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**DEMOSS' TV SPECIAL: AMERICA, YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO DIE**

TELEVANGELIST SUMMARY

January, 1986

Seven Hundred Club

January 13, 1986

700 Club  
Fundraising

This broadcast kicked off two weeks of fundraising for the 700 Club entitled, "The Future Is Ours." This show and each subsequent one opened with a discussion about a particular issue such as "the family" or "humanism" and was then followed by a report on what the 700 Club had broadcast about it during the past year. The reports ended with an appeal to "help us help others" by joining the 700 Club (\$15 per month), the 1,000 Club (\$83 per month), the 2,500 Club (\$209 dollars per month), or the CBN Founders Club (\$5,000 per year for two years). The rest of the broadcast (which was two hours instead of the usual one and a half) was devoted to fundraising appeals from Robertson, Kinchlow and Soderman and testimonies from people across the country talking about how they had been saved. On this first day of fundraising, Robertson announced that some "nice people" had promised to give him one dollar for every one he raised that day and challenged him to raise one million dollars, which he did. On each of the following broadcasts, Robertson was "challenged" to raise a comparable amount of money and did so.

January 14, 1986

Restriction  
of Liberty

This second day of fundraising dealt with the erosion of liberty that is occurring in America today. Robertson, after a report on this, commented, "If we go to sleep, yes there will be zoning laws that will put our churches out of business. Yes, there'll be restrictions on our education. Yes, there'll be restrictions on our family. Yes, there will be restrictions on Biblical discipline of children...."

Appeal for  
Funding

He then appealed for viewers to send money: "I can't say that if you just give, you're going to get money back. Nobody would say that except God. And God said, 'If you will prove me with your tithes and offerings, see if I wouldn't open the windows of heaven and pour you out such a blessing...' I'm quoting from the gospels now, 'Give and it will be given unto you...' And you say, 'How does that work?' Well it works because there's a deep seated law in human relationships that the Lord has put in. For every action there's an equal and opposite reaction. And if you give, you will have a reaction coming back to you equal to it, except the Lord said 30, 60 or 100 fold."

Robertson reiterated this several times during the program, saying that "it absolutely works." The challenge this day was \$750,000 and was met.

January 16, 1986

Homosexuality

The issue for this program was homosexuality or, "self-centered love." The report asserted that studies are showing that homosexuality is not innate, but that "these tendencies develop" as children grow to adulthood. The segment also featured Dr. George Rekers, "the nation's leading clinician on gender development disorders," who claimed that the majority of homosexuals had absent fathers (either psychologically or physically) and abnormally overprotective and dominant mothers.

Robertson then commented on why people "get into this lifestyle." He said, "There's one thing that keeps screaming out. Self-centeredness. It is the concern of people for themselves. Of doing their thing...They identify with the wrong parent. The young men are identifying with their mother. And the young girls possible are identifying with their fathers...."

January 21, 1986

Law &  
Judiciary

This show spotlighted the "crisis in law and the breakdown of the judiciary." Robertson commented: "The major problem is a simple one. There are no longer any absolutes in law...Well, the absolutes had to do with the Biblical standard of morality. It had to do with the Constitution. It had to do with the Federalist Papers. It had to do with the intentions of the framers...Consequently, in the old days there were rules of laws that lawyers knew about and they realized the frivolous cases would not stand."

"The idea that a burglar could collect tort damages because he fell through a skylight is so absurd...so a lawyer can go to court and do almost anything he feels like and bring forth any bizarre rule of law that will serve his client's purposes and many times will find a judge who is willing to write law on the scene and as a result there is no standard."

First  
Amendment

"And while this is taking place, the First Amendment of the Constitution has been made a travesty. It is an intellectual scandal, according to one of the senators, to see what has been done to the establishment clause of religion under the Constitution. And it has been done by activist judges who feel they have a license to rewrite the Constitution anytime they want to and any case before them."

