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Celebrities opening up to him
If he is so terrible why do they say deep personal things to him?

Shock humor can lead to emotional distress, but in the name of comedy is it ok? Someone always has to be the butt of the joke.. Is there a line that goes too far?

At least with Howard he consistently established there was no line. He will say and do anything that he feels is funny in the moment. He is honest, he is 100% himself which means no smoke and mirrors. People respect honesty.

Shia Labeouf's story follows a similar path, but recently we have found out that it all was a lie. A sensationalized narrative to not only make money, but try and protect him from his wrongdoings. Shia's downward spiral is different than most because to this day, we have no idea what is real, and what is a distraction.

Hook

Howard Stern dominated Radio for over 40 years, earning nearly 1 billion dollars while developing a reputation as the biggest “Shock Jock” of all time. But the term Shock Jock is simply not strong enough to describe the absolutely atrocious, wicked, and downright degenerate behavior he has exhibited on his show. From blatant racism to suggestive language about minors, to public humiliation and toying with deceased human remains. There is nothing and I mean absolutely nothing that Howard won’t joke about. If you think there is a moral line that can’t be crossed, Howard has skipped 100 yards past it. But recently we have learned that Howard is not proud of his legacy, he is disgusted by it. The changed man has reflected on his problematic past in therapy and today sees himself as a progressive beacon of moral righteousness. Howard doesn’t want you to look into his past, because you might find out that his words and actions were always used to protect his giant mountain of gold. So today we are going to dive deep into the twisted world of Howard Stern, the most controversial man in entertainment history.

Background

“The King Schmaltz Bagel Hour,” was the name of Howard Stern’s weekly comedy show on Boston University’s radio station “WTBU.” However, the show was canceled during its very first broadcast due to a racial sketch titled “Godzilla Goes to Harlem.” It’s clear from the very beginning that Howard had an affinity for controversial humor and was eager to share it on the air. Radio was his dream job, and the mount everest peak of radio was in New York City, so a job there became his ultimate goal.

DC Radio

After college, Stern bounced around radio shows all over the east coast but eventually landed a stable job in 1981 in Washington D.C, hosting morning radio at WWDC. Stern knew this job was a big enough resume booster to eventually land him in New York. He knew he needed to be rambunctious to dominate his competition. But he couldn’t do it alone, building a team was very important. He connected with his co-host Robin Quivers. Stern’s team loved Robin’s laugh and thought she would be a perfect fit for Howard to riff with. “She could serve

as an effective counterweight to Howard's often racially charged antics. Management liked the idea of pairing the controversial Jewish guy from New York with the black woman from nearby Baltimore."

First Controversy

With his dream team assembled Stern was feeling cocky, and he let listeners know immediately that he was not your typical radio host. In his very first broadcast at WWDC he called the office of Mayor Marion Barry and yelled at the assistant who answered the phone to explain what kind of man called himself Marion. "That's a girl's name," Howard insisted. On the second day, he rang a local high school and proposed that students be given the day off to celebrate his arrival." His on-air stunts forced the station to install a seven-second delay to contain his spontaneous and irreverent outbursts. Yaknow just in case they needed to silence his audio. One of his first big controversies took place the morning after an Air Florida jet crashed into the Potomac River in 1982, killing 78 people. Howard Stern called the airline and inquired about the price of a one-way ticket from National Airport to the 14th Street Bridge.

His unpredictable behavior quickly made Stern one of the top-rated personalities in Washington radio.

something about old people clip then when he says when i get to your age i hope they shoot me *Clip i fart on the radio*

Howard joked on everything and everyone equally, no race or religion was singled out. Some people loved it, and others hated it. *on the street clip 3:48 to 4:18*

WNBC New York

Even though Howard was a liability at times, WWDC was impressed with the jump in ratings and offered him an extension in his contract. But Stern's dream was to work in the New York City radio scene. WNBC in New York offered him a 5 year $1 million dollar deal, so he followed his heart *clip from 2:40 to 2:56* Stern was now in his home city, working his dream job, and with that momentum he boosted NBC's ratings with ease. But the prim and proper network tried to control Stern and minimize his controversial content. Howard was always quick to make fun of the network he was employed by, which bothered them.. *clip until 6:52 talking about drug abusers* It was this 3 year stretch where Howard was approaching A List fame. His frequent appearances on late night with David Letterman increased his visibility nationwide.

