

THE CONFEDERACY

"Pilot"

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Setting: A stereotypical city in the South

Note: Every single character on the show has a strong Southern accent.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

A TEACHER (female, 40) is talking to a classroom of about 20 fifth grade STUDENTS.

TEACHER

Can anyone tell me who we defeated in the Revolutionary War?

Several students raise their hand.

TEACHER

Janice.

JANICE

The British.

TEACHER

Right. OK. And who did we defeat in the Civil War?

Several students raise their hand.

TEACHER

Jeff.

JEFF

The Union.

TEACHER

Right. We defeated the Union in 1865, and we became our own country. The ACAA. Can anyone tell me what ACAA stands for?

Several students raise their hand.

TEACHER

Ron.

RON

The American Confederation of World Wide Wrestling and Cigarettes.

TEACHER

No, Ron. Our country isn't a wrestling

federation or a tobacco Company. ACAA stands for the American Confederacy of American America.

WAYNE

You know, my daddy let me smoke a cigarette once. I almost threw up.

TEACHER

That's great, Wayne.
(to Class)

So like I was saying, we became the ACAA. And north of us is the Union, also known as the USA, or the United States of America.

PHIL

We're more American than they are. 'Cause, like, they only got the word American in their name once--but we got the word America in our name three times. You can't get more American than that.

TEACHER

Well. That's a good point, Phil.

WAYNE

Is the USA the country where New York is?

TEACHER

Yes, Wayne.

WAYNE

My daddy says that in New York, everyone's a WASP, hippie, Jew, homo, or foreigner.

TEACHER

Well, Wayne. This isn't a class where we learn what your daddy says. It's class where we learn history.

WAYNE

My daddy says that history is rewritten by Jews.

TEACHER

I don't care what your daddy says.

WAYNE

My daddy says that I shouldn't trust what my teachers say.

TEACHER

Good for your daddy!

(to Class)

Now, who can tell me the capital of our country?

Most of the students raise their hand.

TEACHER

Jimmy.

JIMMY

Earnhardt City.

TEACHER

That's right.

(to Class)

I'm sure all of y'all have been there, since it's just ten miles from here. Now, who can tell me the race car driver that Earnhardt City is named after?

Everyone raises their hand.

TEACHER

Joey.

JOEY

Dale Earnhardt.

TEACHER

Absolutely. Dale Earnhardt.

JEFF

I was gonna say Dale Earnhardt, too.

TEACHER

Great, Jeff.

JANICE

I was also gonna say Dale Earnhardt.

TEACHER

I'm sure everyone in this class was gonna say Dale Earnhardt.

JOEY

Is Dale Earnhardt the founder of our country?

TEACHER

No. That's George Washington.

CHRIS

Isn't George Washington the guy on the one dollar bill?

TEACHER

Yes. George Washington is on the one dollar bill. And Dale Earnhardt is on the five dollar bill.

INT. OVAL OFFICE - DAY

President LEANNE JOHNSON (55) is seated at her desk and talking to her Vice President BILLY RAY (40).

LEANNE

I can't believe that British Prime Minister is refusing to sign the trade agreement.

BILLY RAY

I knew he wouldn't sign it. I don't trust any government that's headed by a Prime Minister. What the hell does that even mean, anyways? "Prime Minister?" I'm fixing to look that up in a dictionary.

LEANNE

Dang it, Billy Ray. You've got to be the most ignorant Vice President in the history of the ACAA.

BILLY RAY

You better hush up, Mrs. President.

LEANNE

Hush up my petute. And for your information, a Prime Minister is the same as a President.

BILLY RAY

Then why don't those British folk just call their President a President, instead of a Prime Minister?

LEANNE

Why don't they call an elevator an elevator? Why don't they all their currency a dollar?

BILLY RAY

Because they don't believe in American logic. Now, uh, how are we gonna get that Prime Minister to sign the trade agreement? I suppose we gotta invite him over here for some tea and crumpets. British people can't resist that kind of stuff.

