

First Lady Talks Dad, Kids, Bo, on 'Letterman'

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In her first ever visit to CBS' "Late Show," Michelle Obama tried not to cry when the host David Letterman asked about the influence of her parents. She spoke at length about her father's battle with multiple sclerosis.

"I never knew him to be able to walk, but my dad worked so hard and he loved us so much, and I think from him I learned just absolute, complete unconditional love, the notion that kids really don't need anything but to know that their parents adore them," said the first lady.

"I think that's the greatest gift they gave us, just their constant support and, you know, stability, and that's really what we try to instill in our girls," she added. "I mean, you talk about raising kids, it's just really – you know, we had rules, we had boundaries, but there wasn't anything my dad wouldn't do for us, and, uh – don't make me cry."

Recognizing the conversation had taken a turn for the serious, Obama exclaimed: "Don't make me cry. This isn't 'Oprah! It's supposed to be 'Letterman.' What's up? Where are the laughs?"

"Did somebody tell you this was 'Oprah? Is that why you're here?" Letterman said. "Oh my, someone misled the first lady."

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