

**Brother Bailey's
Pageant
of
Moral Superiority
and
Creation Science Island Jamboree**
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Cast of Characters

- Moonguppie:** **Male, mid-to-late 20's**
Leader of Teenage Beach Community. Though he strives to stop his father's evil plans he does have many of the same qualities.
- Cheezer:** **Male, teens-early 20's**
The wayward son of Dr. Cheezowitz and right-hand man to Moonguppie. Though he probably has a more sensible and well reasoned outlook he is plagued with teenage insecurities.
- Binky:** **Female, Teens**
Bubbly young girl with somewhat of a violent psychotic streak.
- Simone:** **Female, Teens**
Binky's slightly less bright sidekick.
- Chip:** **Male, Teens**
Tagalong, with dreams of being the top dog of the teenage island beach community. Generally has a depressed negative attitude close relationship with Davy.
- Davy:** **Male, Teens**
Island simpleton. More naïve and unaware than slow. He has the thought process of a curious child.
- Brother Bailey J Moongup:**
Male, 40's-50's
A slick and expressive pastor whose zealotry is matched only by his paranoia. Blindly following his own personal sense of what is right and wrong without any need for logic or reason.
Father of Moonguppie
- Doctor Hershall Cheezowitz:**
Male, 40's
Local Island Scientist. Very much afraid of conflict. Very much a fence sitter that hopes others will fight his battles for him.
Father of Cheezer

Setting and Time

This play takes place in various locations in a stylized version of the present that evokes the look and feel of a 1960's Beach Blanket film. Scene changes should be simple possibly only using lights to denote a new location.

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ACT 1

SCENE 1

BEACH:

(Moonguppie runs onstage followed by his beach buddy tagalongs; Binky, Simone, Cheezer and Chip)

MOONGUPPIE

C'mon gang it's an extreme wacky beach party extravaganza!

BINKY

Neato!

SIMONE

Rad!

CHIP

This is too Funky for words!

MOONGUPPIE

Here's a word for ya....

(They lean in eagerly)

MOONGUPPIE (Continued)

Party!

(Music begins they dance, throw a beach ball, and make general merriment to and fro)

DAVY

Moonguppie! Moonguppie! I've got a serious problem! This bully just kicked sand in my face and took my girl.

MOONGUPPIE

Sounds like somebody needs to learn "KUH-rah-Tay"

DAVY

But what's Karate?

MOONGUPPIE

You've never heard of Karate?

DAVY

Never.

MOONGUPPIE

Well Check this out...

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(He begins an elaborate tai chi like stretching ritual.)

(Chip and Cheezer Run and grab a couple of wooden boards)

(Moonguppie takes a couple of deep breaths and is about to strike)

CHIP

But, Moonguppie, Doesn't it take years to learn the mystical eastern martial art of KUH-rah-Tae?

MOONGUPPIE

Maybe... If you're a square!

(He chops through the boards)

MOONGUPPIE (Continued)

Ya see, once you've mastered the mysterious and mystical eastern martial art of Karate you can handle any situation.

CHEEZER

Any Situation?

MOONGUPPIE

That's right, Cheezer. Just think some big punk comes up to you and tries to give you a hard time...

(He does his stretches and then a few chops and kicks at an imaginary foe.)

MOONGUPPIE (Continued)

Piece. Of. Cake. And that's only one of multitudes of uses for the amazing and mysterious mystical art of Karate.

CHIP

Moonguppie! Moonguppie! I've got a super-serious problem.

MOONGUPPIE

Well what's that Chip?

CHIP

My sister's pregnant.

(Moonguppie is suddenly serious)

MOONGUPPIE

Is it mine?

(He nods "yes")

(Awkward silence)

(Cheezer steps in for him)

CHEEZER

Why don't you just use the mysterious eastern art of Karate--

MOONGUPPIE

--No Cheezer! Not Here. Not Now. It's not appropriate...
OR IS IT!

