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UCLA Study Finds KFI Hosts Guilty of ‘Hate Speech’

By Richard Horgan on November 9, 2011 1:00 PM

Several years ago, UCLA professor of cinema and media studies [Chon Noriega](#) teamed up with colleague [Francisco Javier Iribarren](#) to analyze a slice of AM radio’s dominant format, conservative talk.



The pair focused on two weekday programs, one of which, “[John and Ken](#),” has recently come [under heavy fire](#) for its on-air disclosure of a Hispanic public relations professional’s cell phone number. Final findings published this month [show](#) that both the KFI-AM 640 program and “[The Savage Nation](#)” were guilty of four different kinds of hate speech, based on the analysis of separate 40-minute-block transcripts from late July 2008:

The study found that dehumanizing metaphors were used in 185 statements. Such metaphors evoked warfare, heroism, enemies, biblical characters, criminality, persecution and other representations. There were 77 instances of flawed argumentation... Divisive language was used in 79 instances... Thirty-three false statements were used to validate the hosts’ points and to promote public opinion.

As an example of that last category on “John and Ken,” the UCLA data cites the statement, “And this all under the [Gavin Newsom](#) policy in San Francisco of letting underage illegal alien criminals loose.” Along with the fall 2011 brouhaha, John and Ken must now deal with a study that confirms their tactics are both deliberate and entrenched.

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"underage illegal alien criminals"--where the heck is the "Hate" speech in that? I love J & K and support them and will boycott any corporation, group, or individual that boycotts them. They at least, are willing to tell it like it is. Wow! J & K! There's a lot of hate speech aimed at you...

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Remember though, the example cited above is culled from the study category of "false statements"... Two of the other categories, dehumanizing metaphors and divisive statements, are more in line with hate speech.

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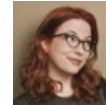
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