

The Dirty Laundry

On any given day there are multiplied people who go in front of millions of strangers to expose the problems of their lives. They are so generous and compassionate as they provide us the opportunity to become emotionally involved in such issues as:

*Drug-addicted Nuns Who Kill Their Uncles For Love, and
I Was Always Jealous Of Your Left Ear, and
My High School Sweetheart Abducted My Poodle And My Therapist Says I
Should Now Find Freedom Through Homelessness...*

Oh, the wrenching pain of society!

What a debt we owe to those who have provided these outlets through the years. How can we ever thank Oprah, Donohue, Geraldo, Sally Jessie, Leeza, Richard, Charles, Montel, Gordon, Drs. Phil & Laura and Maury (not to mention the paragons Jerry Springer and "Go Ricki, Go Ricki!") Where would society get itself straightened out if weren't for the compassion of these magnanimous souls? Where would we get our free therapy? Where could we go to share the pain of a 13-year old girl who is thinking of marrying a 57-year old man because her step-father once called her a brat?

It gives a body pause, doesn't it?

Well, today is your day. Can you believe it? You've been called by the producers of eight different shows and they want you to appear in an upcoming taping. Which ones will you do? Which ones won't you do? Why or why not?

My Best Friend's Mom Abandoned Her For A Younger Man

My English Teacher Is Selling Drugs

I Was At The Party When My Friend Got Drunk And Later Killed A Child

My Dad's Been Arrested For Embezzling Funds From A Charity

Kids Who Belong To Cults

My Pastor's Been Accused Of Shoplifting

I Ain't Afraid Of AIDS

I Get Tired Of Being Weird Because Of My Religion

CLOSEOUT THOUGHTS: The object of this exercise is pretty transparent. When we slow down to think about it, very few of us would actually want to get up front to air out dirty laundry like this.

If that's true, why do we want to expose ourselves to the exercise from anyone else at all? What compels normally balanced people to watch?