

Clean Speech Act

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Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen, this is John Rogers of KWLF local radio. Today, our "meet your neighbor at work" interview is broadcasted live from the Auckland Village Clean Speech Act enforcement center. In a short bit you will get to meet 19-year old college student Vanessa Hertz who's been working in this institution since her 16th birthday.

But first of all, let's have a quick look back into the history of the kind of institution she's working at. Sure enough, almost all of us will have visited one of the many local Clean Speech Act enforcement centers, but maybe not everybody knows where this worshipful network had its origins.

Six decades back, at the beginning of our 21st century, it was common to hear curses and lies everywhere, even in public, in movies or song texts. Our daily language had become so strewn with four-letter words that small children even started using dirty language before entering kindergarten.

Sure enough, the conservative tendencies led to a new presidency and to some changes in legislation. One of the first new laws introduced by President Edward Walters was the so-called "Clean Speech Act". At first, that new initiative was mostly laughed at, but soon new movies and music discs were, in the first step, prohibited from sales and later censored sharply to reduce public display of bad language.

By and by, the enforcement of the "Clean Speech Act" was considered a more serious item as obviously the simple ban of publishing four-letter words didn't have the expected renewing effect on the spoken language in families, schools and on the streets. So in the following years offences against the "Clean Speech Act" that were overheard by police or other officials led to a report and considerable fine of money to be paid to the state.

As especially the poor were often not able to pay those fines, soon the jails and penitentiaries were overflowing with "cursing" people. Finally, the election of Julia Stern as the first female President of the United States brought the longed-for solution that made the decisive step towards cleaning up our language to the extent of purity it has now: Instead of fining or confining people who've been using bad language, in the City of Philadelphia the first test of the now nation-wide punishment of mouthsoaping was introduced.

The "Clean Speech Act" enforcement by mouthsoaping was so successful in Philadelphia that within the following twelve months penitents' mouths were drooling with soap-bubbles all over our nation. The latter installation of public cameras and microphones led to a quick identification of the wrong-speaking subjects who received an instant notification on their mobile phones to report to their police station for

their mouthsoaping punishment within the following three days.

Quickly, Police stations were literally overflowing with soap bubbles, so President Julia Stern introduced the local "Clean Speech Act enforcement centers" with professional mouthsoaping personnel as well as neighborhood watch volunteers. As a mouthsoaping administered by a young female had proven to be the most humiliating and therefore the most effective come-uppance for offences against the "Clean Speech Act" in the new centers, soon the majority of soaping personnel was female and by now it is even unusual to have male employees or females over 25 doing this Job.

Then, and most of you in the audience will remember that, a tremendous technical improvement called for a further increase in the number of "Clean Speech Act enforcement centers" about eight years ago when the "Dishonesty Detection Campaign" was started. As soon as the electronic dishonesty detectors had been installed in all public places, transports, private homes and cars all over the nation, all verbal displays of dishonesty could easily be detected. Basically, the detectors analyze the miniscule electric impulses that are sent from our brains and compare them to the spoken a word. Any lie or twist to avoid saying the truth is detected with more than 98% of certainty.

And those 98% of certainty are considered enough to earn the according notification of a pending mouthsoaping punishment. I guess that most of us have the one or the other memory of a surprising call to a "Clean Speech Act enforcement center" for giving a compliment to our partner. During the following year, the detectors were recalibrated, but still people watch their tongue now much more than they did in the past. So you can definitely say that the "Clean Speech Act" together with the "Dishonesty Detection Campaign" have had a considerable effect in renewing our spoken language.

Like for my interview partner, Vanessa Hertz, for many girls all over the nation working in a Clean Speech Act enforcement center is more than just an odd job to finance teenage dreams - it can also be an important step in their career, especially if they aim or study to work in the legal business or public service. All girls have to be of excellent manners, prove honesty and keep a - let's call it "clean" record before they can apply for a job at one of the centers. And of course having worked in law enforcement is as good a reference as you can get nowadays.

So let's enter the Auckland Village Clean Speech Act enforcement center and find out more about "your neighbor at work"!

Hi Vanessa, I'm John Rogers of KWLF local radio. Today, you are my interview partner for our "meet your neighbor at work" radio show - life from the "Auckland Village Clean Speech Act enforcement center."