CLIP i hate the music, and the station woulda been dead Although fans loved him making fun of his own Network, he knew it was reaching a tipping point. *i'm on a roll that will get me fired* And He couldn't have been more right. *announcement of canceling* It isn't exactly clear why he got fired, since the ratings for his show were through the roof. Some people think it's because of an on-air sketch he did about Beastiality. But it could just have been some uptight executive at NBC that felt Howard was ruining the network's image.

Peaking in Fame

CLIP right now i am looking for a job, i wanna get back on the air Stern's numbers spoke for themselves, he got another job at WXRK in New York and dominated for years. His appearance on the Tonight show in July of 1992, where he looked like nothing short of an 80s rock star, was crucial to his national visibility. When Howard is on your show, he takes control and dominates the conversation. On the show, He announced his very first feature film. *him announcing fartman* And 2 months after this interview, Fartman would make his descent from the heavens as he made his official debut at the MTV Music Video awards. *clip of howard farting the stage* Howard was officially a national sensation by the end of 1992.
His show was the #1 radio show in Los Angeles and New York City simultaneously. He held a 6.4% share of the La Market while holding 9.5% in New York. From there his show was broadcasted in Philly, Washington, Baltimore, Dallas and Cleveland. The more famous he got, the more his controversial jokes became huge news stories. But it didn't stop him, it actually made him want to be more unhinged than ever.

Controversies

Racism/Blackface

In 1992 Stern was slapped with a $600,000 fine by the FCC after he said on air "The closest I came to making love to a Black woman was I masturbated (pleasured myself) to a picture of Aunt Jemima on a pancake box. I did it right on her kerchief." But this statement is mild compared to how bad his 1993 blackface stunt was.

In a 1993 New Years Eve Pay Per View event, Stern and Sherman Hemsley did a parody skit acting as Ted Danson and Whoopi Goldberg. Stern painted his face black with white around his mouth to mimic the hateful representation of black people in show business in the early 1900s. But it wasn't just the paint, he dropped just about every single racial slur used against black people as well as speaking in a stereotypical accent used to demonize african americans. *CLIP?????? Idk..* But this wasn't even the first time he had done blackface. A decade earlier on The Petey Greene show he showed up with a painted face and a head piece that was supposed to make fun of an afro *clip?* And he did it one more time on his short lived Channel 9 TV Show in 1991 *clip????* Make no mistake, There was definitely outrage against Stern at the time, many people calling for him to be canceled, banned from radio and television. The federal government was fining him constantly. Nearly every year the FCC fined him 10s of hundreds of thousands of dollars for some obscene thing he said or did.
But he paid the fines, told them to go f themselves and kept up his bad behavior. His fans loved that nothing could stop him.

More domination

He released his 1993 autobiography "Private Parts," which caused riots of thousands of fans during book signing events. He held an anti censorship rally to protest the FCC's constant attacks on his show. To which 5,000 people showed up outside the United Nations. He couldn't stop dominating. He was featured on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine. Billboard added a category to their annual awards basically just for him. The "Nationally Syndicated Air Personality of the Year Award" was given to Howard every year from 1994 to 2002. "The Miss Howard Stern New Year's Eve Pageant" in 1994 broke the record for the most paid subscribers for a non-sports event *advertisement* 400,000 households paid $40 each to tune in, for a pay-per-view gross of $16 million. Howard Stern was the king of all media. No matter what platform, what medium, he and his filthy fans were going to dominate. He got so confident he decided to run for governor of New York. He secured the required two-thirds majority votes, receiving 287 of the 381 votes cast. But had to drop out of the race because he wouldn't complete a financial disclosure form required by the Ethics in Government Act. He said: "I've been telling you about myself since the

first day I started broadcasting, there's only one fact I never revealed. I never told you how much money I made, I never told you how much money I have in the bank. And the reason I never told you is because it's none of your business." Out of all the horrible things that howard has said and done, telling you how much money he makes is where he draws the line

Space Lesbian Lawsuit

Howard had no intentions of toning it down, but his show started to get dark. Deborah "Debbie" Tay was a frequent guest on The Howard Stern Show. But fans of the show called her the "Space Lesbian." Because she would tell stories on the air about her being abducted by aliens and having sex with the female aliens. Ms. Tay was showing signs of suffering from mental illness, and her frequent drug use added more stress to her condition. Sadly in April of 1995, Debbie's Boyfriend Chaunce Hayden called the show to tell Howard that Ms. Tay passed away from a heroin overdose.

