children of all ages, interests and tastes." Television programming is required to be diverse and appealing to a wide variety of audiences and what one viewer might consider an interesting or amusing program might lead another to turn the channel.

We aim to please a wide range of viewers with varied tastes. Global Television adheres to the television rating system created by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) and the Action Group on Violence on Television (AGVOT). This public rating system is intended

to advise viewers of a program's content in order to allow you the viewer to determine a program's suitability for your own viewing needs. As required, an on-screen key airs for the first fifteen seconds of the program and the matching V-Chip data is encoded into our transmission for the entire duration of the program. This program aired with an AGVOT of 14+ - suitable for viewers 14 years of age and older. Programming within this classification abides by the following guidelines:

"may include scenes of nudity and/or sexual activity within the context of the narrative or theme and/or language that may include strong or frequent use of profanity."

We also aired the following viewer discretion advisory at the beginning of the episode and coming out of each break.

"The following program contains coarse language. Viewer Discretion is advised."

After our review, we realize that the advisory was insufficient. As a result, we have implemented a procedure whereby each episode will be screened and give the appropriate advisory.

You, the viewer, are the valued customer. As such, we strive to ensure you will continue to watch our programming. We appreciate open dialogue with our audience, and thank you for your letter.

Additional Correspondence

The complainant submitted her Ruling Request on September 27 with the following note:

Programs with nudity have always been shown later in the evening after 9:00 pm. When did you change this, and why? Do any of you people down east have any regard or respect for children and families? You people are crossing the line; you are turning into pedophiles. Or is that your next goal?

Canwest's response was they try to appeal to all ages and sexes. They say it is under the *Broadcasting Act*. So your law states nudity at any given time. You people are sick. Fix the law!