Hi John!

Vanessa, why don't you tell our audience a little bit about yourself first? What makes you so proud about working here?

Well, I guess I am just happy that I have been chosen for this work. It's a job with a high responsibility and I really like to soap people's mouths.

So mouthsoaping is more than a job for you?

Oh yes, for me mouthsoaping is almost a passion. Too bad that I will have to completely quit working for the "Clean Speech Act enforcement center" when I'm 25, but luckily, that means I still have almost six years to go on soaping. And of course, there is always the chance of soaping people at home. Like my younger brother Kevin - by the way, may I send greetings to people now over the radio?

Sure, go ahead!

Hi Kevin, I hope you are behaving well today. I still have no offence record of yours here, but please, go ahead and start to soak two bars of Camay for your night-time soaping. I guess as soon as your friend comes over, I will get at least two offence records for you. Bye Kevin!

Seems like your brother will have a clean mouth tonight, won't he?

Oh yes, that's for sure! He is still under 16, so he is not supposed to be punished at the center like the adults are. Personally, I think it's good to keep punishment of minors inside the families. That way, you give the parents a chance to educate their children properly before the state takes over. And a proper upbringing is basic for good behavior all through your life, in my opinion.

Let's get back to your job here - so what does your average working day look like?

Well, that depends mainly on the seasons. During the summer holidays, I work a full shift here, starting in the early morning. During the semester, I can only be here in the afternoon and evening for half a shift to leave enough time for college.

Well, then why don't you describe what a full shift looks like?

Full shifts start really early, you know. I have to be here at 5.30 am to be ready for our early bird soapees. Some of the people, mostly guys, like to get their soapings over with in the morning before going to work. And considering time, it's quite good for them. The evening shift usually leaves a fresh bar of soap soaking in each of the sinks here, so that they are nice and soft in the morning. That way, the morning soapings are over faster than when you get a fresh bar - or a bar that hasn't soaked as long.

Just a moment, there is something I don't understand here. Why is a soaping shorter if the bar has been

soaking for a longer time? I mean, the soap is surely softer, but what effect does that have on the time your punishees are soaped?

Oh, that's because of our soaping policy here. We try to keep it simple by setting up a clear rule: One curse, one bar of soap. One lie, one bar of soap. We just don't let you go before your bar is used up.

Vanessa, please can you say that again? In your "Clean Speech Act enforcement center" each soaping lasts as long as it takes to use up a whole bar of soap? That sounds almost unbelievable.

It's true, John. The basic idea is to be fair and to give equal punishments to everybody. Otherwise, the intensity of the come-uppance for the clean speech offence would be depending on the girl who's soaping. Some girls would soap just a little bit, others would do a long soaping. Also, it could happen that people get away with an easy soaping just because they are friends with one of the girls. Setting up a clear rule of one bar per transgression just makes it a fair thing, I guess.

Well, Vanessa, it seems that Auckland Village is quite strict in enforcing the Clean Speech Act. But let's continue with your working day. Once you've opened the center at 5.30 am, how do things carry on?

OK, usually we have at least one guy already waiting to be soaped when we open. I then lead him to one of the sinks, seat him in front of it and lock his wrists in the backward wrist-holders...

Wait a minute here - you lock the guy's wrists behind his back? Isn't that a little bit "oversized" for a simple soaping?

In fact it is quite useful. You know, some of the guys are under time pressure in the morning and they would just walk away on us in the middle of a soaping just to meet their job time schedule if we let them go before their soaping is over. But once you have your soaping started, leaving before it is over would be criminal offence, not just a Clean Speech Act transgression. This way, we actually protect the guys from getting into real trouble.

So now that the guy is secured in front of the sink, what do you do next?

Now John, that's obvious, isn't it? I put a waterproof cloak over his clothes first and then take the well-softened soap out of the sink and start scrubbing the soap all around his mouth till it is reduced to tiny little bits that he can then chew up into mush.

And you don't stop before the bar is used up completely? How long does that take?

It all depends on how long the bar has been soaking, how hard I scrub and how co-operative the guy is. But most of the early-bird soapings are over within some 20-25 minutes. Of course, it takes longer, if

none of us girls is free to do the soaping. Self-soapings usually take much longer, you know.

That's a new twist to the punishment - how do they do self-soapings?