(Moonguppie whispers to Cheezer)

CHEEZER

Hey Chip, where is Annelle right now?

CHIP

When I last saw her she was up on that clifftop near the far end of the beach where no one ever goes. She seemed real depressed. But you know how she is, sometimes she just flakes out and wanders away for days at a time.

CHEEZER

Perfect! Why don't you guys go practice your Karate while we go talk to her.

CHIP

That sounds great!

DAVY

You always know just what to do Moonguppie!

(Chip and Davy run offstage practicing their karate.)

BINKY AND SIMONE

Moonguppie! Moonguppie! We got the most super-serious problem of all!

MOONGUPPIE

Super-serious, What are you fucking kidding me? Clearly I have the most serious problem here. I've got an underage pregnant girlfriend.

SIMONE

But...

MOONGUPPIE

I'm sorry, did you not hear me? I am a PREACHER'S SON WITH A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND. I'm screwed. GODDAMN IT!

SIMONE
Binky, call me crazy but I've got a hankerin' feeling that something's wrong and I think maybe just maybe...

BINKY
Shut up, Simone.

CHEEZER
Sorry girls, It looks like you're gonna have to deal with this one on your own. C'mon Moonguppie, I'll go with you.

MOONGUPPIE
Thanks Cheezer you're the tops.

BINKY
But what about us?

MOONGUPPIE
Stop suffocating me! I can't solve all of your problems. Fuck! I mean, seriously can't you people do anything for yourself.

CHEEZER
Moonguppie, c'mon.

MOONGUPPIE
God, If I died tomorrow you'd all be screwed, this whole damn place would collapse. I'm sick of it.

SIMONE
But Moonguppie! If we don't...

MOONGUPPIE
I DON'T CARE! I never did. GET A LIFE. Do you really want to turn out like me? I'm 27 and I hang out on a beach with teenagers. It's sad. Sad and fucking pathetic. I wanted to be an astronaut. I wanted to go to space. And you know what? That's never gonna fucking happen. Never.

CHEEZER
C'mon Moonguppie we better go find Annelle. Sorry girls.

(They exit)

SIMONE
But what are we gonna do? If we don't get an "A" at the Science Fair....

BINKY
I know.

SIMONE
I'm scared.

BINKY
It's all right

(Bro. Bailey J. Moongupp enters)

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Girls I think you're a little early.

BINKY
Nah, we were just hanging out on the beach with the gang.

SIMONE
But then they left us here.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
You are coming to the big school board hearings this afternoon?

BINKY
Why?

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
A little birdie tells me you girls are having some trouble with a science class.

SIMONE
We sure are! If we don't get an "A" we have to go to summer school

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Oh now, I think it's just a shame that they would fail you over something ridiculous like a silly little science class. Just a shame.

BINKY
Yeah, and we have no idea what to do.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Don't let it get you down, I mean when do you really ever use science in everyday life? Never. And how could you, huh? Let me tell you a little story about science ya know people seem to think science has all the answers.

BINKY
That's for sure.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Science tells us we can always trust it because it's been tested and proven.

SIMONE
Isn't that true?

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Well science does talk a good game... But let's review their claims. Science says "don't eat transfats, they're bad". Science says, "don't hold a large metal rod during a lightning storm, it's dangerous". Science says, "if you stare directly into the sun during an eclipse you're a crazy person"

BINKY

That sounds like practical advice.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Oh really? Ever heard of a wacky little notion called "the law of gravity"? Isaac Newton discovered it hundreds of years ago, taught us all about it and we got along just fine. Then one day all of a sudden "Science" changes it's mind and says NOPE, "Sir Isaac Newton you're a silly, stupid, old fool, yes you are. And you're wrong". And ya want to know why? Because the super-cool, trendy, flavor-of-the-month Albert Einstein came up with a flashy new theory of gravity. Better yet, do you know how they "proved" Einsteins "theory" of "gravity" --THEY STARRED AT THE SUN DURING AN ECLIPSE! The hypocrites. The self congratulating fools. They're just a bunch of filthy elitist egghead snobs, yes they are. Let me tell you what I know about gravity... it never changes. God made it that way. But Science, Science does change. Changes all the time. I don't know about you girls, but I don't trust it.