LEANNE

Let's forget about the Prime Minister for now. We got another big issue brewing right here in the states. Do you know how many people are running around protesting because they want to play soccer?

BILLY RAY

I figured they'd stop flapping their gums about that by now. It's unbelievable. All these Mexicans want to play soccer in America! I mean, haven't they ever heard of the thirty ninth amendment?

LEANNE

They're out clamoring for us to repeal it.

BILLY RAY

Well. We are not gonna repeal the anti-soccer amendment! I mean, we can't go around making changes to the Constitution, just 'cause some Mexicans want to run up and down a grass field and kick a ball.

LEANNE

Listen. This pro-soccer movement is really gaining ground. Among Hispanics and non-Hispanics.

BILLY RAY

So?

LEANNE

And, you know, it's just--it's 2020. Maybe it's time we give people the right to play whatever sports they want to play.

BILLY RAY

But we're not talking about a sport, Mrs. President. We're talking about soccer. Look up "sport" in an American dictionary. By definition, a sport is a physical game that's not soccer. Baseball is a sport. Because it's a physical game that's not soccer. Basketball is a sport. Because it's a physical game that's not soccer. As for soccer, it's a physical game that is soccer. So it's not a sport.

LEANNE

I appreciate that explanation, Billy Ray. But the point is, soccer is an activity--and people want the right to engage in that activity.

BILLY RAY

What are you trying to say? That you want to legalize soccer?

LEANNE

Billy Ray. Society has changed when it comes to this issue. Soccer is gonna be legalized--whether we go along with all of this or not.

BILLY RAY

That's sounds like something a Mexican would say. Maybe I should start calling you Senora Presidente.

LEANNE

You're sounding mighty racist right now, Billy Ray.

BILLY RAY

I ain't no racist! I love Mexicans. In fact, I got a bottle of Tapatio hot sauce in my kitchen. Mexicans are great. I just don't believe in soccer.

INT. HOME - DAY

SHELBY (35), Shelby's mother SUZANNE (57), and Shelby's friend CHEYENNE (35) are seated on a couch.

SHELBY

Mama--did you watch that White House Dinner on TV last night?

SUZANNE

Sure did.

SHELBY

The way Aunt Leanne was dolled up, she looked like a movie star.

SUZANNE

I should hope so. Considering how she stole Angelina Jolie's stylist.

CHEYENNE

She what?

SUZANNE

Yup. The guy packed his bags and moved from Hollywood to the White House, and he's there full time.

SHELBY

Great. Now Angelina Jolie has yet another reason to hate Aunt Leanne.

CHEYENNE

Isn't weird how you refer her as Aunt Leanne?

SHELBY

What's so weird about it?

CHEYENNE

Well. She's the President.

SHELBY

But she's my aunt.

CHEYENNE

But she's your aunt the President.

SHELBY

Well. Should I call her aunt President?

CHEYENNE
How about Mrs. Aunt?

SHELBY
(to Suzanne)
Mama. Did you get a look at that dress
Mrs. Aunt was wearing?

SUZANNE
Yes. And I got a look at the price
tag, too. Twenty thousand dollars.

CHEYENNE
Is that where all of our tax money is
going? Her wardrobe?

SUZANNE
No. The designers just give her
clothes for free.

SHELBY
Um. Can you ask Aunt Leanne to get me
some clothes? Tell her I'm a size
four.

HORATIO (40) walks in.

SHELBY
Horatio. What are you doing home so
early?

HORATIO
Oh. Well, uh--remember my job?

SHELBY
Do I remember it? Of course I remember
it.

HORATIO
Well forget it. Now how about you get
your Aunt Leanne to give me some
unemployment benefits?

SHELBY
How did you lose your job?

HORATIO
I left it.

SHELBY
Well go back and get it.

HORATIO
I can't. I lost it.

SHELBY
Did you lose it or did you leave it?