In the end, it is more a soap-sucking than a self-soaping. If we are all busy soaping up some other guys' mouths, than the following guys in line are locked into their seats with the bar of soap stuck in their mouth, secured by a wire mesh mouth-cover. That way, the soap can only leave the penitent's mouth in two different ways: either by being swallowed or by drooling through the wire mesh. Of course, the mesh is woven densely enough to let through only the tiniest bits of soap, basically just liquids. We don't let our soapees get away before their mouths are really empty. Only if we don't see any resilient bits of soap in their mouths, they are released.

But then, why do the self-soapings take longer? It would be a quick thing to bite and chew the soap until it has dissolved enough to pass through the mesh? That should be possible in a few minutes...

Oh, that's right, but the guys can't really bite and chew the soap, at least not completely. The mouth cover is more than just a cover - it's also a mouth bit that doesn't allow to bite through all the way.

Your teeth are kept apart for about one quarter of an inch. That's enough to break the soap into smaller bits, but you will still have to use your tongue to lick and suckle it into smaller parts. It wouldn't be fair to have some people finish their bar within a few minutes while others are soaped for 45 minutes or longer.

Didn't you say the soapings administered by you girls last only 20-25 minutes? Why is it 45 minutes or longer for others?

All right, the early bird soapings are shorter because the soap has been soaking all night and is really soft. But if you come in the afternoon and get a freshly unwrapped bar from our stock, than it takes longer to use up the whole bar. I've been scrubbing for almost 90 minutes on a guy who had taken out his false teeth - usually the soap scrapes over the teeth and is quickly reduced. But without teeth to scrape the bar over it was really tiring to finish the soaping!

Now, ninety minutes is really quite a long soaping - how many girls are on the mouthsoaping team if you have to attend your "customers" for such a long time?

Actually, we're not that many here. In the end, we don't have to do all the soapings ourselves. Many of the guys arrive here drooling soap from their mouths already, accompanied by their wives, mothers or girlfriends. Most of the time, these girls are happy to administer the soaping themselves. It's just a most natural thing to do for them, you know? Most of them have grown up with soapings and a good part of the girls have worked in one of the enforcement centers before. Why shouldn't they keep an eye on good manners in their own households and families? And of course, they get to know that their men

have offended against the Clean Speech Act - again - and they have all the right to be angry and upset, right? So, very often, the guys first get a good soaping at home and are then led here by their lady to receive the official soaping.

So how do you ensure that they are treated the right way then?

That's the easiest part - we hand the fresh bar of soap to the lady and have it shown to us sometime during the soaping when it's about half size and then check whether the soap has completely vanished when the lady tells us so. And remember - any intent to cheat would then be discovered as a dishonesty and then the lady herself would have to undergo a soaping. Most girls will carefully try to avoid that, as any transgression against the Clean Speech Act that is recorded inside one of the enforcement centers has to be punished immediately. They'd be blowing bubbles before the next five minutes would have passed. And of course, nobody objects to the execution of a Clean Speech Act sentence in one of the centers. Trying to object to a soaping that you have earned results in the doubling of the punishment, meaning they have to do two bars of soap instead of just one.

Oh, that was new to me - does the doubling come automatically?

Yes, that's very convenient. It's recorded by the new generation of the Dishonesty Detectors and in the next second your record shows the double number of soapings for you. It doesn't happen too often, but once in a while people have to stay here longer than they expected. Like that French exchange student who came here on her very first day. Most students apply for visas shorter than six months so that their data doesn't enter the recording system. That way, they are only soaped when somebody manually gives or sends a record of a transgression overheard. But that one girl had applied for and actually received a twelve-month visa and so all her curses and lies were recorded. She was brought here by her landlady to receive no less than twelve bars of soap after just having met her family. Well, she tried to get away from the center. Within a split second, she was in for twenty-four soapings, and just a minute later the number had doubled twice again to ninety-six and then 192 bars of soap as she was still resisting her soaping. Finally, we had her in a strong fix at one of the sinks with her mouth nicely stuffed with a bar of soap so that she couldn't do herself any more harm.

Did she really receive all 192 soapings all in a row? That sounds like she would have a permanent damage to her mouth after that for sure...

