

Hulk Hogan's Racial Statements

I'm not really even sure what to call this as it's not so much a rant and there have been FAR more racist statements made by celebrities over the years. However, it's still a big story so here we go.

First of all, I don't want this to turn into a big racism debate and I don't want to see any comments in that area either.

As for what Hogan said, yeah it's bad. I understand that it was said in private and that he didn't know the cameras were on and that he would have never said it publicly, but the fact of the matter is that it's out there and his intention, meaning or knowledge that it was being recorded do not matter. The statements are out there and Hogan has to live with the consequences.

At the end of the day, what Hogan meant by it doesn't matter. If Hogan is a racist who hates black people (not saying he is), it doesn't matter. What matters is that these things were heard and people have already made up their minds about what Hogan meant and said when he thought no one was listening. Every single one of us has said or done something stupid in our lives and lived with the consequences. Hogan is a bigger figure than we are and the consequences are therefore bigger and higher profile for him.

I more than understand why WWE let him go. Given how things are in America at the moment with all the issues in South Carolina and everywhere else, WWE can't have this kind of thing go unpunished, especially when it's someone who is really just there as a legend. The comments weren't good and it's the only move WWE could make.

So what does this mean for Hogan? Not much really. Time will pass, people will forget, and one day Hogan will be on Raw again for a big anniversary show. It happens to all kinds of celebrities who get caught saying far worse things than Hogan did and the same thing will happen to him. This

isn't the end of Hulkamania or whatever people will be calling it, as Hulkamania has been nostalgia for going on twenty years now. Hogan will be back, just like so many others who have done far worse things. His fans will forgive him and that's really all there is to it.

In case you haven't seen it, here's Hogan's official statement on the rant, as given to People.com.

"Eight years ago I used offensive language during a conversation. It was unacceptable for me to have used that offensive language; there is no excuse for it; and I apologize for having done it..."

"This is not who I am. I believe very strongly that every person in the world is important and should not be treated differently based on race, gender, orientation, religious beliefs or otherwise..."

"I am disappointed with myself that I used language that is offensive and inconsistent with my own beliefs."