HORATIO
Both. It was a mutual breakup. I said, "I quit," and they said, "You're fired."

SHELBY
And in what order were those statements made?

HORATIO
It was simultaneous.

SHELBY
If you expect me to believe that, then you're simultaneously a moron and an idiot.

HORATIO
Honey. The point is, I'm passing the baton on to you. Go get a job.

SHELBY
I have a job.

HORATIO
Get a full time job. As for me, I've been working nine to five for the past eighteen years. I figure it's about time I, uh... you know.

SHELBY
Take a break?

HORATIO
I was gonna say "retire."

Jeff walks into the room.

JEFF
Daddy? What are you doing home so early?

HORATIO
Well. Let me ask you this, Jeff. How would you feel about getting a job?

INT. WHITE HOUSE (INFORMAL) DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Leanne is seated at a table eating dinner with BILLY BOB (55)

BILLY BOB

So how was your day, honey?

LEANNE

Alright. Except Billy Ray is being a pain in the ass, as usual. How was your day?

BILLY BOB

Well. I went bowling at that alley on Ninth Street.

LEANNE

Why didn't you take me?

BILLY BOB

You were busy running the country.

LEANNE

You know what I mean. You're always having fun without me. I mean, we have a bowling alley right here in the White House. But you're running off to some other place, so you won't have to do stuff with me.

BILLY BOB

Fine. You want to go bowling after dinner?

LEANNE

You know I hate bowling.

BILLY BOB

But you just said you wanted me to take you bowling?

LEANNE

I didn't literally mean, "Why didn't you take me bowling?"

BILLY BOB

Well what did you literally mean?

LEANNE

I literally want you to figure it out.

BILLY BOB

Fine. I get it. The thing is, I don't always want to spend time here, where you're the boss.

LEANNE

Now Billy Bob, you know I'm not the boss of you.

BILLY BOB

Still. This is your house, your office, and you run things. So excuse me if I don't want to spend my days and nights here Leanne, a.k.a. Mrs. President.

LEANNE

Well. I mean, you used to have your own company where you were the boss. I didn't tell you to sell it.

BILLY RAY

Yes you did. You said, "No one's gonna vote for a woman who's married to a guy who owns a Port-a-Potty factory.

LEANNE

I said that once, and I was drunk when I said it.

EXT. PARK - DAY

Three MEXICAN MEN and two other MEN are playing soccer.

(Note that all of the Mexicans have Southern accents, and more or less sound like rednecks.)

A POLICE OFFICER (male, 40) walks up to them.

POLICE OFFICER

What in tarnations do you think you're doing?

MEXICAN MAN

We're exercising.

POLICE OFFICER

Exercising, huh? Well--that's an interesting form of exercise.

MEXICAN MAN

We're playing a sport. Are you familiar with the concept of a sport?

POLICE OFFICER

I watch *Sportscenter* every night. And I've never seen this sport on it.

MEXICAN MAN

Well. This is the most popular sport in the world, ese.

POLICE OFFICER

I see you got a field, and a ball, and goals.

MEXICAN MAN

Yeah. Those are necessary ingredients for this sport.

POLICE OFFICER

Why don't you pick up that ball and throw it into the goal?

MEXICAN MAN

I can't. It's against this sport's rules.

POLICE OFFICER

Let me ask you something, son. Do you think you're in Guadalajara right now?

MEXICAN MAN

No.

POLICE OFFICER

Do you think you're in Rio dee Juh-nario?

MEXICAN MAN

I know where I am, officer. This here is Earnhardt City.

POLICE OFFICER

You better pick up that ball and throw it into that goal.

He kicks the ball into the goal.

POLICE OFFICER

You and your amigos are under arrest

for violation of the anti-soccer amendment. You have the right to remain silent, buddy.

