

**Transcript**  
**Question of Justin Danhof, Esq., General Counsel**  
**The National Center for Public Policy Research, to Brian Roberts, CEO, Comcast**  
**Comcast Shareholder Meeting**  
**May 31, 2012**

**JUSTIN DANHOF:** *My name is Justin Danhof, and I am here as proxy for shareholder Amy Ridenour, and am also representing the National Center for Public Policy Research, a free-market think-tank and a shareholder. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.*

*Mr. Roberts, on the April 24, 2012 broadcast of the Rachel Maddow show on MSNBC, Ms. Maddow accused the organization I am representing and by extension its longtime CEO, the shareholder I represent today, of “funnel[ing] cash and perks... to Members of Congress” to affect their position on legislation. If true, which it absolutely is not, this would constitute bribery, a fact about which your network is aware, as the word “bribe” was used by Ms. Maddow in her segment.*

*I am not here today to ask you to comment on this specific matter, as it may be subject to litigation, but to ask you about the fact-checking processes the company has in place to reduce the exposure of its shareholders to libel claims.*

*Just using the public records, we have found other instances of potential libel. On March 23 and April 9, for example, your network falsely claimed the Koch brothers were connected to Trayvon Martin’s death, and apparently you have refused to run a correction, even though unwarranted media attacks on the Kochs have resulted in death threats against . . .*

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*. . . individuals at their company.*

Mr. Roberts, why is this happening? Editorializing need not contain libel and NBC Universal is not a middle school operation – standard fact-checking should be in place at all times. Finally, Mr. Roberts, MSNBC personnel have a habit of making outlandish remarks and then, sometimes, withdrawing them. For example, Chris Matthews said Republican primary voters are comparable to Grand Wizards of the Ku Klux Klan, then, claimed he didn’t mean to say it. Ed Schultz called Laura Ingraham a slut. Then, he apologized. But he has also claimed that Republicans want to see sick people die so they can make money off their corpses; that conservative commentators want to see Obama shot; and he said, of former Vice President Dick Cheney’s heart, quote, We ought to rip it out, kick it around, and stuff it back in him, unquote. These would be shocking things for a drunk to say at a bar, Mr. Roberts, but they are being said by supposed professional journalists on your air and on your network. Why?

So, my questions are, Mr. Roberts, are MSNBC personnel unable to govern their own speech? Or is all this outlandish talk just a formal company tactic designed to boost your ratings? And what, if anything, does Comcast do to prevent libel exposure?

Finally, would you pledge to personally investigate how a think-tank such as ours, and multiple members of Congress, could be said to have committed multiple felonies without any evidence, indictments, plea agreements, or convictions?

And I formally request an on-air correction and an apology for the lies told about the National Center for Public Policy Research on the April 24th "Rachel Maddow" broadcast.

Thank you.

**BRIAN L. ROBERTS:** Thank you. I am not familiar with the April 24th broadcast, but I will tell you that we will look into it and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your comments.