A report on the breakdown of the judiciary followed and included clips from 1985 shows that dealt with this issue. Herb Titus, Vice President for Academic Affairs at CBN University, appeared calling the Declaration of Independence a "Christian document." A fundraising pitch followed, with the narrator saying the 700 Club "keeps you informed not only on the broad implications on the breakdown of our judicial system, but also how this deterioration of justice affects you personally" and that the Freedom Council is dedicated to "restoring a Biblical foundation to government."

Legal  
system

Robertson appeared again saying that the legal system is "out of control" right now and that something needs to be done to "bring us back to a sense of traditional values in relation to an interpretation of the Constitution." He then said that the ACLU files 6,000 cases per year, [and] "sometimes these are on behalf of known criminals." He added that Ed Meese calls them a lobby for criminals and that they also file on behalf of pornographers.

"I believe," Robertson said, "more and more people of good will are saying the courts, the judges, the lawyers have gone too far. It's time to bring it back to more traditional values."

#### Old Time Gospel Hour

January 12, 1986

This sermon was entitled, "How to Win" and included the following:

Norman Lear

"I'm amused at times when I hear Norman Lear and Madlyn Murray O'Hair and the ACLU and many others who are very upset with gospel preachers and some who don't believe there is a God in heaven and who do not believe in biblical creationism. It amuses me because I can tell you, one day, whether it's Adolph Hitler or Gorbachev or Fidel Castro or Jerry Falwell or you. The scripture says one day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...."

"I read a bumper sticker the other day that says, 'God said it. I believe it. That settles it.' Baloney. God said it [and] that settles it whether you believe it or not."

January 26, 1986

During this broadcast, Falwell said the following:

"We don't believe anybody will go to heaven who hasn't believed in the Lord Jesus Christ."

"You go to heaven one way -- through Jesus Christ."

"When you're right, don't change to accommodate."

Sex Education

"If the school teachers taught and supported and reinforced what parents and pastors are saying to the young people that premarital sex is wrong, wrong, wrong, we would absolutely bring it [teenage pregnancy] back to an end because that's what we were doing thirty years ago and that's the only reason we didn't have the problem then and we do have it now."

Jimmy Swaggart

January 5, 1986

This broadcast was a free for all, with Swaggart commenting on just about everything. Quotes included:

Liberal

"[The] term liberal is synonymous with secular humanism which is synonymous with atheist or agnostic."

Intolerance

"Seventy-five percent of the media representatives believe that the United States is an imperialistic power which exploits Third World countries. Well, Mister, if you don't like it why don't you get out of it? Just leave!!"

Satanic  
Media

"Television [media] is a small special interest group dedicated to altering the generally held beliefs of the nation as a whole. It seems clear that this carefully guarded elite are not a force for righteousness, brother, but rather an insidious cabal blatantly working on Satan's behalf!"

"Journalism schools in this nation, staffed with secular humanists who [sic] make the public media figures look like conservatives!"

"...The entertainment and news disseminating industry is filled with left-leaning, anti-God, anti-morality types who consciously and blatantly use their privileged and high paying positions to proselytize the general public into accepting their own perverted views."

"You sir, have not set yourself against the so-called right-wing, moral McCarthyites. You have not set yourself against the hick fundamentalists...You have set yourself against God!!"

Miscellaneous

DeMoss  
Foundation  
TV Special

During January, the Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation sponsored the broadcast of an hour long documentary called "America, You're Too Young to Die." What appeared to be a patriotic program soon turned into a religious appeal for people to stop "pushing out God" and return to the absolute standards of morality. During breaks in the show, viewers were encouraged to call in and ask for an exclusive publication, Rebirth of America. (It was emphasized that contributions would not be accepted.) Pat Robertson appeared at the conclusion of the program, talking about America's forefathers and their belief in God and praying for the country.

Falwell on  
Crossfire

Also, on a CNN Crossfire program this month, Falwell appeared and claimed that he raises 100 million dollars per year.