

MAGGIE AND GUS, THANK YOU AND THE OTHERS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS LATEST AFRONT BY A "LIBERAL" MEDIA OUTLET LIKE PBS, BUT FRANKLY WHAT PART OF 'GO TO HELL MEXICANS' IS UNCLEAR?...I SAY LETS BEGIN THE SUBSCRIBERS' BOYCOTT NOW AND DRIVE PBS CRAZY WITH LETTERS, EMAILS, FAXES AND TEXT- MESSAGES TO THEM AND CONGRESS TO PUT THEIR ALREADY SHAKY FUNDING SITUATION AT GREATER RISK.

LETS ATTACK THEIR UNCOMPROMISING POSITION AND CALL FOR CONGRESS TO SWITCH ALL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PBS TO REAL "PUBLIC BROADCASTING" SINCE THEY ARE ALREADY FACING A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION. MOREOVER, PERHAPS THERE COULD BE SOME FRACTION OF THAT DOUGH THAT COULD FUND RAZA PROGRAMMING AS WELL AS TRAIN MORE OF OUR YOUTH IN THAT MEDIA.

LETS FACE IT, PBS IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE UNLESS IT'S FORCED TO, AND ITS HIRING PRACTICES AND BROADCASTING ON LATINOS IS DISPROPORTIONATELY BELOW PAR.

AS MY GOOD FRIEND CANDY SAENZ SAID RECENTLY, THERE SHOULD BE NO SHOWING OF "WWII" WITHOUT MEXICANS AND LATINOS REFLECTED. THE REGIONAL OUTREACH IS BULLSHIT AND AS THE SAYING GOES, 'YOU HAVE TO BREAK HUEVOS TO MAKE AN OMELETTE'. I THINK 500,000 MEXICANS AND LATINOS THAT FOUGHT IN WWII DESERVE THAT WE GO ALL OUT, AS YOU THAT HAVE LED THE FIGHT.

I SEE THIS AS AN ORGANIZING STRUGGLE THAT COULD ENERGIZE OUR COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONAL LINES AGAINST THE PBS INTRANSIGENCE, BUT ALSO AGAINST THE CURRENT FIASCO IN IRAQ. IT CERTAINLY MAKES IT EASIER TO POINT OUT IN THE CLASSROOM THE HISTORICAL PREJUDICE OF EXCLUSION THAT WE HAVE SUFFERED BY ALL MEDIA SINCE THE CIVIL WAR.

PLEASE SHARE THIS POINT OF VIEW TO YOUR LISTS AND LETS SURVEY HOW MANY FOLKS ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH A MORE MILITANT STRATEGY, WHILE KEEPING YOU ON THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

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