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People's lives are being shattered and destroyed by a mere allegation. Some are true and some are false. Some are old and some are new. There is no recovery for someone falsely accused—life and career are gone. Is there no such thing any longer as Due Process?

So tweeted President Donald Trump at the start of 2018. His tweet was in response to the resignation of White House Staff Secretary, Rob Porter, who had been accused by at least two women of spousal abuse beginning at least as far back as 2003. One of those women, Jennifer Willoughby, filed for an emergency protection order against him in 2010. In a blog post written in April 2017, Willoughby described the abuse she alleged she suffered in her marriage to Porter, saying, 'The first time he called me a "fucking bitch" was on our honeymoon. (I found out years later he had kicked his first wife on theirs.) . . . He belittled my intelligence and destroyed my confidence . . . in my home, the abuse was insidious. The threats were personal. The terror was real.'

More than a decade earlier, Porter's first wife, Colbie Holderness, had taken photographs of a black eye she says Porter inflicted on her when they were holidaying in Florence. Over the subsequent years, she spoke to family, friends, clergy and even the FBI about the abuse. In fact, the FBI spoke to both Willoughby and Holderness about Porter when the Trump Administration took office, because White House staff members all require security clearance. That it was proving difficult for Porter to obtain his was

apparently not considered an issue by the people he ultimately ended up working for. After the allegations were made public (but before Porter resigned), the White House Chief of Staff, John Kelly, said in a statement, ‘He is a friend, a confidante and a trusted professional. I am proud to serve alongside him.’ He went further, calling Porter ‘a man of true integrity and honour and I can’t say enough good things about him’.

After Porter’s resignation, Trump—who repeatedly claimed throughout his presidential campaign that ‘nobody respects women more than Donald Trump’—told reporters, ‘He . . . says he’s innocent. And I think you have to remember that . . . we absolutely wish him well, he did a very good job when he was at the White House.’

These attitudes are not uncommon. Far from the accepted belief that unfounded allegations will ruin a man’s career—that indeed, as Trump tweeted, ‘there is no recovery for someone falsely accused’—the exact opposite is true. Men’s careers recover all the time following accusations of abuse and/or sexual violence against women. Hell, men’s careers recover following *convictions* for these things. Male power has always been valued and protected more than women’s bodies, no matter what level of abuse they may have been accused of. As Dahlia Lithwick wrote of Porter in a piece for *Slate* on 8 February 2018, ‘Taken together, all the grown-ups in the room protected, privileged, and covered for Rob Porter despite everything they knew about his pattern of abuse, because his career was important to them.’

In the wake of #MeToo, paranoia about women organising to ‘take down men’ has been at an all-time high. The idea that feminists began organising decades ago to quietly stage the world’s slowest moving coup against men is laughable, but it seems this is still far easier for some people to believe than the alternative: that women have suffered sexual assault, harassment and physical abuse as a matter of course throughout history, and that men have largely been supported to get away with it.

So, here is an incomplete list of men who have either been accused or convicted of various crimes against women and a description of the impact these accusations had on their careers. I make no judgments either way about the truth of these allegations. I have just tried to lay the circumstances out as they occurred.

Please note: I understand this list could be significantly longer, but I have chosen a selection that I feel adequately represents the issue.

Casey Affleck: In 2010, two of Affleck's former colleagues filed civil lawsuits against him after working with him on the set of *I'm Still Here*. One of the women alleged Affleck had made 'unwanted and unwelcome sexual advances' at work, while the other said the actor had snuck into her bed, caressed her back and then later verbally attacked her for refusing his advances. The civil suits came to the public's attention in 2016, while Affleck was on the publicity trail for his role in *Manchester by the Sea*. Affleck went on to win ten major awards, including an Oscar, Golden Globe and BAFTA for Best Actor. At the time of writing, he has two movies and a TV miniseries in production.

Roger Ailes: Ailes died in 2017, but his twenty-year career at Fox News (part of which was spent as the network's chairman) was plagued by allegations of sexual harassment. At least four female journalists went public in 2016 with stories about their former boss, whose alleged harassment had been well known to network executives over the previous two decades. Ailes resigned from Fox News and went on to become a key media adviser on Donald Trump's presidential campaign, helping the candidate to prepare for the first of his presidential debates with Hillary Clinton.

