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The Greater Metropolitan Social Studies Conference

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Dear Mr. Stossel:

The Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference brings together Social Studies educators from across New York State. We originally invited you as a speaker and an awardee at the annual conference because of our respect for your earlier work as a consumer watchdog.

However, your recent 20/20 report, *Stupid In America*, so violates the democratic principles of open-mindedness, balance and fairness we hold dear as educators of Social Studies, and so departs from the standards of objective and unbiased journalism, that we have been left no choice but to withdraw our invitation to be the Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference speaker and awardee.

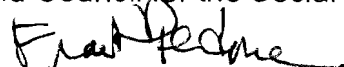
An individual who is accorded this honor must be a person whose public work embodies the democratic values and the responsible democratic citizenship which lie at the very center of Social Studies education.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Dytell 
Chair, Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference

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