

Jerry Seinfeld's campus critics prove his point

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Jerry Seinfeld says college students are too uptight and hypersensitive; a college student fires back that Seinfeld's comments are offensive. No joke.

Seinfeld got plenty of attention for noting that comedians avoid performing on campuses because today's kids can't take a joke. He told ESPN's Colin Cowherd, "I don't play colleges, but I hear a lot of people tell me, 'Don't go near colleges. They're so PC.'"

Now the Huffington Post gives us a reply by San Diego State student Anthony Berteaux. "It isn't so much that college students are too politically correct (whatever your definition of that concept is)," Berteaux sniffs. "It's that comedy in our progressive society today can no longer afford to be crass, or provocative for the sake of being offensive."

Yet good comedy never provokes for the sake of being offensive: It dabbles in offending for the sake of provoking. And it's the

provoking that truly upsets the campus androids.

“They just want to use these words,” Seinfeld noted. “‘That’s racist. That’s sexist. That’s prejudice.’ They don’t know what the hell they’re talking about.”

Berteaux insists, “I can say with confidence that most college students can distinguish the boundaries of what’s considered appropriately sexist or not.” *Don’t you dare question my taboos!*

Such is today’s campus: a minefield of forbidden topics, where dissent is denounced as oppression. God, they need the comedy.