Woody Allen: In 1992, Allen was publicly accused of molesting his adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow. The allegations were repeated over the years, including by Dylan herself in 2017. In addition, Mariel Hemingway (who made her film debut in 1979 as the girlfriend of Allen's character in *Manhattan*—she was sixteen, he was forty-four) revealed in 2015 that she was subjected to unwanted romantic attention from Allen after the movie's completion. Despite this, Allen has never had difficulty attracting A-list stars to appear in his movies (although more are turning their backs on him now that #MeToo has become so prominent). In 1996, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Directors Guild of America, and in 2014, he was honoured with the Cecil B. DeMille award at the Golden Globes.

Alec Baldwin: In 2007, Baldwin left a voicemail message on his daughter's phone in which he referred to her as a 'rude, thoughtless pig' without 'brains or decency'. Ireland Baldwin was eleven years old at the time. In

2017, Baldwin admitted he had bullied women in the past and behaved in ‘a very sexist way’. Baldwin made the comments at the Paley Center for Media, where he was being honoured for his ‘distinguished career and supportive efforts for the organization’s educational initiatives’. In 2018, Baldwin published a series of tweets in which he defended Woody Allen and inferred that Dylan Farrow was a liar.

Dayne Beams: In 2010, the AFL player was questioned by police over sexual assault allegations following that year’s grand final. No charges were laid. In 2018, he stepped down as captain of the Brisbane Lions after his father’s death.

Nathan Bock: In 2009, when Bock played AFL for the Adelaide Crows, he admitted to assaulting his girlfriend outside a city nightclub. He was put on ‘indefinite suspension’ by club officials, but the suspension was lifted one week later when the team was due to play Geelong. In round 17 of that year, he was awarded the Showdown Medal for the player judged ‘best on ground’ in the game played between the Crows and Port Power. Less than a year later, the newly formed Gold Coast Suns lured him to Queensland with the offer of a significantly higher salary package. In 2011, he received a two-match suspension for leaking information to a friend and two family members that assisted them in bet placing, meaning his punishment for hurting the gambling industry was twice what he received for hurting a woman. After his retirement, he moved into a coaching role.

Marlon Brando: In the 1972 movie *Last Tango In Paris*, Bernardo Bertolucci and Marlon Brando conspired to film a graphic rape scene without the knowledge or consent of the lead actress, Maria Schneider. Although Schneider wasn’t actually raped by Brando, the scene itself wasn’t in the script and it was deliberately kept from her. Bertolucci said he and Brando had come up with the idea the morning before shooting, and hadn’t told Schneider because the director ‘wanted her reaction as a girl, not as an actress’. Schneider was nineteen at the time; Brando was forty-eight. In 1999, *Time* magazine named him as one of its 100 Most Important People of the Century. In 2005, *Forbes* revealed he was one of the highest-earning deceased celebrities of that year.

Richard Branson: In October 2017, a woman named Antonia Jenae named Branson in a #MeToo post as having ‘motorboated’ her (that is to say, buried his face between her breasts and rapidly shook it back and forth) without her consent during a private party in 2010 on his property, Necker Island. Jenae was a back-up singer for Joss Stone, and said that Branson had earlier asked her to show him her breasts. Stone has confirmed she recalls the incident. In 2018, as Branson’s company Virgin Galactic continued testing rocket flights with the eventual plan to take tourists into space, it was estimated the mogul had a net worth of US\$5 billion.

Josh Brolin: In 2004, the actor was charged with spousal battery after his wife of four months, the actress Diane Lane, called police and said he had hit her. She later declined to press charges. In 2009, he was nominated for an Academy Award.

Chris Brown: The night before the 2009 Grammys ceremony, Brown assaulted his then girlfriend, Rihanna, in an attack that left the superstar with a split lip, facial bruises and a black eye. Brown pled guilty to felony assault and was put on five years’ probation and sentenced to six months of community service (which he didn’t complete). Both Brown and Rihanna had been due to perform at the awards ceremony. It appeared that Brown was blacklisted for a while, but in 2012 he was invited to perform at the ceremony once again to stage his ‘comeback’. This was the same year he was awarded Best R&B album for his record, *F.A.M.E.* He has been nominated numerous times since. In the intervening years, he’s faced other allegations of violence against women, including punching one woman in the face in a Las Vegas nightclub and threatening another with a gun. In 2017, he released a documentary called *Chris Brown: Welcome to My Life* in which he appears to blame Rihanna for his attack against her. His net worth is approximately US\$30 million.

