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Out Rage

Column fuels strong reactions from across the nation

When I named gossip queen (and frequent celebrity outer) Perez Hilton as one of my "Top Heroes of 2006," little did I know that he would post the news on his mega-popular blog, unleashing the fury of his outspoken followers ["Queer View Mirror," Dec. 15]. Here is a sampling of their online comments.

"Do you even read his site? He has proclaimed over and over again that it is his mission to drag people kicking and screaming out of the closet and has asked readers of his site to send in damaging stories and photos of celebs he feels need to come out. How is that not 'shaming' someone out of the closet? Coming out is a personal decision that should be done on the individual's terms and timeline. Just because someone is a celebrity does not mean they need to come out and be the poster child for the gays. Did it do anything for gay rights and causes by finding out that Lance Bass is gay? No. Perez is a self-promoting disgrace to the gay community who pushes these types of stories to generate traffic (and revenue) for his site. Now that he has linked this story on his site, Portland has been disgraced by being seen as a place that celebrates these types of desperate cries for attention."

—Kevin

"OK, I agree that forcing people to come out isn't right, but we seem to have no issue when straight celebs' relationships are on the front cover of every tabloid when they'd much rather keep it to themselves. It's kind of a double standard, don't you think?"

—Maribella

"Jodie Foster is one very talented actress, and what she does or doesn't do in her bedroom is none of the public's business.... Perez, your job is to let the public know when Britney Spears goes out without her panties—in public. And when Lindsay Lohan does or says something incredibly stupid—in public. And Paris Hilton—well, I still don't understand why virtual ink is wasted on anything she does or says."

—Liz

"I understand Perez's point that homosexual people should not be ashamed of their sexuality. But you know what—I never had to 'come out' as a heterosexual. Labels suck."

—Beajai

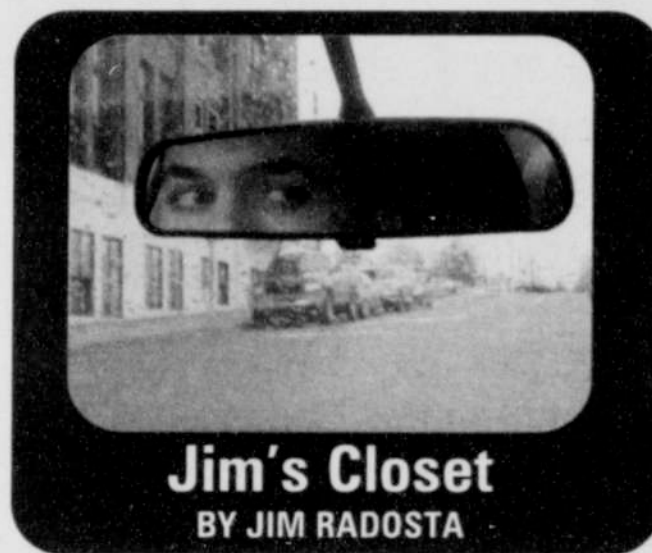
"Who are you people that think [Perez] has done anything? He is a fat loser who talks shit about people on the Internet. He's not a journalist. In fact, judging from his spelling, he's retarded. If this Mongoloid is your hero, you are absolutely pathetic."

—Turkey

"Making it on a lame list in a lame magazine doesn't make up for the fact his outing tactics are largely considered derogatory and humiliating as well as nakedly self-serving. Outing itself isn't even the real issue here—it's the way he does it, with taunts that would fit well in the mouth of a high school homophobe."

—Convulsions

"Perez...you're the new Michelangelo Signorile, as even Signorile agrees: 'For me, it's about equalizing journalism,' Signorile says, adding, 'When it's relevant, and only when it's relevant, it's appropriate to



out someone. In the world of gossip, of course, there are different standards. Why can we only gossip about the love lives of heterosexuals? I think people like Perez Hilton are a part of the equalizing of that. I don't think anyone thinks you out entirely for altruistic reasons, but it's OK with me if you get rich while advancing gay rights."

—JohnnyG

"Again, the gay community is acting like Nazis in 1939. The Nazis would routinely send out lists of people who they claimed were Nazis. They would just go by word of mouth. Why do gay people feel the need to be validated by gossip and innuendo? No one cares if you're gay, nor does anyone care if I like orgies. Just doesn't matter...but if your life is so shallow and you cling to a sexual identity, then I guess you're just pathetic and need attention."

—Madge Staley

"In my opinion, nobody, especially not some greedy-ass son of a bitch, has the right to reveal someone's personal information, and that includes celebrities, to any public or private interests. Hearing that you have been congratulated on this pathetic attempt to extend your 15 minutes of fame makes me feel that the gay community is turning into exactly what we hate the most: 'evil,' as we have been described as ever since Day One. So Perez, to this I say: Better start fucking atoning, because if there is a God, you're taking a one-way trip to hell."

—Closeted Guy

"It's their business, Perez, and you may be risking the end or the shortening of their careers. Times have changed, but they haven't changed all that much. Prejudice and jealousy and ignorance are still alive and well. Go read this week's *Time* magazine with the editorial about 'Two Mommies Is One Too Many' by Dr. [James] Dobson, notorious homophobe. Prejudice never really goes away; it just changes form."

—Perez, It's Not Cool to Out People!

"I'm a 44-year-old straight woman from a Southern Baptist family.... If someone like me—raised in the stifling air of racism, hypocrisy, anti-everything except white-bread WASPs—can enjoy and laugh and just be so fucking OK with this, damn dude/dudettes, find your funny bone and realize Perez is making a living just like the idiots who are suing him. And, last but not least, in the immortal words of my father, 'If you don't want to get dirty, stay out of the fucking mud puddles.' Nuff said."

—Pam 10

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