INT. NEWS ROOM - DAY

NEWS ANCHOR

The arrest of a soccer player in Earnhardt City yesterday has escalated the growing pro-soccer movement. Jose Garcia and four other men were charged with disorderly conduct for kicking a ball into a goal at Crisco Park. Two hours later, three hundred soccer enthusiasts took part in a protest in Earnhardt City, calling for a repeal of the thirty ninth amendment. The protesters were led by Julio Caesar Rey, Jr., a prominent figure in the soccer rights movement.

(VIDEO CLIP) EXT. PARK - DAY

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR. (Mexican, 45, mustached) is addressing a CROWD.

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

This is not about soccer. This is about America. Look at Southern Mount Rushmore. Look at those four men. George Washington, Dale Earnhardt, Thomas Jefferson, and Dale Earnhardt again. Those men believed in a nation governed by laws that give us rights. But as we all know, President John Wayne introduced some dumbass anti-soccer amendment in the Fifties--and for some reason, that dumbass amendment has managed to stay in our Constitution for decades, and corrupt the fundamental principles that our Founding Fathers used in order to define what the new nation would be. The thirty ninth amendment is not an anti-soccer amendment. It's an anti-America amendment. It doesn't matter whether you play soccer, or whether you're Latino, or whether you like John Wayne movies. That's not the issue. The issue is whether you really, truly support one of the basic

components that make America America.

INT. NEWS ROOM - DAY

NEWS ANCHOR

Later, the Vice President made some statements about the pro-soccer rights movement. No one asked him for his opinion, but he just offered it anyways.

INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - DAY

Billy Ray is addressing the PRESS.

BILLY RAY

As it is right now, soccer is illegal. I mean, it says that in the Constitution! In black and white. If we let people play soccer, we might as well ignore the rest of the Constitution. We might as well let people return our country back to the British!

JOURNALIST

Well how about we just change the part of the Constitution that makes soccer illegal?

BILLY RAY

Well how about you shut your damn mouth? What gives you the right to interrupt me like that?

JOURNALIST

The First Amendment of the Constitution.

BILLY RAY

Don't be telling me about the Constitution, buddy! I'm the one who knows it front and back. For all you know, I used to be a Constitutional lawyer.

JOURNALIST

What do you mean for all we know? We know for a fact that you used to sell hog feed for a living.

INT. HOME (LIVING ROOM) - DAY

Horatio and Shelby are watching the news program on TV.

HORATIO

Man. What is this country coming to,
where people want to legalize soccer?
I mean, John Wayne said it best:
"Kicking a ball into a net is un-
American!"

SHELBY

Who cares about soccer? How about you
go get a job?

HORATIO

I'm taking a break.

SHELBY

Well how about you take a shower?

HORATIO

I'm taking a break from working and
showering.

SHELBY

Whatever. I'm gonna go pick up Jeff
from school.

HORATIO

What's for dinner tonight?

SHELBY

You tell me. You're the one who's
gonna make dinner. And you know what?
You're the one who's gonna pick Jeff
up from school.

HORATIO

Fine. But I'm not the one who's gonna
take a shower.

INT. OVAL OFFICE - DAY

Leanne and Billy Ray

LEANNE

We gotta free those five guys who were
arrested for playing soccer.

BILLY RAY

Free them? I'll see to it that we send their asses right back to Mexico.

LEANNE

Two of the guys aren't even Mexican. One's from Australia.

BILLY RAY

I don't give a rat's ass if he's from Australia, or Antarctica, or Eye-
rania. If you play soccer in America, you get deported to Mexico. That's the law.

LEANNE

That is not the law, Billy Ray.

BILLY RAY

Sure it is! I know, because I used to be a Constitutional lawyer. And even if it's not the law, that's what John Wayne would've wanted.

LEANNE

Well John Wayne is not the President anymore. I'm President. And we are not gonna deport those five guys to Mexico.

BILLY RAY

Well how about I deport you to Mexico, El Presidente!

LEANNE

How about you get the hell out of my office?!

BILLY RAY

Oh. So you want me to vamanos?

