

# Inside The Cosby Allegations

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*Bill Cosby*

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This CNN documentary about the rape allegations against Bill Cosby centres on Barbara Bowman, but others accusers are included. On the surface it is extremely persuasive, but it is also more than a tad dishonest. There are now over thirty women who have accused Cosby of sexual improprieties, many of drugging and raping them. Can they all be lying or simply wrong? Well, yes they can!

Last year in the UK, the actor William Roache was acquitted of raping five different individuals while the multiple allegations against the comedian Jimmy Tarbuck were thrown out without a trial. In December last year, **one gullible Canadian columnist wrote:** “How many more women need to come forward with stories of being sexually assaulted by Bill Cosby before they are believed? Do we need to hear from 30? How about 40? Would

50 women be enough...The women did not know each other, so had no way of concocting the stories as a group.”

This argument sounds persuasive, but in the first instance it is simply not true that none of these women knew each, and in the second place even if that were the case, that would not make their stories more plausible. To see how this is so, consider the case of Nicholas Edwards. Nicholas who? Precisely! Edwards was a rapist who had two separate convictions for rape, which begs the question why was he not given a life sentence for the second one?

Many rape allegations are she said/he said, and because – contrary to popular opinion – **many such allegations are also false**, a jury may well acquit a guilty man now and again. Edwards realised this, and unbelievably he was tried for and acquitted of rape five times. When yet another accuser came forward, the authorities decided he needed to be put away for good, and applied to have his previous acquittals admitted in evidence; this was extremely controversial at the time, and the legal argument went all the way to the House Of Lords, but in September 2000 he was finally given the **life sentence** he deserved.

The Edwards case was very different from the case against Cosby because the victims did not know either each other or about each other, and were clearly not jumping on a media bandwagon, something that is almost inevitable with even minor celebrities. Compelling though the evidence against Cosby appears, as legal analyst **Richard Herman said**, if this guy had been out there drugging and raping women not for years but for decades, there would have been a couple of slam dunk cases. This is clearly not so, and as he points out, the accusers are reinventing history.

This is clearly the case with Bowman, who is not being honest about her relationship with Cosby, but other accusers are not simply reinventing history, they are inventing it. The programme includes accusers Joan Tarshis, Tamara Green and Chelan Lasha. Lasha was introduced by Gloria Allred and wept on cue for the camera, but what this documentary did not tell you is that she is a twice convicted prostitute who also has a conviction for false reporting! Green was a lawyer who was too dishonest even for the California Bar! She also has mental health issues. Not only does Tarshis have serious mental health issues –

**including hallucinations** – but one researcher, Jay Raskin, checked out her claims and discovered that Cosby was not in the place she claimed he assaulted her at the time. The same is true of another accuser, the actress Loiusa Moritz. Why did this documentary not mention any of this?



*Jimmy Savile*

If the suggestion that 50 women might be enough appeals to you, in the UK, the late Jimmy Savile has now been accused of sexually assaulting literally hundreds of girls and women, and even a few boys. The figures sound compelling, but when one examines the reports that are freely available on-line, one sees that like the Cosby allegations, the majority can neither be proved nor disproved, and some of them are not simply implausible but ridiculous. For example, at least two date to the 1950s when it is claimed Savile attacked the alleged victims in their hospital beds, yet Savile did not become involved with the NHS until the late 1960s.

With the exception of the provable fantasists and liars, like Tarshis and Lasha, we will never know if Cosby did any of the things of which he has been accused; he has clearly been less than honest about some of his relationships, but so have the accusers. Even Andrea Constand, the first woman to accuse him of drugging and raping her has not been truthful; a woman does not dine alone with a married man twice her age when his wife is not around unless something fishy is going on. The case against Cosby is far from proved, but you would never think so from this documentary, or from the outrage of the likes of the well-meaning but gullible Abby Martin at RT.

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