

# Dr. Laura in the Hot Seat: She Offers "Apology"

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Dr. Laura Schlessinger seems to be getting a little dose of tough love. After what can only be described as a nationwide media campaign pointedly noting her more outrageous anti-gay comments among them that queers are "biological errors," the nationwide radio commentator finally offered a mealy-mouthed apology on Mar. 10 for her venomous opinions.

"Regrettably, some of the words I have used have hurt some people and I am sorry for that," she said. "Words that I have used in a clinical context have been perceived as judgement. They were not meant to characterize homosexual individuals or encourage others to disparage homosexuals." (Keep in mind that the "Dr." in her title refers to a degree in physiology, not psychology.)

This from the woman who has said sex acts among gay men are "deviant" and who has charged founders of the [www.stopdrlaura.com](http://www.stopdrlaura.com) website with violating her civil rights. She warned of a gay conspiracy that could lose the country to "fascism." She has stated that a "huge portion of the male homosexual population is predatory on young boys."



Dr. Laura Schlessinger finally "apologizes."

Then there was her vehement support for Proposition 22, and her urgings that California voters support the initiative.

The most recent Dr. Laura mess started when it was revealed that Paramount Pictures was planning a TV

show featuring the famous Dr. L. That set off a seething chain reaction that undoubtedly led to a whole phalanx of PR flacks begging the good doctor to try and say something nice, anything nice that they could use in her defense.

Meanwhile, Paramount has been desperately whining to anyone who might listen that they really didn't know that she said all those mean things on her show. Is there not one of her 14 million listeners who works, or knows someone, at Paramount who could have gone, "Uh, guys, this Dr. L show, she, um, could be a problem."

Perhaps Paramount was blinded by the dollar signs her market share represented. Or maybe it was her protestation that she has close relationships with "gay friends" that convinced them. It was left to Joe Keenan, executive producer of the Paramount TV show "Frasier," to pen what her discussions with two such "gay friends" might be like in *Entertainment Weekly*.

Dr. Laura: Would you boys like something before dinner? A cocktail? Cashews? Reparative therapy?

Bob: No thanks...

Dr. Laura: You know my disgust with your deviant sexuality in no way lessens my great personal affection for you.

Kevin: We love you too, Dr. Laura.

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