

**Comcast Shareholder Meeting Question**  
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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 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 frequently make outlandish statements and then -- sometimes -- withdraw the remarks. For example, Chris Matthews said Republican primary voters are comparable to Grand Wizards of the KKK, and then claimed he didn't mean to say it. Ed Schultz called Laura Ingraham a "slut" and apologized, but he's also claimed Republicans want to see sick people die so they can make money off their corpses, that conservative commentators want President Obama to be shot, and said of former Vice President Dick Cheney's heart, "We ought to rip it out and *kick it around* and stuff it back in him." These would be shocking things for a drunk to say in a bar, Mr. Roberts, but they are being said by supposed professional journalists on the air on your network. Why?

So my questions are, Mr. Roberts, are MSNBC personnel unable to govern their own speech, or is all this outlandish speech a formal company tactic designed to raise ratings? And what, if anything at all, does Comcast do to prevent libel exposure, and, finally, would you pledge to investigate how it is that a think-tank such as our own and multiple Members of Congress could be said to have committed felonies without any evidence, or indictments, plea agreements or convictions? We formally request an on-air correction, and an apology, for the lies told about the National Center for Public Policy Research in your April 24 broadcast.

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