Kobe Bryant: In 2003, the NBA star was arrested in connection with a sexual assault complaint filed by a nineteen-year-old woman. The woman alleged Bryant had raped her in the room of a hotel in which she worked. He told police he’d had sex with the woman but claimed it was consensual. In late 2004, the case was dropped, but Bryant released a statement reading: ‘Although I truly believe this encounter between us was consensual, I

recognize now that she did not and does not view this incident the same way I did . . . I now understand how she feels that she did not consent to this encounter.’ Although Bryant lost some sponsorship deals at the time, most of them were resumed a couple of years later. In 2007, CNN estimated his endorsement deals to be worth approximately US\$16 million a year. In 2018, after he’d retired from professional sports, he won an Academy Award for his work on an animated short called *Dear Basketball*. That same year, ESPN announced they would be launching a new show with Bryant at the helm.

Don Burke: In 2017, a Fairfax investigation revealed the former television presenter had faced a slew of sexual harassment allegations during his years in the Australian television industry, including that he commented frequently on the size of women’s vaginas and what sexual positions they favoured. Despite numerous women reporting his behaviour to network executives at the time, Burke remained in his role for years. He has denied all allegations, saying only that he was a perfectionist.

Louis C.K.: Rumours of the comedian’s treatment of women (principally, masturbating in front of them without their consent) had always been ignored or denied by him. However, a 2017 article in the *New York Times* forced him to confess to the longstanding allegations against him. Louis C.K.’s career did suffer following the article’s publication; but not for long. In March 2018, an article appeared in the *Hollywood Reporter* canvassing opinions from fellow comedians as to how the disgraced comic could return to the stage. ‘I don’t think people want this to be a life sentence,’ said Comedy Cellar owner Noam Dworman. Louis Faranda, executive talent producer for the comedy club Carolines, predicted C.K. would be back ‘within a year, making fun of his mistakes’. And indeed he was, appearing unexpectedly (and unapologetically) at the Comedy Cellar less than a year after his disgrace. His first set included a rape joke.

Bertrand Cantat: In 2003, the former frontman of French rock band Noir Désir was convicted of murdering the French actress Marie Trintignant after fatally beating her in a hotel room. He served four years in prison for the crime. In 2007, as he prepared to release his first album since leaving prison, he called it ‘despicable’ to have become ‘the symbol of violence

against women'. In 2017, the French music magazine *Les Inrockuptibles* featured Cantat on the magazine's cover. Cantat was promoting a new album at the time. In 2018, he was booked to play at a series of music festivals around France but withdrew after a public backlash.

Wayne Carey: In 1997, Carey pleaded guilty to indecent assault after grabbing the breast of a woman passing by on a busy Melbourne street. In 2007, Carey was arrested by police in Florida after very publicly glassing his then girlfriend in the face and neck. Two days later, the Nine Network sacked him while 3AW announced it wouldn't be renewing his contract. In 2012, he joined the AFL commentary team at Triple M and was given a role on One HD's short-lived *The Game Plan*. A year later, the Seven Network employed him as a host on a series of *Talking Footy* specials. The following year, he was contracted permanently as a panellist on *Talking Footy* and as a commentator for Friday night AFL games.

Nick Carter: In 2018, the singer and actress Melissa Schuman filed a police report alleging the Backstreet Boy had raped her in 2002. Schuman was a virgin at the time, and claims Carter refused to listen as she repeatedly said no. Carter has claimed that his sexual interactions with Schuman were all consensual. The allegations follow a police report filed against Carter in 2006, alleging he had forced a twenty-year-old woman to perform oral sex on him. In 2012, he performed with the Backstreet Boys on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*. In 2015, he was a contestant on *Dancing with the Stars*. He returned in 2017 as a guest judge. That same year, he appeared as a judge on the show *Boy Band*.

Bill Clinton: A number of women have accused the former US president of sexual assault and/or harassment, with the alleged incidents dating back to 1978. In an extensive interview with NBC in 1999, Juanita Broaddrick claimed Clinton raped her in a hotel room when she was a volunteer working on his gubernatorial campaign in Arkansas. Several people back up Broaddrick's claims, including a friend who said she found Broaddrick shortly after the alleged assault. Broaddrick says Clinton attempted to apologise to her in 1991, after she saw him outside a meeting in Little Rock. Since coming forward, Broaddrick has been accused of being a stooge for the right and even of making up the rape story because she didn't

want her boyfriend to know she had ‘cheated’ on him. Clinton served two terms in the White House.