BINKY

Wow, I never knew that.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
That's science for ya. Always keeping secrets, I guess that's why the Nazis were such big fans of it.

BINKY

How can you learn Science if it's different all the time?

SIMONE

I guess we can't.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Not unless you want to be some kind of a book-worm-square-poindexter. You don't want that do you?

BINKY

No sir!

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP

Well then don't even bother.

SIMONE
But then we'll have to go to summer school.

BINKY
And we'll miss the killer surf season!

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Don't worry girls, that's not going to happen. Not on my watch. Once the school board hears from me today... science is going to be on the run.

BINKY
I sure hope you're right.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Then you should start praying.

SIMONE
Praying?

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Absolutely, God always answers prayers, especially if they come from two pretty young underage girls like you, and with any luck he'll answer in a way that actually helps you.

BINKY
Does God answer your prayers.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Oh yes, yes he does...

(He leers at them for an awkward moment)

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP (Continued)
You know what girls, I'm going to tell you a secret. I used to be an atheist.

BINKY
You did?

SIMONE
Really?

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Sure, I couldn't see what God had ever done for me so I got mad at him. Real mad.

BINKY
But don't you have to actually believe in him to be mad at him?

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Binky, when it comes to Gods it's not so much what you "think" or "believe", but what you pretend to think. What you believe in your heart of hearts --what feels good to publicly acknowledge. Ya see God wants to reward the faithful so he put this thing in your brain where if you pretend to believe something long enough. You can, sometimes, eventually --if you really really want to, actually start to believe it's true.

SIMONE
So you can believe in something even if you aren't really sure it's true?

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Absolutely, take my son for example: I know he's always getting in trouble, missing church, and falling asleep when he does show up. I know he breaks commandments left and right and has no real future except as some filthy Island hippie vagrant. But at the same time... I believe that his failings are absolutely no fault of my own. All of his failings come from either his late mother or from the fact he's a sinner damned to hellfire for his crime of apostasy. In fact most of the time I just pretend he doesn't exist at all and that I'm a childless man in the prime of his life with no family connections weighing him down from pursuing any of the pleasures of a less responsible younger man.

BINKY
But, that's not true at all.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
But I keep saying it and pretending it's true so I know that eventually it will in fact be so.

SIMONE
But you do have a son, he just went to find his pregnant underage girlfriend.

BINKY
Shut up Simone!

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
I didn't see that happen all I have is your word, so I can just go right on believing what I want.

SIMONE
I'm still confused.

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Don't you worry about it. God knows you're confused. We all are.

(MORE)

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP (Continued)
That's why he gave us a book with all the answers in it. Yes he did. Maybe we can read it together sometime... at my bachelor pad.

SIMONE
That sounds fun.

(Cheezer re-enters)

CHEEZER (O.S.)
Hey guys? How shallow do you think is too shallow for a shallow grave? Oh, Hi Brother Bailey.

(Silence)

BRO. BAILEY J. MOONGUPP
Well, I'm going to get the rest of those signs. I'll see the two of you later.

(He makes a hasty retreat.)

CHEEZER
Aw shucks guys, why didn't you warn me?

BINKY
Sorry Cheezer.

MOONGUPPIE
Don't worry about it Cheezer by the time the tide comes in there won't be any evidence to worry about.

CHEEZER
I'm not too sure...

MOONGUPPIE
Ah c'mon Cheezer, what are the odds of them tracing it back to us?

CHEEZER
I'd say pretty good, considering...

MOONGUPPIE
Jeez, somebody sure is a worry-wart! I think someone needs to learn the mind calming skills associated with the mysterious and mystical...

CHEEZER
Eastern art of karate, got it.

