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TV presenter screws up and sets fire to Paris Hilton story live on air

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To television bosses, it may have seemed a moment of onscreen madness.

But to viewers fed up with the whole Paris Hilton saga, it was a long-awaited outbreak of sanity.

American newsreader Mika Brzezinski, co-presenter of MSNBC's Morning Joe programme, refused to read out the story of the celebrity socialite's release from jail ahead of items on Iraq and developments at the White House.

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Mika Brzezinski attempted to set the Paris story alight in a show of disgust at it being the top news story

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Miss Brzezinski then screwed up, shredded and attempted to set fire to the script on air. She told viewers: "I hate it and I don't think it should be our lead. I just don't believe in covering that story, at least not as the lead story on the newscast, when we have a day like today."

She was referring to stories about Iraq and President George Bush's problems with his Republican party.

Miss Brzezinski first screwed up the script and refused to read it.

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The enraged newsreader ripped the story to shreds

Then, on the next bulletin, she refused to read it again and took a co-presenter's cigarette lighter and tried to burn it.

Later, she refused to read the script for a third time and took it straight to the shredder in the studio, where she fed it into the machine.

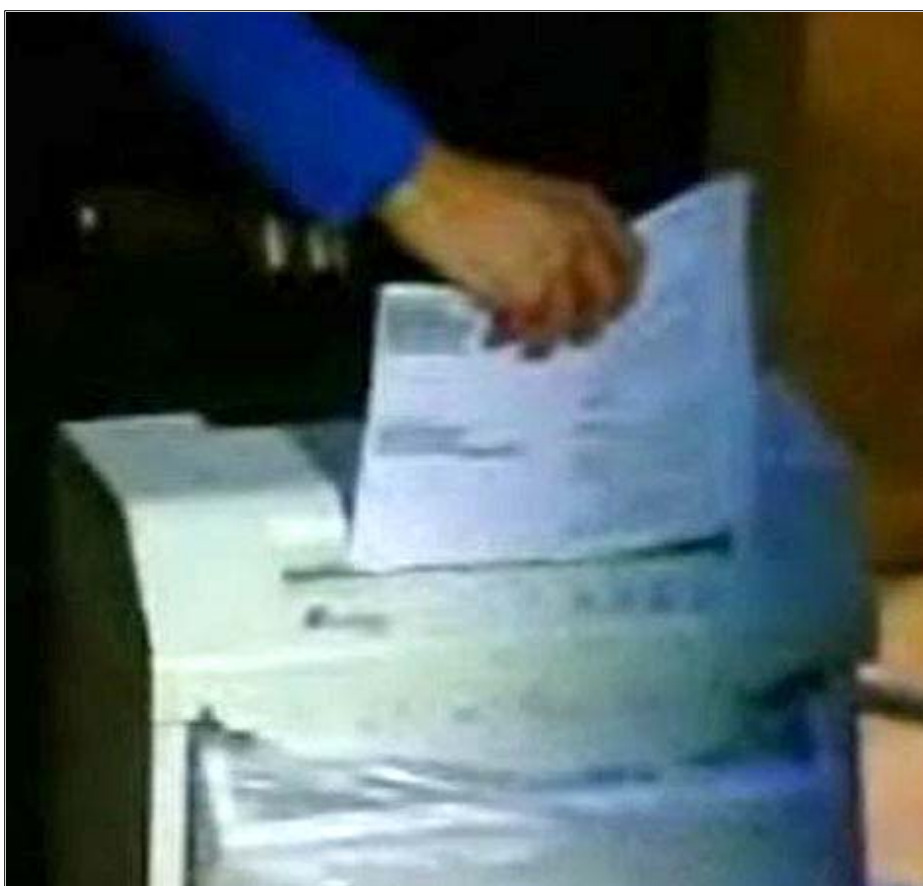
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Brzezinski screwed the report up into a ball - but the Paris broadcast went ahead anyway

When producers played images of Miss Hilton leaving jail in Los Angeles, where she served a sentence for a probation violation after her drink-driving conviction, Miss Brzezinski was shown with her head in her hands as the cameras returned to the studio.

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Another copy of the news item and another Brzezinski demolition job - this time it goes in the shredder

A clip showing the presenter's stand has been viewed more than 250,000 times on the video website YouTube. Her stance drew hundreds of supportive comments online.

The blonde hotel heiress Miss Hilton was trying to avoid the cameras on her holiday in Hawaii.

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Disguise: Paris wearing a brown wig and straw hat which just drew more attention to her

But the brown wig and straw hat she chose as her disguise just served to draw more attention to herself.

Watch the video of Ms Brzezinski Paris Hilton protest here

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I watched the interview (on American TV) with Paris Hilton and all I can say is WELL DONE Ms Brzezinski. At last somebody in the media with an ounce of common sense.

- John, Peacehaven, East Sussex

Unfortunately, despite applauding this lady's actions, I fear that all it has done is afford the brainless heiress more unwarranted publicity.

- Tony, Oxford, UK

Well done Mika Brzezinski, if only broadcasters in this country would follow suit. Thank you for standing up for the millions of people that are sick of hearing about Paris Hilton ahead of soldiers dying in Iraq and people being evacuated from their homes due to the floods in this country.

- Julia, Bristol, UK

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