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'Fight to the death' - satirising Clinton



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Among the crowd baying for blood is Paula Jones



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With bad taste jokes abounding about US President Bill Clinton's private life and "inappropriate relationship" with Monica Lewinsky, MTV has shown an episode of an animated series that for some goes one step too far.



[image: The defending champion - Hillary Clinton ...]

Young New York animator Eric Fogel has created a series called "Celebrity Deathmatch" which as its name suggests matches up famous personalities in wrestling matches to the bitter end.

Inevitably Bill Clinton is a prime target for the show's

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satirising
 She is the reigning champion - Hillary Clinton ...

Inspired in part by the British animated series Spitting Image, Eric Fogel describes his bouts between clay models as a popularity contest in which he gets to decide the winners.


 [image: ... and the challenger - Monica Lewinsky]

"It's who we think people are going to want to see get beaten up a little bit - and they're usually the ones who end up meeting an untimely demise."

The main bout of one show is between Hillary Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, with Bill watching from the crowd while inevitably eating junk food.

... and the challenger - Monica Lewinsky

In bad taste it certainly is, and some commentators believe the media and public obsession with politicians and famous people's private life has gone too far.

 [image: Who does Bill cheer on?]

However some see a clear message for the media in the mayhem.

"Hold on a minute. How seriously do we have to take the private lives of elected officials, pop stars and movie actors and actresses," says Professor Toby Miller of New York University.

Who does Bill cheer on?

"Can't we for a moment laugh at ourselves for this media obsession and public obsession with detail."

Other stars to have featured in the show's wrestling ring include Oasis and the Spice Girls in what the BBC's Brian Barron believes is the ultimate "In your face" show from this most streetwise of cities.

Its popularity suggests it is another show that will run for some time yet.

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