MOONGUPPIE
Say girls didn't you have some kind of problem?

CHEEZER
Science fair?

MOONGUPPIE
Ouch that sounds like a real super-stinker!

BINKY
Yeah, that's it. How'd you know?

CHEEZER
I'm in the same boat. But I'm not too worried my dad's going to help me get something together.

BINKY
Too bad I don't have a scientist for a father.

CHEEZER
Well I'm sure your pops can help you come up with something.

SIMONE
Her father can't.

BINKY
Shut up, Simone.

SIMONE
He's Dead.

MOONGUPPIE
Well what if you go see Cheezer's pops? I'm sure he's got enough science know-how to get you started.

CHEEZER
Yeah that's a great idea.

BINKY
You really think he'd help us?

CHEEZER
Sure he would.

SIMONE
Wow thanks Moonguppie, you've always got the answers.

(They exit)

MOONGUPPIE
Boy, Cheezer I'd be a pretty lousy friend to not notice something's bothering you.

CHEEZER
I'm fine. What about you you seemed a little stressed earlier.

MOONGUPPIE
I don't know what you're talking about.

CHEEZER
Ya know earlier... with the whole astronaut thing.

MOONGUPPIE
We're not talking about me, alright, we're talking about you so quit fucking prying. Is that too damn much to ask.

(Beat)

MOONGUPPIE (Continued)
Well is it?

CHEEZER
No. No.

MOONGUPPIE
No. I didn't fucking think so,
(he shifts back to happy-go-lucky)
So what's bugging you pal?

CHEEZER
Ah jeez Moonguppie Sometimes I just worry that I'm being an embarrassment to my Dad. I mean he's a scientist, he made straight A's all through school and now he's working on setting the science standards for the school board. What have I done, What is there for him to be proud of in me?

MOONGUPPIE
Cheezer, your Pops loves you. He's even helping you with your Science fair project.

CHEEZER
Yeah but we had a dozy of a fight about what to do...

MOONGUPPIE
Cheezer the last time me and my dad got in a "fight" he tricked me into denying the existence of the holy spirit and then damned me to hell for apostasy.

CHEEZER
Wow, I guess that is pretty bad.

MOONGUPPIE
Pretty bad? It's the one unforgivable sin in the Bible. I'm doomed to eternal punishment for all of eternity now.

CHEEZER
Shucks, that's a real bumner.

MOONGUPPIE

Yeah, I've just gotta bank on one of those trendy new age religions now. Otherwise, my soul is toast.

CHEEZER

I sure hope that works out for ya.

MOONGUPPIE

Me too.

CHEEZER

How are things coming with your dad's presentation?

MOONGUPPIE

He won't even let me come and watch. He's afraid I'll embarrass him.

CHEEZER

Well maybe... Maybe he just...

MOONGUPPIE

Cheezer, my dad doesn't even believe in rock and roll. He says it's the devils music. In fact he wants to see me and all the beach buddy tagalongs forcibly kicked off the beach and sent off to be missionaries in hostile parts of the middle-east.

CHEEZER

Jeepers, Moonguppie, that sure sounds awful.

MOONGUPPIE

You got that right. Sometimes I think he wishes that I had died in that same curiously unexplained accident that killed my mother.

CHEEZER

Ah c'mon Moonguppie, I'm sure he wouldn't want that.

MOONGUPPIE

Has your pops spent every one of your birthdays trying to have you exorcized of demonic influence?

CHEEZER

Ya know the more I think about it, I guess me and my dad *do* get along pretty well.

MOONGUPPIE

Cheezer your pops is the cats pajamas.

CHEEZER

That's what everybody says.

MOONGUPPIE

Of course they do, and ya know what? You're a real chip off the old block.

CHEEZER

I guess this whole evolution thing just has me kind of nervous. I mean, my dad could lose his job and be shunned from the community. I sure don't want that.

MOONGUPPIE

Me neither.

CHEEZER

If there was just a way so that they could both win...