Howard then invited Chaunce to the show the next day for an "In loving memory" episode for Debbie. Chaunce brought Ms. Tays cremated ashes in a box to the studio. While Stern did dedicate the show to her memory, he also made some rude comments and remarks. Suggesting he would glue her back together and asking Chaunce to chew pieces of the bone fragments. Howard then requested the box of her ashes and let the audience know they would be "opening debbie" later on. *clip from here to 20:52* *then clip of him saying "so that's debbie huh and shaking the bone.* Even for the 90s, picking up and shaking human bones was pretty grim. You could tell the crew was mortified. *crew gasping then saying you think this is her head?* Howard proceeded to pick up and inspect every piece of bone while speculating what part of her body it was.

While all this unfolded, Debbie's brother and sister, Jeff and Melissa, listened in horror as their late sister's remains were being played with, live on air. This situation prompted the siblings to file an $8 million lawsuit against Howard Stern and Infinity Broadcasting. Initially, the family's lawsuit was dismissed by a lower court, but an appellate court reinstated the complaint in 1998, suggesting that a jury could find Stern had "gone beyond the bounds of decent behavior." After extensive legal battles, Tay's family was prepared to settle for

approximately $60,000, while Stern's lawyers had initially offered around $30,000. Although lawyers for both sides declined to comment, the terms of the settlement remained confidential. A court source revealed that lawyers for Tay's family "were smiling" as they left the courthouse. It's clear why many people believe that Howard took this way too far. But defenders blame Chaunce for bringing in the remains and allowing Howard to get his hands on them. Regardless, the entire situation should have never happened.

Selena

In Howards style of comedy, not even deceased people were safe from jokes. Especially not the beloved iconic 23 year old Mexican-American singer Selena. Who was tragically shot and killed by a crazy fan in Texas in 1995. The next morning, Howard proceeded to play her music with gunshot sounds in the background. Then repeating over and over how much he hated the music while mocking hispanic people. *spanish people have the worst taste in music* *let's dance and pretend clip.* Keep in mind Stern's show was broadcasted in Texas at the time, where Selena was slain. Outrage erupted, with Hispanic leaders in Texas threatening to boycott radio stations that air Howard Stern. But he never apologized, because he stood firm in his belief towards racist humor. *howard saying the difference between a racist and someone joking.. I have no responsibility.* Many people believe that Howard is not a racist, he is just someone who loves dark humor. But even people who can understand the appeal of dark humor say that his jokes essentially normalize or justify this behavior. And actual racist people are indulging in his jokes because to them, they aren't jokes.

Serial killer

And there is no doubt that Howard's subject matter attracts some of the most vile people in the world. Like in 1997 when a serial killer named Clay called in to Stern's show. *some of the beginning but chopped up.* Howard proceeded to have a 10 minute conversation where Clay admitted to how he slayed prostitutes in the New Orleans area. Clay answered every question precisely with no hesitation. The FBI contacted Howard after the phone call for a copy of the conversation but still to this day we have no idea if it was a skit or not.

Wack Pack

This middle ground/gray area of not clarifying what is a joke and what is serious played a huge part in Howards popularity. Over the years he was establishing a legacy group of recurring guests called “The Wack Pack.” These individuals had a signature trait, skill, disability, or unique personal appearance that made them essentially characters in the Howard Stern community.
Some of the most popular were: Beetlejuice *clip* Hank the Angry Drunken Dwarf *clip* Eric the Actor, Gary the Retard, Bigfoot, Daniel Carver who was the former Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, Sour Shoes, Nicole Bass, High Pitch Erik, Crackhead Bob among dozens of other wack pack members. Fans believe Howards content with the pack was his best work. They loved these people, sure they were laughing at them, but also with them.

Howard was now a 20 year veteran in the industry and it seemed like nothing could stop his momentum. Stern signed a deal with CBS to host “The Howard Stern Radio Show” on television. When he first launched 79 stations carried the show, and they were rating 81% better when his show was on their station. But eventually the graphic nature of the show caused over 60% of tv stations to stop airing the program over the next 3 years. It’s not that he was any more controversial than before, we were simply in a changing world approaching the 2000s. And just before the turn of the century Howard’s comments on the Columbine High School shooting could be his biggest controversy of all time.

