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Dear Deanna!

I'm a Christian that dated a man who did business with my workplace and was going through a divorce. After a year of being there for him I became interested and got intimate with him. Later he claimed he had another woman and he was also begging his wife back. Then it got to the point he wouldn't pay me. I started dating someone while he got back with his wife and he still had other women. He started leaving notes at my desk but I knew what he wanted. He finally paid me, but how do I heal and move on?

Confused
Online-Reader

Dear Confused:

You heal by realizing as a woman of faith that when you play with the Devil you get burned. Stop giving this loser your time, thoughts and energy. Find another job so you don't have to look at the Scrub or be part of his big pimping. You got your money, now move on, reclaim your faith and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I recently learned I was adopted. My adoptive parents told me on my 21st birthday and I took the news well. I had suspicions because my siblings and I look different. I can't help wondering about my roots. I decided to find my biological parents but I'm having doubts. When I told my parents they frowned upon the idea and told me it would cause confusion and complications. Do you agree with my parents?

Anonymous
On-line Reader

Dear Anonymous:

Your adoptive parents did a wonderful job raising you but they opened the can of worms when they told you the big secret. Their emotions are normal because they're scared to lose a piece of you or some of your love. Regardless of drama, you're an adult and make your own decisions. Talk with your parents and express the importance of at least knowing your biological parents for medical history and genetic reasons.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a young African-American woman that loves God. Currently I need a kidney transplant. My blood type is O Positive and because of this I can only receive a kidney from someone with the same blood type. Last year my mother was the only one to have donor testing. I understand people are afraid or misinformed. How do I deal with the fact people love me and don't want to see me die, but won't do anything to help me live?

Lyn
Los Angeles, CA

Dear Lyn:

Pray to God and trust in His power that a kidney donor will be found and you'll live as a walking testimony unto Him. Potential kidney donors are often afraid they'll die during surgery or won't function afterwards. Don't dwell on the rejection from loved ones because you'll need that energy for positive thinking. Those who won't be tested should be glad we have a loving God that didn't blink when sacrificing his Son, but they worry about giving up a kidney.

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Wilson: CPB exceedingly balanced

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WASHINGTON (NNPA)

- Despite complaints about a purported unbalanced coverage by National Public Radio journalists, NPR provides more even-handed coverage of news than the major networks, says the only Black board member of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

"American public broadcasting has been more fair, more unbiased, more balanced than the private media, CBS, ABC, FOX, and is actually more trustworthy than most other American institutions, including the judiciary, the presidency and the Congress," said the lone Black member, Ernest J. Wilson III, a professor of government, politics and Afro-American studies at the University of Maryland. "A lot of the fairness and balance stuff is overdrawn."

CPB Board Chairman Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, who served two years as director of the Voice of America in the Reagan administration, was elected chair of the board in September 2003 and is now pressuring NPR to stop what he calls a liberal bias. He was particularly critical of NPR's coverage of the Middle East.

CPB spokesman Eben Peck says Tomlinson would not be doing anymore interviews in the near future, but he says a decision on how to go about studying the Middle East coverage in public broadcasting has not been solidified.

"The CPB's monitoring of NPR's Middle East coverage, that's an idea in its absolute infancy," Peck says. "It's far too premature to talk about in too much detail right now." He added, "...It's an extremely sensitive topic, and we are proceeding extremely deliberately, so, there's not a whole lot to say on that."

Tomlinson, appointed to the board by President Clinton in 2000 and appointed chairman by President Bush in 2003, has hired Mary Andrews, Bush's director of the White House Office of Global Communications as a CPB senior staff member. While still at the White House in April, Andrews reportedly helped draft the responsibilities of two ombudsmen appointed by CPB to monitor the content of public radio and television broadcasts, the *New York Times* reported. The appointment of the two new ombudsmen surprised many, considering that PBS and

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NPR already have an ombudsman. FAIR, a media watchdog group, says that the complaints by the conservatives on the eight-member CPB board are unfounded.

"While NPR's Mideast coverage has frequently been criticized by pro-Israel partisans, research and analysis by FAIR has found a strong and consistent slant on NPR toward an Israeli perspective on the conflict," states a FAIR "Action Alert."