MOONGUPPIE

I've got it!

CHEEZER

What, have your father remain a respected religious leader that has full autonomy to believe and preach whatever he likes, as my father improves the Science standards of the island educational system, thus strengthening an all too valuable separation of Church and State, that would keep your father from setting up an oppressive totalitarian religious government, saving all of us, as well as the beach, from your father's plans to create an iron-clad Christian theocracy, Whilst keeping us competitive with people in a global market that is largely based on scientific and technological achievement?

MOONGUPPIE

Even better! A Dance Contest...with streamers...and Tiki torches.

CHEEZER

Wowey wow! Moonguppie you always know just what to do!

MOONGUPPIE

C'mon Cheezer let's go tell the gang and get everything set up before the Board of Education has their hearings.

ACT 1

SCENE 2

CHEEZOWITZ OFFICE:

(Dr. Hershall Fenton Cheezowitz is trying to get ready for the hearings. He is shuffling through files and charts.)

SIMONE

But you've got to help us get ready for the science fair!

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

Well Maybe if you had worked harder during the year this wouldn't be a problem now.

BINKY

You don't understand. I can't go to summer school, I just can't.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

We all have do things we don't like...

SIMONE

But Dr. Cheezowitz...

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

I happen to think it's irresponsible to expect a big reward for inadequate merit. If your grades are poor...

BINKY

When I was a kid, just six years old, I was really bad at spelling and I would study my spelling words all night before a test. One day I got a "C" and when I went home my Dad got so mad. He locked me in my room and he wouldn't let me out all weekend.

SIMONE

SHE COULDN'T EVEN GO TO THE BATHROOM!

BINKY

And then for the next two weeks every day when I came home from school, as soon as I walked in the door, he would... he would beat me with a piece of bamboo until I passed out. I'd wake up hours later, a mass of tears, bruises, and bloody bamboo splinters and I would go to my room and I would hide. I would hide there Dr. Cheezowitz, just waiting for the... for the all too sweet embrace of death.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

Oh my god that's horrible...

SIMONE
It's really sad isn't it?

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
I'm so sorry, I never knew...

BINKY
It's alright

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
No it's not. No one should have to go through that. Binky,
I know he's your father but you should report this to the
police.

BINKY
I can't

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Binky.

SIMONE
She really can't, Dr. Cheezowitz.

BINKY
Shut up Simone.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Listen, I know he's your father, but that sort of torture is
beyond reproach.

BINKY
I know, but... I can't

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Why not?

SIMONE
Because she killed him in his sleep with a paring knife last
week.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
What!?

SIMONE
About a week ago, and then we hacked up the body and threw it
out into the ocean! I took pictures!

BINKY
Shut up, Simone!

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
You killed him? You killed your father?

SIMONE
And I took pictures.

BINKY
More or less.

SIMONE
They're really good pictures. There's one where his spleen is hanging out and it looks like....

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Shut up Simone!

BINKY
Yes, Dr. Cheezowitz. Yes I killed my father. But did I do something so awful. Am I such a criminal. Is there anything so particularly terrible in destroying a monster? Is there anything less than noble in eliminating a cancer? Does your "evolutionary science" not tell you that only the strong will survive whilst the broken, weak, and unprepared are culled off? Yes Dr. Cheezowitz. Yes, I killed my father. But who's fault is that.... mine or science's?

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
You killed him with a paring knife... and took pictures.

BINKY
I didn't have time to think. He was drunk and I was scared. I was *so scared* Dr. Cheezowitz. I could hear his footsteps coming closer and closer and I had no choice. I didn't want to die Dr. Cheezowitz... I didn't want to die. And in that horrible moment I made the only choice that my young terrified mind could make. I chose to survive.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Oh my god I'm so sorry. I shouldn't judge you.

SIMONE
I thought you used the paring knife because you wanted him "to suffer and feel-the-wretched-pain-that-he-caused-you-in-his-short-but-twisted-life"

BINKY
Shut up Simone!