Columbine

The Columbine High School shooting occurred on April 20th 1999, in Columbine, Colorado. Two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, carried out a mass shooting at their high school, killing 12 students and a teacher, and injuring many others. The two then took their own lives. The Columbine High School nearly 30 years later still remains one of the deadliest school shootings in U.S. history

On April 21st 1999, the day after the shooting, Stern was talking about it on his show and had some very interesting things to say [“There were some really good-looking girls running with their hands]

over their heads. Did those kids try to have sex with any of those good-looking girls? They didn't even do that? At least if you're going to kill yourself and kill the kids, why wouldn't you have some sex? If I was going to kill some people, I'd take them out with sex." It's unclear if Howard's comments about the tragedy, or any other tragedy, are intentionally to cause controversy, or if it's his way of coping with the horrifying reality.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News released a statement reacting to his comments "Either we are serious about showing respect for the dead and their families or we aren't. Either we care about the quality of our culture or we don't. Let Howard Stern make his millions in other broadcast markets. He does not belong in Denver." Many people believe that there is a clear line to be crossed when coping with such atrocities. Making jokes, they believe, is crossing that line. It minimizes the damage done to the victims and their families. Comedy defenders believe that jokes and laughing is a way to prevent people from spiraling into a depression everytime they turn on the news or open social media. Since violence, murder, and all of the most heinous things that happen in our world are constantly being broadcasted to you.

Career Low

The radio channel rebroadcasting Stern's show in Denver was requested to drop it, and both houses in the state passed a measure to formally censor Stern for his remarks. Many advertisers cut ties with Howard over the comments. But more importantly, his personal life was falling apart. Howard admits that his behavior was very difficult for his wife and 3 daughters to handle throughout his career. After 21 years of marriage, they mutually agreed a divorce was necessary. The 45 year old bachelor was on a warpath of sex and destruction. Howards entire persona for 2 decades was the common suburban dad with a wife who stayed up late at night to talk about all the raunchy things he wouldn't dare say at the dinner table. The majority of his fanbase were probably men who would never admit to their wives they actually love Howard. Now he was just another multi millionaire celebrity who was sleeping with different models every night. His image was ruined, his show was losing its creativity, ratings were dropping, which led to some of the lowest moments in his career.

Making Women Uncomfortable

Olsen Twins

In the year 2000 Howard seemed to start an obsession with the then 14 year old Full House stars Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. While on his show Howard started to share a story about having his 7 year old daughter over to spend time with him. Looking for activities Howard suggested a recently released Mary-Kate and Ashley movie for him and his daughter to watch together. He then goes on to make blatantly suggestive comments about the twins. *clip starting at 3:15 to 4:00 chopped* At the time Howard being around 45 years old making comments about teenage girls is very alarming. Again, even if he is joking, he is potentially justifying this type of mentality that some men his age might consider to be normal. 2 years later, his mentality towards the 16 year olds had not changed. *clip from 1:58 to him saying they are hot* The dark reality is that Howards feelings towards the twins were unfortunately common. “Celebrity Birthday Countdowns,” were a popular internet trend where people would anticipate a celebrity’s 18th birthday to legally justify their creepy fantasies. “Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen's 18th birthday was accompanied by no less than seven Web sites dedicated to counting down the minutes until the twins officially reached adulthood.”

Anna Nicole Smith

Making women feel uncomfortable almost comes natural to him.
On a 2002 episode of The Howard Stern Show, Stern and his room of co-host started to discuss Anna Nicole Smith’s weight gain in recent years. "For some reason she doesn't think she's heavy," "I would say she weighs 300 pounds at least." A co-host then said: "I bet you a hundred bucks she's not over 300 but it's got to be so close, I think she's got to be 280/290." They proceeded to set up a game where they place bets on how much Anna Nicole weighs. Once he got Anna on the show, he doubled down *clip of here to 30 sec.* Anna would not give in, so Howard kept pushing her *offering her money to weigh* For the next 5 minutes he kept harassing her, and if they got off the topic of her weight he would bring it back *clip from 7:15 to 7:40.* It's pretty clear this interview took place during a rough part of Anna's life, as she struggled with drugs and alcohol for many years. Despite this she stood firm and refused to give Howard the satisfaction of breaking her down.

