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To: Friends
From: Aram Hamparian, Executive Director
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Re: **PBS set to provide platform to Genocide deniers**

I thought you might be interested in this recent coverage regarding PBS's profoundly troubling decision to use the public airwaves to provide a platform to Armenian Genocide deniers.



Armenian Genocide panel protested

By Tania Chatila, 2/23/06

[...] The Armenian National Committee of America launched efforts last week to discourage PBS from distributing the panel discussion and its member stations from airing it, said Zanku Armenian, a board member of the Western Region of the Armenian National Committee of America, which is based in Glendale. "By airing a panel of genocide deniers after a genocide piece, it's insulting the memories of victims of the genocide, and giving undue credence to those trying to erase this crime."

[...] And Rep. Adam Schiff, who represents Glendale and Burbank, is eliciting the support of other members of Congress to come out in opposition. He was one of four Congressmen to send out a message Wednesday asking counterparts to sign a letter, which they plan to send to PBS voicing concerns over the piece. "Despite the Turkish government's concerted and well-financed effort to obscure and alter history, there is no serious academic dispute about the Armenian Genocide," the Congressmen's letter to PBS reads. "We urge you to stand by PBS' commitment to public service and not give voice to those who would deny the deliberate murder of 1.5 million people."



PBS Panel on Armenian Genocide Stirs Protest

By Paul Farhi, 2/16/06

[...] Thousands of Armenian Americans are protesting the Public Broadcasting Service's planned panel-discussion program about Turkey's role in the deaths of Armenians during and after World War I. The 25-minute program has generated an outcry because the panel will include two scholars who deny that 1.5 million Armenian civilians were killed in eastern Turkey from 1915 to 1920.



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