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1p 2 Waarom wordt er zoveel geklaagd over *Jerry Springer the Opera*?

### 20,500 COMPLAINTS

**COMPLAINTS about the BBC's decision to screen *Jerry Springer The Opera* have soared over 20,000.**

Outraged viewers demanded the show — which contains 8,000 swear words — be banned from broadcast.

The BBC has received 15,000 complaints and 5,500 people contacted media regulator Ofcom — with thousands more jamming phone lines.

A spokesman said: "We've never before had so many complaints about a TV show that has not yet been broadcast."

The film of the hit West End show, about the cult US chat show host, includes the "F" word 3,168 times and the "C" word 297 times.

Furious viewer Julie Wildman, from Essex, said: "It's disgusting, I'm a Christian and find it highly offensive that this is going to be screened."

Jim Walsh, from Belfast, said: "*Jerry Springer the Opera* is a sick show that has no place on the BBC."

Gavin Upex, from Peterborough, said: "Do people really pay their license fee to receive a programme that contains 8,000 swear words? The BBC need to be pressured into realising how many people are against this programme."