Artie/Crazy Content

Luckily Howard added a new consistent member to the show Artie Lange, who was a stand up comedian and huge fan of the show. Artie was a breath of fresh air for the fandom, as he represented the “common man” and “average joe” persona that Howard lost. Artie was a self admitted drug and alcohol addict, food addict, gambling addict who also suffered from depression. His ability to make jokes and laugh away the pain made him connect with the millions of average men listening at home. Artie and Howard became good friends, and exhibited great chemistry on set.

They had another brief run of shocking content that the fandom loved. Such as the butterface pageant. Which was a beauty contest where women would put a brown paper bag over their face and only showcase their body. A panel of judges would rate them once out of 10 and then rate them again on their face once they removed the bag. The worse the face, the higher the score, so the “ugliest women” would win. Some of the women they called ugly are mind blowing, especially when you consider how the judges looked or some people in the crowd looked. This just seemed like straight up bullying.

Also in the early 2000s celebrities became a more prominent part of Howards program. He interviewed a wide variety of different stars.. The Rock, 50 Cent, Tobey Maguire, Gene Simmons, Vince McMahon, Matthew McConaughey and as the years went on he became a go-to platform for celebrities to openly discuss some of their deepest secrets.

FCC Cracking Down

Unfortunately for Howard, there was a major cultural change in 2004 after the nipplegate superbowl halftime show controversy. Janet Jackson’s breast was exposed in front of hundreds of millions of viewers which sent the media into a frenzy due to outraged citizens. The FCC started censoring anything and everything they deemed indecent or unfit for mainstream media. 3 weeks after the superbowl Howard’s show was suspended for indecency after an interview with Rick Salomon.

Rick was Paris Hilton's ex boyfriend and the man involved in her infamous tape that was making the rounds on the internet. A listener called into the show and used the n word with the hard r. By this point this seems like nothing compared to the decades of disgust Howard has aired on his show. But this was the straw that broke the camels back.. Howard Stern was officially canceled. Well not really.

Later in the year Howard announced the signing of a 5 year, $500 million deal with Sirius Satellite Radio. Satellite radio is not mandated by the FCC, so his battles with the government are officially over. Granted, the viewership would decrease significantly since viewers have to pay a fee to access satellite radio, but Howard had secured a die-hard fanbase during his career. This was a rebirth for him, he now has a wide open door to say and do whatever he wants with no repercussions and as we know.. Howard will take that to a level nobody could ever imagine. Allow me to introduce the "it's just wrong" show, easily the most abhorrent segment he has ever done.

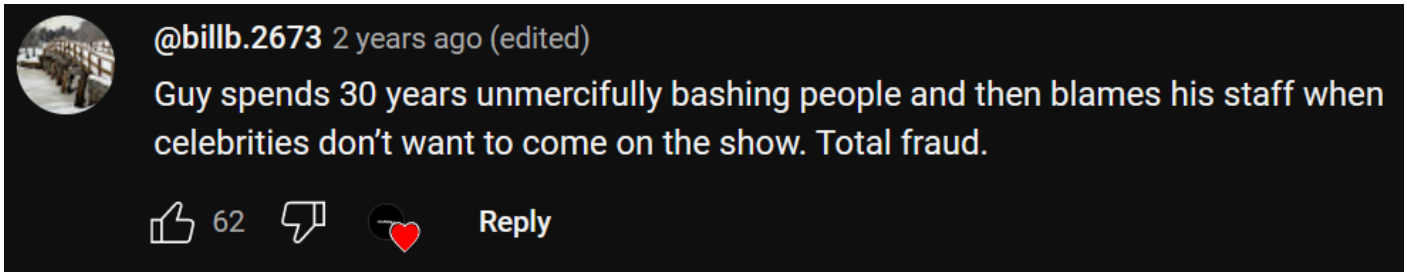
It's Just Wrong Show

The "it's just Wrong" show had just 4 episodes. Father/Daughter, Brother/sister, Mom/son and Mother/Daughter. The real life family members would have to answer trivia questions for a chance to win a cash prize of up to 10 thousand dollars. But if they answer the question wrong the male counterpart would have to take off a piece of their mothers, sisters or daughters clothing. The winner was the one whose partner is the last to get completely naked. Sometimes this was fathers undressing their adult daughters completely nude or Brothers undressing the little sisters nude in front of everyone in the studio and to the millions watching at home. If you think it can't get worse it does. Near the end of the show usually when everyone was naked Howard and the crew would start throwing around money saying "you wouldn't let your father spank you for 4 grand would ya?" (38:52) or in one episode when paid sisters let their brothers get a handful of their breasts. Now these were all consenting adults who knew the rules of the game. Some of those creepy dads seemed to like the game a little too much. However it just goes to show how desperate some people were to earn money. Willing to humiliate themselves on camera for the entire world to see.

