

GOD BLESS FEMERICA
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ACT I

SCENE 1

LIGHTS UP - THE MUSEUM OF HETEROSEXUAL
WHITE MALE HISTORY

THIS IS A LONG PORTRAIT HALL. ON THE WALL
ARE PICTURES OF HENRY VIII, BILL CLINTON,
HARVEY WEINSTEIN, LOUIS C.K., MATT LAUER,
STEVE WYNN, LES MOONVES AND OTHERS.

A TOUR GROUP MADE UP OF A VERY DIVERSE SET
OF STUDENTS IS LED BY A DOCENT. THEY ENTER
AND STOP AT ONE END OF THE HALL.

DOCENT: This is the hall of shame. These heterosexual white males took advantage of their positions of power to harass and assault people who were subordinate to them. Each of them denied it in their own way, and each of them was eventually taken out of their position and essentially blackballed from society.

TEEN 1: But wasn't the LAST hall the hall of shame?

DOCENT: (sucking air through their teeth for a moment) Yeah, I did say that. But it's a different shame. The last hall was heterosexual white men who exploited the ENVIRONMENT, not other people.

TEEN 2: And the hall before THAT?

DOCENT: (nodding) Those were the heterosexual white males who used their position of authority to steal power, making them even more powerful. You'll notice that some of THOSE men also appear in other halls, as well.

TEEN 3: Extra shaming.

DOCENT: Exactly.

TEEN 4: But why shame them? They're all long dead at this point. Who cares?

THE OTHER TEENREN ERUPT IN PROTEST.

DOCENT: Settle down, settle down. That's actually a great question.

TEEN 5: Those who do not remember history are doomed to repeat it.

DOCENT: Exactly. If we allow ourselves to forget, then it's more likely that, if it starts happening again, we won't notice until someone is seriously hurt. Just like with politics in 2016. America forgot, and paid the price.

TEEN 6: Twitler!

ALL THE TEENREN LAUGH.

DOCENT: Yup. We are all taught from an early age what a disaster he was not only as president, but as a business man and a human being. That was the beginning of the end of America's political system.

TEEN 7: My great grandmother said that was a scary time to live through.

DOCENT: It was. Unless you were a heterosexual white male.

TEEN 1: Why were all those politicians so obsessed with what other people were doing in the bedroom.

DOCENT: Well, sometimes, when we don't like something about ourselves, we call it out and try to crush it in others.

TEEN 2: I can't believe no one knew that Minch McConnell was having an affair with that Infowars guy for all those years.

TEEN 3: But who cares? Why was it a big deal?

DOCENT: Today? It's not. But back then, they spent all their time hurting people who were publically acting like they acted in private.

TEEN 4: Hypocrites.

DOCENT: Yup. And people disliked McConnell so much that his name is spelled wrong EVERYWHERE.

TEEN 5: What do you mean.

DOCENT: His actual name was Mitch, but people were so furious with him that they went and edited it to "Minch" which is an acronym. Does anyone know for what?

TEEN 6: "Maybe I Need Cock, Huh?"

THE STUDENTS ALL LAUGH.

DOCENT: Don't laugh, that's absolutely right. And while it's never nice to make fun of someone because of who they love, in this case the world unanimously rose up and declared him fair game because of all the horrible things that he did.

TEEN 7: Didn't he start World War F?

DOCENT: Well... indirectly, yes. Everything he did while he was in government eventually led to the Feminist uprising of 2020. That's when the American Republic fell and was replaced by our true democracy.

TEEN 1: Why did they let it go on so long if it was broken?

DOCENT: Remember the first hall? Washington? Jefferson? Adams and the rest? The American government was a system set up by rich, white, heterosexual men in a time when women had no rights and no say in politics. The rich, white, heterosexual men who came after them wanted desperately to keep that system in tact so they could become richer and expunge those who weren't white or heterosexual.

TEEN 2: They should have rose up long before they actually did.

DOCENT: Hindsight is 20/20. We can look at the information and say that we would have done something sooner, but when you are actually living through it, it's never that clear... So, who's ready for lunch?

THE KIDS CHEER.

DOCENT: Excellent. Hopefully you've gotten enough information out of today's tour for your Femerican History project.

THE KIDS START SINGING AS THEY EXIT.

TEENS: Gods bless Femerica
Land that I love
Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night
With the lights up above...

FADE TO BLACK.