

OUTRAGED CO-HOST

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INT. STUDIO - DAY

CNN HOST sits at the desk and begins his segment.

CNN HOST  
Welcome to CNN. The first issue  
today, dramatisation in the news.

Lower third: 'Does the media uses guests solely to create  
conflict'

CNN HOST (CONT'D)  
With us today is special guest  
Kevin Atkinson. What are your  
thoughts?

Split-screen of KEVIN ATKINSON in a different studio.

KEVIN ATKINSON  
I think news shows, just like this  
one, increase their ratings by  
bringing on guests with  
intentionally oppositional views  
for the sole purpose of creating  
conflict, just so the host can ACT  
outraged.

CNN HOST  
THAT IS OUTRAGEOUS! Why would we  
even let you onto the show?

KEVIN ATKINSON  
Actually you paid me to be here.

CNN HOST  
I've heard enough!

Kevin Atkinson's screen disappears.

CNN HOST (CONT'D)  
Next topic, the Border Wall. Here  
to discuss this issue is someone  
who won't be overly controversial.  
Donald Trump.

DONALD TRUMP appears on the split screen

Lower Third: 'Donald Trump - President - wants to build wall'

CNN HOST (CONT'D)  
So lets discuss the wall. What are  
your thoughts?

DONALD TRUMP  
I want to build a wall.

CNN HOST  
WHAT!?! This is brand new  
information. How could you want the  
wall?!

DONALD TRUMP  
I want to keep out people from  
Mexico.

CNN HOST  
What!?

Beat

CNN HOST (CONT'D)  
No I mean, could you literally  
repeat that. We need to get it on a  
second angle.

DONALD TRUMP  
I want to keep out the Mexicans.

CNN HOST  
That is DESPICABLE! I just want to  
go on record that I do NOT approve  
of your ideals. Good bye.

CNN Host pushes a button and Trump's split-screen disappears.

CNN HOST (CONT'D)  
Let's see if we can get a more  
reasoned response on racial  
diversity from our next two guests.

Two new guests appear in separate split screens: The Grand  
Wizard of the KKK and the reanimated corpse of HITLER.

HITLER CORPSE  
I think people of different races  
are not equal

KKK  
OMG! I totally agree!

CNN HOST  
THAT IS OUTRAGEOUS! How could you  
say such horrible things... What do  
you think of immigrants in our  
country?

HITLER CORPSE  
Over my reanimated corpse!

CNN Host clicks a button and gets rid of their split-screens.

CNN HOST  
Next topic. Now to talk about  
healthy diets for children, we have  
another guest.

The COOKIE MONSTER appears in a split screen with CNN Host.

COOKIE MONSTER  
ME WANT COOKIE!!!

CNN HOST  
All of the data suggests a well  
balanced diet is what's best for  
our children. Just what are you  
proposing?

COOKIE MONSTER  
C IS FOR COOKIE!!!

CNN HOST  
And the rising childhood obesity  
rates?

COOKIE MONSTER  
(Eating cookies)  
OH NOM NOM NOM

CNN HOST  
You are a despicable blue man.  
Let's move onto the devastatingly  
high sugar levels in cereal. What  
are your thoughts?

TONY THE TIGER, TOUCAN SAM (from Fruit Loops), and THE TRIX  
RABBIT join the Cookie Monster on the split screen.

TONY THE TIGER  
They're grrrrrreat!

CNN HOST  
WRONG! Studies show sugar is more  
addictive than cocaine. How would  
you feel selling cocaine to kids?

TOUCAN SAM  
Follow my nose. It always knows.

CNN HOST  
TERRIBLE! Hard drugs can lead to  
awful life choices. Like young  
women turning tricks at night!

TRIX RABBIT  
Trix are for kids!

CNN HOST  
I can't BELIEVE the filth from your  
mouths. Especially you Trix Rabbit.  
Who knew iconic cereal mascots  
would say things like this. Where's  
the compassion. Don't you know if  
we just raised taxes a tiny bit we  
could keep all children happy and  
healthy at school.

Beat.

COOKIE MONSTER  
(eating cookies)  
Oh Nom Nom Nom...Taxation is theft.

CNN HOST  
OUTRAGEOUS!!!