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***Memorable quotes from radio broadcast executives:***

**Mark Mays, CEO, Clear Channel Communications, Progress and Freedom  
Foundation luncheon  
October 3, 2005**

“Sure we’d like to get rid of public interest obligations, but that probably wouldn’t be good for the American people.”

**Rick Cummings, Vice President, Emmis Communications, Fox News– Hannity &  
Colmes  
March 8, 2005**

“I mean, there are a lot of things about the hip-hop culture that I cringe about. And look, I’m a 50-year-old white guy. I don’t understand it...I mean, do you understand everything you promote or that you are about? I don’t think so.”

**Jeff Smulyan, President & CEO, Emmis Communications Indianapolis Star  
March 27, 2005**

“While a certain racial epithet had crept back into on-air banter, Emmis now has reined it in. Hot 97 staff edits the word and other offensive items out of songs. They also try to limit the play frequency of "beef" albums...That’s the hip-hop culture. Do I condone some of the lyrics in hip-hop music? No. No more than I do Rush Limbaugh’s show. We reflect contemporary culture.”

**Catherine Hughes, Chairperson and founder, Radio One, Inc. Billboard Magazine  
– her thoughts on the NY Attorney General Payola investigation  
December 3, 2005**

“In all the years I’ve been in radio, I’ve never once heard or read about a radio person breaking into a record company and forcing an invoice on an executive. It just blows me away. This is a problem created and perpetuated by the record industry. It’s like the bully who slaps you upside your head in class, then turns around and says, "I didn’t do it.”

**Mary Catherine Sneed, Chief Operating Officer, Radio One, Inc. interview with  
ABC 20/20 reporter Arnold Diaz discussing the use of independent promoters to  
circumvent the traditional and direct payola practices  
May 2002**

“What it’s become is, it’s legal, according to the FCC, and so are we going to be, you know, the only major broadcasting group out there not taking advantage of that?”