The New Howard Stern

Sadly for fans, but possibly good for the rest of humanity, Howard Stern finally started to tone down his content. Many people believe around 2009/2010 his glory days were behind him.
Hew was done with the overly raunchy and edgy skits. The wack pack would not make regular appearances, nor was he trying to introduce new characters for the fandom. His beloved co-host Artie Lange was struggling harder than ever. Using hard drugs, going to rehab, Relapsing and starting all over every few months. His battle with depression almost ended everything in 2010. Although Howard wanted to support his friend, he didn't feel like letting him back on the show would aid in his recovery. Fans believe once Artie left, the show wasn't worth watching.

In a 2013 staff meeting that was leaked online, fans realized Howard was not even close to the crude humored legend he used to be. He berated his staff for an hour on all the things that they were doing wrong. Howard did not want them coming up with funny content and skits like they used to: Instead, his entire focus and goal was to convince more A list celebrities to come on to his show. *clip from here to about 8:30* Howard mentioned that his 23 million paid subscribers, these extremely loyal fans should be used as a marketing tool for celebrities. He noted how celeb's publicists beg to be on Oprah, Jimmy Kimmel and competing interview shows. Howard wants his show to be the #1 destination for celebrities to do interviews, promote their work and whatever business they are pursuing. *clip from here to "off-putting and scary"* It's mind bending to imagine Howard Stern being concerned about the way his employees dress when just a few years ago he was making fathers undress their daughters entirely nude for money. *demanding his employees wear his merch*



Howard 20 years ago would have made fun of the guy he became today.

He claims now that he is a reformed, changed man *here to 6:35.* Howard says that he learned through therapy that he was hurting all those years. He was a jester, someone desperate for attention and status. He says he doesn't love the man he was, but he loves the man he is now. In the late 2010s he started his mission to break the stigma regarding men's mental health.

It was only a matter of time before people started digging through the skeletons in his closet. Especially after he tried to deny his previous use of the n word *view clip from 0:14 to 0:37.* During the pandemic, Donald Trump Jr. tweeted an old blackface video of Howard Stern demanding him to be canceled. Howard responded: "There's nothing new here, we all know I was the craziest motherf–er on radio," He continued "I never did anything behind the scenes, I did it right in front of your face." Howard did not apologize, but he doesn't feel good about his behavior. "I cringe when I look at myself 30 or 40 years ago, and that was 27 years ago, I go, I can't stand it. Am I a bad guy? I don't think so." Keep in mind 27 years ago Howard was 43 years old.

After this controversy Stern started championing the vaccine and demonizing anyone who didn't get it *clip of him talking about it.* Joe Rogan, the world famous podcaster who has dethroned Howard as the voice of the common man, had the opposite opinion. Joe was skeptical about the vaccine, which led to being accused of spreading misinformation. After Joe addressed the backlash on instagram, Howard felt Joe's response wasn't good enough. "Even the apology he just should've said, "You know what? Listen, I'm a comedian… And I have no idea what I'm talking about." "I have no I have no medical background whatsoever to be telling people what to do with their health," Stern

suggested Joe's apology to be "I'm wrong, and go get the vaccine before you die." Howard Stern fans never could have imagined that he would be criticizing celebrities' apologies in the 2020s. Howard always represented anti establishment, free speech.. But not anymore. This has resulted in his fans calling him "woke." Which he says is a complement.. *Howard saying he is woke (starts at 15 seconds)*

Outro

It's never too late to change, some people say. Stern represented the vitality of male impulse, fully indulging in raw, racy humor and raunchy entertainment. I don't think many people blame his opposers for bringing up his past. But it's also important to question the corporations who profited from his show for all those years before randomly deciding their morals didn't align. Some people think Howard's "mental health" and "self-reflection-in-therapy" narrative is just a cop out. A way for him to gain sympathy and lazily "right his wrongs" for decades of disgusting behavior. Some people think he is merely just a sellout, who will say anything to protect the hundreds of millions of dollars he has earned over the years. But very few people look at him as this changed man who is now a beacon of honesty and moral good. One thing is for sure, there will NEVER be another Howard Stern.

STERN Apologizing for Black Face