

The Days of Mincing Words are Long Gone.

[Jeff Greenfield](#) doesn't mince words:

The very awfulness of this case [[Sandusky/Penn State University](#)] conceals a broader but less dramatic issue: at root, big-time college sports is a sham that exists in substantial measure to enrich a handful of schools, coaches and athletic conferences while happily [exploiting](#) the talents and [bodies](#) of young men—a disproportionate number of them African-American.

All the while, as if nothing awful is going on in college football, schools like University of Southern Mississippi, ["led" by administrators and sports-crazy-alums](#), are [driven](#) to emulate big-money sports schools like Penn State. [Coaches](#) are paid more than some whole college departments based, in no small part, on ["tuition taxes"](#) charged to students regardless of their interest or lack there of in attending sports activities. Young men are recruited to play sports with no real expectation their ["scholarships"](#) will lead to [any degree](#), let alone a marketable degree. [Violations of standards](#) become routine, dismissed as minor. At Southern Miss, administrators could not get away [with their behavior](#), if they were not supported by their bosses at the Institutions of Higher Learning, faculty, and [the alums](#) who [pour money](#) over the whole intercollegiate big-money football/basketball enterprise.

There's a simple way to solve big-money sports corruption on university campuses:

Get big-money sports off our campuses!