



## SALAZAR SPEAKS... by Rubén Blades

Hi fans of FTWD

It has been a revelation for me to see how some people react to our show. I can't understand why some of them even see it. If i don't like something, like a Trump speech for instance, i simply do not tune in. Some people feel every one of us is awful: bad actors, bad writing, bad everything, and still tune in every week. Why do that? Then, i wonder; is this is an effort to dump on our show, made by people/enterprises affiliated to shows that are not doing as well as we are?

Who knows who is writing these pans? They don't sign their names, no i.d. is possible. Could it be HBO? Could a competing network be paying people to write shit, to give the impression our show is not really liked? But then, how can it be explained that in spite of criticism FTWD still WON ON EVERY CATEGORY on its time slot? Every person i meet on the street, subway, bus, say they like the show. Granted, not everyone knows my name. I used to tell folks i was Morgan Freeman but given that Mr Freeman (one of the best actors ever) is doing tv commercials now, everybody knows his name and i can't use it any more. Now i tell them I'm Lyle Bettger. Don't know him? Not if you're a younger person. But those in their 60's will recognize him, (and still don't know his name). You can google him now, see his picture and go: "Ohhh; i still don't know who he is". C'mon, but

you've SEEN him. Like Ted Cruz; can ride any subway and no one will ask him for a selfie. He reminds me of a Malayan Water Monitor.

Back to FTWD: reading the reviews, there are so many contradictions in the positions assumed. Too many teenagers, some complain. these people are idiots, other say. Not that many zombies. Too many zombies. I mean, why watch something you think is unbearable? Some part of the blogs, media, reported with glee that FTWD experienced an alleged loss of one million viewers, in term of same-day viewing, between April 10 and April 17.

So? Couldn't it be possible, following the same weird rationale used by detractors of our FTWD show, that 1,000,000 people all got up and went to the bathroom at the same time and missed being polled? Or that they all went to Chipotle and died, simultaneously, or were incapacitated due to a coma after listening to the presidential debates? C'mon, think about it. You have a racist candidate with a weird hairdo, another who's a socialist, another thinks the world is 7,000 years old and a hawkish woman running for president, as we speak. Like Bernardo said in WEST SIDE STORY: "Everything is possible in America"!

Can't wait to read what the reviewers write about FTWD, after tonight's show. With Game of Thrones starting today, I expect this will be used to explain whatever change in viewership, if it occurs, happens. The fact is: FTWD is A GREAT SHOW, with a great cast and great writing. Mistakes will occur, absolutely. But folks, remember. IT IS ALL ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT!!!

ONE LAST THING. WATCH CLIFF CURTIS IN "THE DARK HORSE". What a performance!!!  
Be well, thank you for your support,  
Abrazo!!!

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