No, we phoned the French embassy and Judge Jones and finally found a different arrangement. When she was sucking on her third bar, she was carried out and transferred to the airport to get her back to France. As soon as the plane touched down in Paris, she had officially left the influence of American law enforcement. By that time she had almost finished the fifteenth bar and her mouth must have been really raw. You know, things could have gone much worse. Had her record gone over five hundred soapings,

she would have automatically been removed to a constant soaping incarceration by the state police. And here in our state constant soaping punishments have a minimum duration of one year. That would have led to diplomatic problems with France, I guess, so we were really happy to have found a solution. But I can well imagine that being back in France she hasn't learned her lesson and is again cursing and lying...

So that was some kind of "accidental release" - amazing. Well right now, I don't see any soapsuds flowing. When do you expect the next soapee? Do you make appointments for soapings?

Well, it's not really appointments, because people just don't plan to curse or lie in advance, I guess. But some people call to enquire if we're busy or not at that moment, so they can come for a manualsoaping as most of them dislike the self-soaping. And we also have some people showing up here almost every day. Like those two twin girls, Sammy and Tammy - I call them the "Soapy Sisters". They must be something 'round the end of seventeen or already eighteen years old, that type of teenage girl that makes men's heads turn when they walk by - long blond hair, tight clothes and heavily perfumed. They always show up around 2.00 pm and it's almost always Tammy who gets soaped. Sammy usually records to me that her sister needs at least two, sometimes even up to five mouthsoapings, which I enter into the system, so that Sammy can start to soap up her sister.

But - is that normal? That people can come here and tell you that somebody cursed or lied and then it is recorded like any other offence? Doesn't that open the doors for misuse of the institution?"

Ah, I see. I had the same thought, but think about it: If Sammy would be lying, that would surely be recorded by the system and then she would earn herself a soaping. But it has only happened very rarely that I get an instantaneous record when Sammy is here. Usually, if she has to be soaped, the record is older, from some curse or lie at school.

And her sister, Tammy, never says anything about the soapings her sister claims she is in for?

Well, she'd better not, because that would be considered as resistance and it would automatically double her sentence. So, like most people here, she resigns in her fate and lets her sister soap her all afternoon. Sure, she doesn't look too happy when she's in for a few bars of soap, and her sister is definitely not the most gentle girl to be soaped by, but what can she do? Obviously, after some time of mouthsoaping your mouth starts to sting and so Tammy usually starts to cry and weep in her soft voice when her sister grabs yet another bar of soap from the stock cupboard. Well, Sammy seems to really enjoy punishing her sister and she doesn't really hide her pleasure. Usually she chooses the sink on the far left corner, right at the window there. Having locked her sister into the chair, the next second she opens the curtains to show the passers-by how her sister suffers under her soapings...

Vanessa, the interview time is almost over, so would you like to add something for our audience that you

find especially fascination about your job in the Auckland Village Clean Speech enforcement center?

I can only say that I am proud to serve here to improve our language and that I really like soaping those dirty mouths out. All you girls out there, my advice is: don't miss on the opportunity to work in your local enforcement center - it's real fun!

Thank you Vanessa, that should be really motivating for the other girls. I guess, president Walter Edwards would have been proud to hear how his Clean Speech Act initiative is being received by your generation. And that, dear audience, is the end of today's "meet your neighbor at work" interview. I will come back to you tomorrow from...

John, excuse me. Our Dishonesty Detector just discovered a lie from you, uttered right here in the enforcement center. You will have to be soaped immediately, please follow me to the sink!

But I didn't lie, I will come back to the audience tomorrow...

The record says you have tried to twist history - we never had a president named Walter Edwards. His name was Edward Walters. As your words are transmitted to a broad audience, you have a special responsibility of keeping to correct historical data. Therefore, it's legally considered a lie. And again, claiming that you haven't lied was therefore a lie again. I already have the report of your "But I didn't lie"-lying here. That means a second bar of soap for you. Will you please follow me to the sink NOW!

But please, I didn't mean to...

John, please don't make things worse. Your "But please" has just been recorded as an act of resistance which will double your soaping to four entire bars of soap. That is exactly the number of bars that have been soaking in the sinks for almost three hours now, so if you will just follow me it will all be over really quick. But if you say one more word, everything will be a lot worse for you. WILL YOU COME HERE NOW!...

The End?