

How Big Is The Difference?

Don Imus, Joy Behar-
Nappy Hair Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

The intentions is not to cause tension, however, that may be the results. I use to watch Don Imus in the morning on MSNBC back the years 2000 and 2001 regularly.

Several years ago Imus made some comments about the sister's (African American Women) of the RUTGERS college basketball team after they won a championship title. When he referred to them as "Nappy Head Hoes," I could vividly remember the black community in disbelief, which eventually leads to Imus's firing or whatever discipline he endured. Ya'll remember this, right?

On February 11, 2011 while sitting in my prison cell partially watching the Oprah Show, where the talkative women of The View, a show I also watch at time, the camera was showing Joy Behar getting her hair done and when the scene flipped back to the Oprah stage with the women, Joy said (and forgive me if I am paraphrasing) "I was going as an African Queen." She was speaking on her hair. She further state, "It was still nappy." Oprah intervened "Aw ooh you said the n-word." Joy responded, "What you don't like that?" Oprah said, "No, 'I' do." [1] Joy said in between there somewhere, something like "I gotta little nappy in me," which was a joke if nothing else or an attempt to ease any confusion about the comment and not destroy the good vibe of the show.

So, I ask, how big is the difference? Joy associated African Queen Hair with nappy hair, Imus associated African Queen's (Rutger B-Ball Team) with Nappy head hoes, did or did they not do the same thing?

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[1] I took the Oprah's "No, 'I' do" reply to mean "Yeah, I like "My" nappy hair because I've learned to live with it and accept what it is as a black woman." I also thought Oprah didn't want to destroy the good vibe amongst the women.