

What Role Did Affiliate Stations Play in Jimmy Kimmel's Suspension?

The indefinite suspension of Jimmy Kimmel Live! on ABC began with objections from the FCC as well as local station owners Nexstar and Sinclair.

During his Monday night monologue, the late-night host appeared to suggest that Charlie Kirk's killer might have been a pro-Trump Republican amid uncertainty surrounding the incident.

That comment led to backlash from Federal Communications Commission chair Brendan Carr, who threatened to take action against ABC. Meanwhile, official statements denouncing the comments followed from both Nexstar and Sinclair, both of which decided to preempt the show's Wednesday night broadcast.

The preemption decision plus Carr's threat ultimately led to ABC's owner, The Walt Disney Company, shelving Jimmy Kimmel Live! for the foreseeable future.

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