SIMONE
And didn't we kill him in his sleep? I'm pretty sure he was asleep.

BINKY
SHUT UP SIMONE!

SIMONE
She cut out one of his eyes as a souvenir, its really funny looking.

BINKY
SHUT UP SIMONE! SHUT UP! JUST SHUT THE FUCK UP! SHUT UP!
SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

SIMONE
BINKY!

(They pause locked in a gaze for a moment)

SIMONE (Continued)
Binky. When you yell like that you it's bad for you're throat, and my self confidence. We DO NOT have a healthy line of communication right now.

BINKY
I'm sorry.
(Pause)

SIMONE
No, I am.

BINKY
I know... and you know what? I forgive you.

SIMONE
Thank you.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Alright--- So what can I do for you girls?

SIMONE
We really need to get an A on our science fair project.

BINKY
You'll Help us won't you.... WON'T YOU... Dr. Cheezowitz.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Well sure.... sure I will.. What are you girls interested in.

SIMONE
We just really need something good. We need an "A"

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Well how about a volcano?.....or a battery made out of a potato? You could chart plant growth... and put it on a graph!

(The girls are unimpressed)

BINKY

I don't want to go to summer school Dr. Cheezowitz.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

Well girls...

SIMONE

Look Dr. Cheezowitz, If we have to go to summer school we're gonna miss the whole surf season.

(Cheezowitz is shocked. He finally understands)

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

I didn't realize.... well look girls, I can't bare to see anybody miss a killer surf, and this years supposed to be a doozy. You are more than welcome to anything here in my files.

SIMONE

What's this one?

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

Oh I don't know about that girls. Stem Cell research is a very touchy subject... frankly I'm not comfortable with it.

SIMONE

Why not?

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

I'm not sure. As a scientist the enormous possible benefits to the human race are incalculable. We could cure most known diseases, repair damaged limbs, extend life for years beyond our current life-span...

BINKY

That sounds great.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

It is.

SIMONE

Then why don't you work on it?

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

Well, although there are more benefits than I could ever count in three lifetimes... popular moral opinion tells me that it may be "immoral".

BINKY

Gosh that's such a bummer.

SIMONE

But why not do it anyway? Forget about morality, do what's right instead.

BINKY
SIMONE! Without our morals we have nothing.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
She's right Simone. You should listen to Binky, she's got a good head on her shoulders. Without our morals, our sense of right and wrong... well, we are no better than the animals in the zoo. No better than the timid meerkat, the slack-jawed gorilla, the useless giraffe. No, popular morality must always win in a battle with common sense, it's the American way of life.

BINKY
God Bless America Dr. Cheezowitz.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
God Bless America Binky.

SIMONE
What if popular moral opinion is wrong?

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
It can't be wrong, that's what Democracy is all about. Everyone gets a say and as soon as we know what everyone says we can decide who's wrong and publicly label them. Have you ever heard of Mccarthyism?

SIMONE
No sir.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
Well I guess you've got a lot to learn.

BINKY
She sure does. Dr. Cheezowitz. She sure does.

SIMONE
But, if you have to follow popular moral opinion then how come you're trying to update the science standards. Everyone seemed pretty happy with them.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
I guess I never really thought about it like that.

SIMONE
I mean If most of the people agree that evolution didn't happen, shouldn't we just accept that. Isn't that how Mccarthyism works?

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ
I guess you're right, but over 97% of all scientists are completely in agreement about evolution, there's not really a
(MORE)

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ (Continued)
controversy at all. I'm just trying to make our standards
for education on equal footing with the rest of the world.

BINKY

Boy Dr. Cheezowitz, I hope you prepared to make a better
argument than that.

HERSHAL FENTON CHEEZOWITZ

I'm not so sure anymore.

SIMONE

Maybe popular moral opinion shouldn't be right. Maybe
Democracy shouldn't be right. Maybe what's right should be
right.

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