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JIMMY KIMMEL [on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, 09/24/25]: You know, a lot of people watched our show last night. I got so many texts from so many people. It made me realize how many of my friends are never watching the show at any other time.

STEPHEN COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 09/24/25]: He got huge ratings. It did so well that the Disney just announced, next summer, they're releasing *Guillermo & Stitch* live action. Live action.

GAYLE KING: I could see it happening, but the ratings were amazing.

TONY DOKOUPIL: Yes.

KING: Six-and-a-half million.

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: Six million viewers, yes.

KING: And then on YouTube, guys, it was close to over 19.5 million.

TONY DOKOUPIL: Yes.

KING: Lot of people wanted to hear what he had to say.

DOKOUPIL: And we are going to be talking about it. We are going to be talking about it.

KING: We have some thoughts on it.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Jimmy Kimmel's Return Show Lands Big Ratings]

KING: Jimmy Kimmel's return to TV after his suspension turned out to be a very good thing for the ratings. The numbers are huge. More than six million people watched Tuesday *night's Jimmy Kimmel Live!* and another 26 million saw it on social media platforms. That's huge numbers. Last night, Kimmel talked about his return, and he was back to his usual form when it came to the political jokes.

KIMMEL [on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, 09/24/25]: I did hear from one very special friend,

moments after we taped our show last night, the Mad Red Hatter wrote: "I can't believe ABC fake news gave Jimmy Kimmel his job back." [LAUGHTER] You can't believe they gave me my job back. I can't believe we gave you your job back. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

KING: Well, despite those big numbers, the show is still blacked out in 23 percent of the U.S. households. Sinclair and Nexstar, owners of 71 ABC affiliates refused to air the show because of Kimmel's comments about the man accused of killing Charlie Kirk, which guys, makes the numbers even more extraordinary. That's a big chunk of the country that even didn't get it.

DOKOUPIL: Yeah. But the 26 million on social media, most of that money doesn't go to ABC, and the business is still bad, particularly if you're offending half the country, the ones that voted for the guy he doesn't like. So, here we are. Good luck, late night!"