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"Brokeback" -- What Larry David Really Said

Time magazine has a decent wrapup of "Brokeback Mountain's" success. But they -- like almost everyone else -- either didn't understand or didn't get the joke in Larry David's op-ed in the New York Times about the movie. Time magazine, in talking about supposed resistance to the film, says

And there are plenty of liberal straight guys like Seinfeld co-creator Larry David, who wrote a puckish Op-Ed in the New York Times, confessing, "Cowboys would have to lasso me, drag me into the theater and tie me to the seat" for him to see it.

But read the entire column for yourself. Larry David wasn't saying he wouldn't see the film. He was **satirizing** people who wouldn't; he was mocking the men who were "afraid" to see "Brokeback." For God's sake, he is a comic. Didn't anyone notice that David said he was so easily influenced that if he went to see a movie like that, all bets were off and he might go gay? Joke! He even ends by referencing the famous "Seinfeld" episode about Jerry and George being mistaken for gay that launched the catch phrase "Not that there's anything wrong with it." So enough with people quoting Larry David as if he was serious when he said he'd never go see "Brokeback." It was a **joke**.

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