

Toxic Women In The News



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Here’s a puzzle for you, how do you insult a feminist? If you were about to answer call her ugly, think again, because apparently it is now insulting to tell a woman she is attractive, and the more attractive you believe her to be, the greater the insult. That was the big non-story on social media recently. Charlotte Proudman is indeed attractive, nowhere near as attractive as **Candice Night** of course, but on account of being both single and listed on LinkedIn, one would imagine her to be approachable in a professional and perhaps even a personal capacity. So why did she throw **a tantrum** when a man who is old enough to be her father complimented her on her good looks? Well, he was being *sexist*, and objectifying her, apparently. Thirty years from now, when a man of any age compliments her so, she will probably take it in the spirit in which it was intended.

As a barrister, Miss Proudman is a high earner, though not as high an earner as an even more toxic woman on the other side of the Atlantic, Ellen Pao. Like Miss Proudman, Pao has a background in law. She also has a degree in electrical engineering, unusual for a woman, so being so highly qualified, one might expect her to be a high earner. In 2005, she joined the venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins, where in 2012 she was said to be making **\$400,000 a year** with an annual bonus that boosted her salary to over half a million. One would have expected even a highly qualified

specialist to be happy with that package, but for Miss Pao, it wasn't enough, the boys were making more, much more, and she could only be a victim of sexual discrimination. Seriously.

Pao filed a \$16 million lawsuit against her former employer. And lost. From Kleiner Perkins, she moved to Reddit, but didn't last anything like as long. Was she pushed or did she jump? Pao was appealing the Kleiner Perkins verdict but has now decided sensibly not to throw good money after bad. Seriously Ellen, if you could turn back the clock, wouldn't you rather be *oppressed* on \$400K per annum basic than unemployed and with a big cost order to pay? Rest assured, if the lady does find another job, it will be on a considerably more modest salary, and she won't be anything like so litigious in future.

Part of the feminist narrative is male entitlement, which usually refers to women's bodies, but women of a certain political persuasion seem to believe they are entitled to preferential treatment simply because they are women, and they are almost invariably women who are making if not megabucks like Pao then substantially more than most members of the mythical patriarchy.

It is though not only in business that toxic women can be found poisoning the atmosphere; on September 10, the American talk show host Dr Phil hosted a swathe of them headed by feminist attorney Gloria Allred. These women, who included former model Beverly Johnson, all claim to have been sexually assaulted to varying degrees by Bill Cosby. One of these accusers was Cosby's youngest so-called victim, Chloe Goins, who had claimed previously to have been drugged and sexually assaulted at the Playboy Mansion on a specific date. Now, surprise, surprise, Cosby's attorney having pointed out that his client was in New York on that particular date, she has backtracked blaming *her* lawyer for this "mistake".

The reality is that the allegation Goins made originally fell within the **statute of limitations**, and as she filed a report with the police in January this year, one would have expected Cosby to have at least been arrested by now, if there were a gramme of truth in her claims. One would also have expected her to be able to produce some sort of photographic evidence of her presence at the Playboy Mansion. Where is it? Unlike the UK's Jeremy Kyle, Dr Phil does not pander to the lowest common denominator, but he has exposed liars on his show, yet he exhibited not the slightest critical faculty with this coven, nor with Gloria Allred, whose motives are suspect, to say the very least. Last October, he posted an excellent **short clip** to YouTube about the lies we all tell every day. It is a pity he can't take a deeper look at this obscene bandwagon, for behind the historical claims of serial rape lie far more plausible tales of greed, fantasising, revenge, mental derangement, and **outright madness**. As Samuel Richardson wrote in 1748: "there is no wickedness like the wickedness of a woman".

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