

Dear Blockbuster Video,

Earlier today I stopped into one of your million locations to rent the new film, "Team America, World Police" only to find that you're not carrying the unrated version. After doing some research, I discovered that you don't carry *any* unrated or NC-17 movies because Blockbuster was founded and is managed by Mormons. First of all, thank you so much for looking out for me and deciding what I get to see and hear. Second of all, suck it. It's not bad enough that right wing Christian conservatives are trying to censor what I see and hear on television, now you fucking nimrods are going to tell me what I can rent? You can suck it where it hangs, bitches.

When confronted with the situation, your chronically virginal store manager informed me that the R rated version of the movie I was renting was plenty racy enough. He said, and I quote, "I saw this in the theatre and it was pretty crazy. I can only imagine how wild the unrated version is."



Well, I guess I can only imagine too, since you assholes are keeping me from fucking seeing it! I'll just have to sit in my living room and imagine what the unrated version is like. I'll bet it's extremely naughty and probably unpatriotic. I guess I'll never know if you have anything to do with it.

Your corporation is now firmly embedded throughout the world, so much in fact that you're responsible for one third of all video rentals worldwide. One third, that seems like a lot. Now you've got your grubby little fingers in the cola business with a majority share in Pepsi. I'm sorry, isn't drinking soda against the Mormon (cult) religion? Last time I checked (48 seconds ago) it was. But I guess a little hypocrisy is all right as long you make a buck. Joseph Smith would be proud.

Until I pack up the truck and move to Salt Lake City, maybe you Mormon-bible thumping, shit for brains, video retailers should mind your own business. It's not your job to shield me from seeing anything. In fact, maybe you should make your own movie documenting the history of your fine (cult) religion. Here are some events you should really stress and be proud of:

- In August 1972, followers of Ervil Morel LeBaron murdered his brother, Joel LeBaron as part of a power struggle for control of their particular polygamist church group. Ervil LeBaron quickly became the leader of the Church of the Lamb of God and proceeded to direct his followers in the murders of more than thirty people, all of them members of various polygamist groups. These murders included the execution style killing of prominent Salt Lake City polygamist leader Rulon Allred, as well as several members who tried to leave the LeBaron sect. ⁽¹⁾
- In July 1978, the former David Longo, who had himself re-christened Immanuel David, drove a truck up a canyon east of Salt Lake City and proceeded to commit suicide by asphyxiating himself on the exhaust of the vehicle. Three days later, his wife ordered or pushed each of their seven children off the 11th floor balcony of a prominent Salt Lake City hotel to their deaths on the pavement below. She finally jumped herself, thus ending the grisly multiple homicide/suicide scene. ⁽²⁾
- On July 24, 1984, Ronald and Dan Lafferty went to the home of their brother Allen, located in American Fork, Utah, and slit the throats of his wife and fifteen month old child with a ten inch hunting knife. Ron and Dan later claimed that they had received a revelation from God telling them to kill these individuals, and that an additional revelation had instructed them to flee to Reno where they were to gamble and binge on booze, pot, and whores. ⁽³⁾

You could call it "National Lampoon's Utah Vacation". You may even be able to coax Chevy Chase out of whatever kind of retirement he seems to be in. That would be one funny fucking movie, and I would definitely rent it, unfortunately not at one of your stores. Dicks!

You seem to have quite a proud history, embrace it, film it, and show the world what sane, levelheaded, and fall-down-dead-funny people you are.

Love,
Bill Scott

P.S. This letter was brought to you by the Church of Jesus Christ, you're fucking stupid...

(1) Richard S. Van Wagoner, *Mormon Polygamy: A History* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1986), 212-217

(2) Cynthia Gorney, "The Prophet" who failed: Immanuel David's tragic journey," *The Washington Post*, 11 August 1978, B1.

(3) Ted C. Fishman, "Unholy voices? Legal prosecution of religiously inspired violence," *Playboy*, November 1992, 58.