

Who's the Boob?

✘ I haven't watched the Academy Awards in years and had no clue why Seth McFarlane was the host. I don't watch cartoons so I have no idea what "Family Guy" is all about. That being said, the next day my news page featured several headlines about him and some stupid song he sang at the Awards show called "We Saw Your Boobs!"

Lots of tweets, lots of blogs, lots of this and that from all sorts of people being outraged about the song, some sincere, some feigned, I'm sure, but it caught my eye so I had to see what all the hoopla was about.

If you didn't watch the show, you can see what I'm writing about here.

Two things came to mind when I saw it.

The song is so immature, sophomoric, foolish, stupid, juvenile and ridiculous (I'm running out of synonyms) that it could've been written by my 13-year old grand nephew but that would be insulting to him since he is a honor student. If this is the quality of entertainment that is now presented at the Academy Awards, I know why I haven't watched it in decades. I can't imagine Bob Hope or Johnny Carson doing a shtick like this, but I guess this type of crass humor is expected and, apparently, wanted. (I read several comments noting this is "typical McFarlane, so the producers knew what they were getting.") I also think it reflects our society's obsession with breasts.

The second thing that came to mind, and more interesting to me, is the "outrage" coming from women. He's being called "sexist" and "misogynistic," and Jamie Lee Curtis called the whole thing a "cheesy vaudeville show." I've even read comments that the song was offensive because the scenes in which the some of the actresses were topless were rape

scenes. You're telling me a rape scene cannot be portrayed any other way? Seriously? They dealt with the issues back in the 40s and 50s and it was handled quite differently and without any nudity. Anyone remember the horrific rape scene in "Two Women" from 1960?

Here's a typical comment from a real boob, Gloria Allred: "It's one thing to be topless and to have that in the context of the film, for a purpose in a particular scene for a particular reason. It's another to take it out of context and just focus on women's breasts." What a load of BS. (Maybe she's fanning the flames for some ridiculous class action lawsuit against Mr. McFarlane on behalf of all the actresses he mentioned. It wouldn't surprise me.)

Just about every cover of every magazine at the newsstands show actresses in plunging necklines, "side boob shots" or "wardrobe malfunctions." I'm convinced they crave and love the publicity. Why would there be a red carpet at every one of these award events if the actresses didn't want to show off their wares?

These actresses who are so "outraged" by this song voluntarily chose to take off their clothes and show their boobs in their films for money. I've never once read a story that a gun was put to an actress's head which forced them to remove their bras in front of the camera or that their paychecks were withheld.

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the outrage from the British royals after photos were taken of them they didn't like. I gave them some simple advice, "just put some clothes on!" End of problem.

Here's some advice to actresses. If you're willing to take your clothes off and, by the way, get paid very handsomely for it, why complain when someone points out they "can see your boobs"? Don't show them. Simple solution.

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.