It continues, "A FAIR study [Extra! Nov. 12, 2001], found that during a six-month period, NPR's main news shows reported 81 percent of Israeli deaths in the conflict and only 34 percent of Palestinian deaths. Tellingly, when Israeli minors were killed, NPR re-

ported on their deaths 89 percent of the time, while mentioning only 20 percent of the Palestinian youths killed."

Wilson, a 2000 Clinton appointee who was reappointed by Bush last year, said while there is always merit in studying potential biases, there are other complaints of biases that are much more obvious.

"There are concerns, not only about the Middle East, but people have talked about Africa coverage and other kinds of issues, and I think that these are of interest to a variety of different populations, ethnic populations and others," Wilson said.

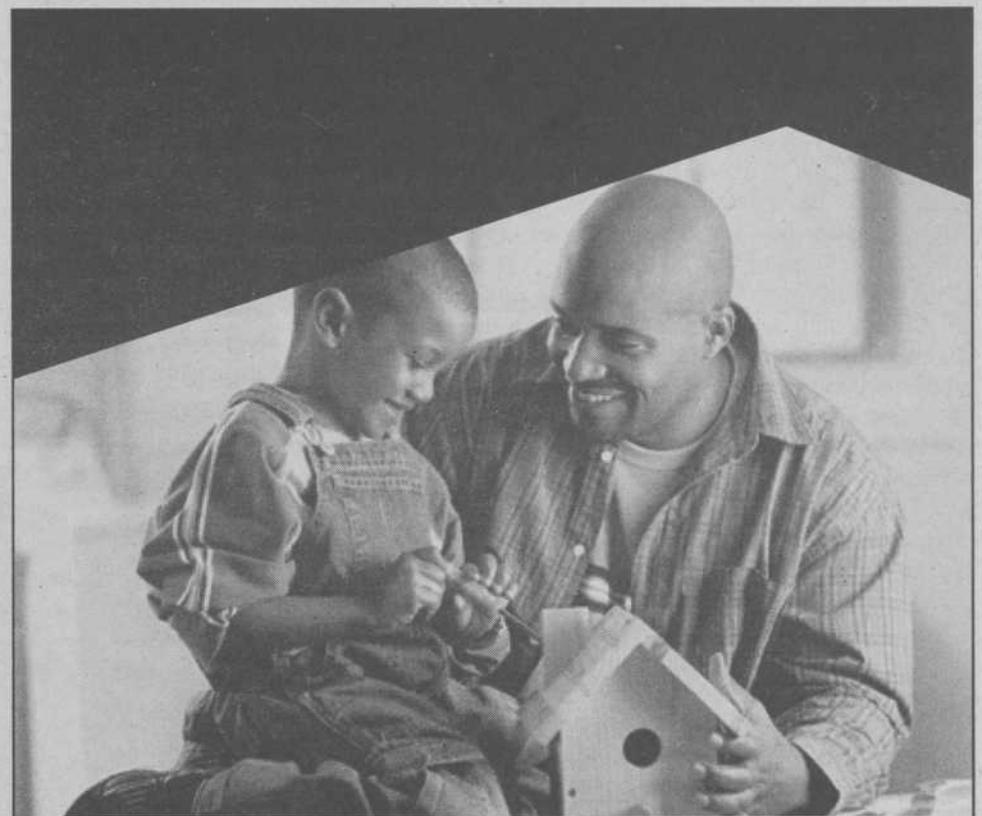
"There is not as much programming that attracts communities of color as we would like to see, and, yet,

that's the fastest-growing demographic in the world," he added. Wilson says any complaints that people may have should be expressed to the ombudsmen. The NPR scrutiny comes at the same time that CPB is also heavily influencing Public Broadcast System television programming.

"Without the knowledge of his board, the chairman, Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, contracted last year with an outside consultant to keep track of the guests' political leanings on one program, 'Now with Bill Moyers,'" the *New York Times* reported.

In an interview with the *Washington Post*, PBS President Pat Mitchell was quoted as saying of Moyers' program, "It reached out to a broad spectrum of people and points of view." Moyers will return to PBS this summer in a new program called "Wide Angle."

As for Tomlinson's criticism of liberal bias by PBS, Mitchell tells the *Post*, "I regret that he feels that way, but I respectfully disagree with him and so does the public. Every survey that has been taken, including Mr. (See *Broadcasting*, Page 14)



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