LEANNE

Yes! Vamanos your ass out of here!

EXT. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - DAY

Horatio is walking and smoking a cigarette. He sees Jeff and a few other KIDS kicking a can around.

HORATIO

Jeff! What the hell are you doing?

JEFF

We're just playing kick the can.

HORATIO

What do you mean "kick the can?"

JEFF

It's a new game we made up. You take a can, and you kick it around.

HORATIO

Well. Pick that can up and play throw the can. And while you do that, I'm gonna go talk to your Principal.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Horatio walks into the office and sees an ASSISTANT (female, 40).

HORATIO

Where's the Principal?

ASSISTANT

Sir. When you're on school grounds, you're only allowed to smoke cigars. That's a cigarette. Cigarettes are prohibited on school grounds.

HORATIO

(to himself)

Damn liberals, with their anti-smoking laws.

He uses an ash tray to put out the cigarette.

HORATIO

Where's the Principal?

ASSISTANT

In that office.

HORATIO

Well let me talk to him.

ASSISTANT

Her.

HORATIO

Great. We have a woman President, and a woman Principal. Well, is the Vice

Principal a man?

ASSISTANT

Yeah.

HORATIO

Well. Let me talk to him.

ASSISTANT

You're only willing to talk to a man?

HORATIO

Yeah--because I'm fixing to yell at someone, and I don't want to yell at a woman. I've got manners. I don't yell at women.

(yells)

Now stop sitting on your behind, and go get me the Vice Principal!

INT. VICE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

Horatio is seated across from the VICE PRINCIPAL (male, 40).

VICE PRINCIPAL

Um. What can I do for you?

HORATIO

Are you aware that there are soccer-like activities taking place on your playground?

VICE PRINCIPAL

Soccer-like activities?

HORATIO

My son and his classmates are playing kick the can. Now what are you gonna do about that?

VICE PRINCIPAL

Students are allowed to play kick the can.

HORATIO

What do you mean? In my day, the only thing you could kick was a field goal or someone's ass.

VICE PRINCIPAL

Well. Society has changed. We're not

sticklers when it comes to the anti-soccer law. I mean, if the kids are kicking a round ball into a net, then we'll step in. But we don't police against soccer-like activities.

HORATIO
Well then maybe I will.

VICE PRINCIPAL
What do you mean?

HORATIO
You're gonna hire me as your school's anti-soccer enforcer.

VICE PRINCIPAL
We're not looking to hire an anti-soccer enforcer.

HORATIO
Fine. Then I'm gonna hire myself be America's anti-soccer enforcer.

INT. HOME - DAY

Horatio and Shelby

HORATIO
I got a job today.

SHELBY
Wow. That's great. What job?

HORATIO
I'm the anti-soccer enforcer.

SHELBY
What anti-soccer enforcer?

HORATIO
The anti-soccer enforcer.

SHELBY
What the anti-soccer enforcer?

HORATIO
I'm gonna go around making sure no one plays soccer, or engages in any soccer-like activities, like kick the can, or kick the paper bag, or eating

tortillas or croissants or anything else that's too non-American.

SHELBY

OK. One question. Is that an actual, paying job, like Walmart manager, or is it one of those fictional, non-paying jobs, like Cap'n Crunch?

HORATIO

Just because a job is non-paying, it don't make it fictional. I mean, Johnny Appleseed had a non-paying job.

SHELBY

Johnny Appleseed is a fictional character.

HORATIO

The point is, I'm gonna un-plant soccer, just like how Johnny Appleseed planted apple seeds.

SHELBY

The point is, your new job makes you less employed than you were when you were unemployed.

EXT. PARK - DAY

Horatio is walking around a park, wearing some sort of a uniform, with a whistle around his neck. He spots some PEOPLE playing basketball.

HORATIO

There you go. Basketball. That's a sport. Keep playing that.

He sees some GUYS running, and he chases after them and blows his whistle.

HORATIO

Hey. You guys are running a little too soccer-like. Run like you're baseball players or football players.

He spots a MAN standing next to a can. He blows his whistle and runs up to him.

HORATIO

Are you thinking of kicking that can?

MAN

No.

HORATIO

Well, you better not kick it.

MAN

I don't want to kick it.

HORATIO

Good.

Horatio stares at the man and the can for five seconds.

MAN

Can you get away from me?

Julio Cesar Rey, Jr. enters the park with a bunch of other PEOPLE. Jose is kicking a soccer ball, and some of the other people are holding soccer nets.

HORATIO

What the hell?

Horatio blows his whistle and runs up to Jose.

HORATIO

What the hell do you think you're doing?

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

We're staging a protest for soccer rights.

HORATIO

Oh. So this is the Million Mexican March?

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

There are only forty of us. And most of us aren't Mexican.

A NEWS REPORTER and CAMERAMAN walks towards Julio and Horatio.

NEWS REPORTER

(to Camera)

I'm here at Crisco Park, where Julio Cesar Rey, Jr. and a few dozen others are staging a soccer rights protest.

HORATIO

No they're not.

NEWS REPORTER

Who are you?

HORATIO

I'm Johnny Appleseed, Jr.--and I'm not letting Julio Cesar Rey, Jr. play soccer at this park.

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

Well, Mr. Appleseed. You can go play any sport you want. As for me, I'm gonna play soccer.

HORATIO

Well be my guest. You can play all the soccer you want. All you need to do is put on your soccer jersey, and take yourself back to Mexico.

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

I was born in America.

HORATIO

Well then you're familiar with the thirty ninth amendment.

Julio Caesar Rey, Jr. takes a red card out of his pocket and holds it up.

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

I'm giving that amendment a red card.

HORATIO

I don't know what that means.

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

It means I'm taking it out of the game.

HORATIO

You don't have the authority to take an amendment out of the game.

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

But "We the People" do.

HORATIO

What makes you "We the People?" I'm

"We the People."

Billy Ray walks towards them with a small STAFF.

BILLY RAY

(to Julio Caesar Rey, Jr.)

Hey! No soccer is allowed here. This is the ACAA, buddy.

HORATIO

(to Julio Caesar Rey, Jr.)

And him. He's also We the People.

JULIO CAESAR REY, JR.

We just believe in American freedom.

BILLY RAY

The freedom to play soccer isn't American freedom. It's un-American freedom.

HORATIO

Damn right. American freedom extends to American things. That's why it's called American freedom. If it extended to un-American things, then it wouldn't be called American freedom.

Leanne enters the scene with a large STAFF.

LEANNE

Horatio. What the hell are you doing here on the news?

HORATIO

Well, Aunt Leanne.

LEANNE

That's Mrs. President to you. I'm not your Aunt.

HORATIO

Well, Aunt-in-Law Leanne. I'm protecting American freedom, by enforcing the thirty ninth Amendment.

LEANNE

America is a country that aims for freedom freedom. That's what American freedom means. You can't make me eat

your favorite food, watch your favorite show, or play your favorite sport.

BILLY RAY

But soccer's not a sport.

LEANNE

Whatever soccer is, American freedom protects your right to play it.

BILLY RAY

Well let me ask you this. What if soccer were a type of cheese? Would you let people come to a park and legally play a type of cheese?

LEANNE

Shut the hell up, Mr. Vice President. American freedom means that if people want to play soccer, they can play soccer.

HORATIO

Well what about the amendment?

LEANNE

What about it? It's gonna be repealed.

INT. NEWS ROOM - DAY

NEWS ANCHOR

And in national news, a day after the President spoke in favor of soccer legalization, the thirty ninth amendment was repealed, and soccer is now legal throughout the ACAA--except in Alabama and Tennessee, since they just seceded from the country. I guess we're gonna have to cross two stars off of our flag.

THE END