Sean Connery: In 1965, the James Bond star told *Playboy*, ‘I don’t think there is anything particularly wrong about hitting a woman—although I don’t recommend doing it in the same way that you’d hit a man. An openhanded slap is justified—if all other alternatives fail and there has been plenty of warning. If a woman is a bitch, or hysterical, or bloody-minded continually, then I’d do it. I think a man has to be slightly advanced, ahead of the woman.’ In 1993, he reportedly told *Vanity Fair*, ‘There are women who take it to the wire. That’s what they are looking for, the ultimate confrontation. They want a smack.’ His first wife, Diane Cilento, has alleged that he verbally and physically abused her during their marriage. In 1999, Connery was declared the Sexiest Man of the Century by *People* magazine. In 2000, he received a knighthood.

David Copperfield: In early 2018, a woman named Brittney Lewis claimed the magician had drugged and assaulted her in 1988, when she was a teenage model. She says she reported the incident to the FBI in 2007, the year that pageant winner Lacey Carroll accused Copperfield of sexually assaulting her in his home in the Bahamas. In 2017, Copperfield earned US\$61.5 million.

Bill Cosby: Cosby’s career may be well and truly over now, but allegations of sexual assault and rape have been made against the comedian for decades. He has been accused by more than fifty women of charges relating to rape, child sexual abuse, sexual battery and drug-facilitated sexual assault. His alleged crimes date back to 1965 and span a period of more than forty years. Although the allegations were hardly a secret, little attention was paid until until male comedian Hannibal Buress gave voice to them in 2014. That same year, tickets to Cosby’s shows reportedly netted almost US\$11 million. His net worth in 2018 was estimated to be approximately US\$400 million.

Neil deGrasse Tyson: In 2014, Tchiya Amet published a blog post in which she alleged the astrophysicist drugged and raped her in 1984, when they studied together at the University of Texas. She repeated the claims in 2016 and then relinked to the blogpost in 2017 as the #MeToo movement began

to take off. In 2015, the US National Academy of Sciences awarded the Public Welfare Medal to Tyson in recognition of his ‘extraordinary role in exciting the public about the wonders of science’.

Johnny Depp: In 2016, Amber Heard filed for divorce from her actor husband and applied for a temporary restraining order against him. She alleged Depp had begun ‘obsessing over something that wasn’t true’ and ‘became extremely angry’. She claimed the actor threw a phone at her ‘with extreme force’, and it connected with her cheek; photographic evidence of a bruise was later tendered. Claims of violence were backed up by friends of Heard, while Depp was publicly supported by the comedian Doug Stanhope, who in a column for *The Wrap* accused Heard of ‘blackmailing’ Depp. The director Terry Gilliam (who later criticised the #MeToo movement) tweeted a link to the column with the comment, ‘Like many of Johnny Depp’s friends I’m discovering that Amber is a better actress than I thought.’ Heard and Depp eventually settled out of court, with Heard declaring she’d donate the proceeds to charity. Depp continues to represent Dior as their face of Sauvage. In 2017, following news Depp would resume his role as Gellert Grindelwald in *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*, author J.K. Rowling said in a statement, ‘Based on our understanding of the circumstances, the filmmakers and I are not only comfortable sticking with our original casting, but genuinely happy to have Johnny playing a major character in the movies.’

Michael Douglas: Journalist and author Susan Braudy has alleged that, when she was in charge of Douglas’s New York production office in the late 1980s, he sexually harassed her and once masturbated in her presence. She claims she was asked to sign a confidentiality agreement, and that her employment was terminated shortly after. Her account has been corroborated by friends of hers from the time, including the author Michael Wolff. Douglas has called the story ‘a complete lie’. In 2004, Douglas was the recipient of the Cecil B. DeMille award.

Ched Evans: Evans was convicted of rape in 2012, but successfully appealed his conviction on his release from prison (I have expanded on this case in ‘Asking for it’). While in prison he had discussions with football officials about the possibility of him returning to his club, Sheffield United,

but ultimately he signed with Chesterfield FC just prior to his retrial. In 2017, Sheffield United FC bought him from Chesterfield for half a million pounds and offered him a three-year contract that quadrupled his salary.

Michael Fassbender: In 2010, Sunawin ‘Leasi’ Andrews filed a restraining order against her former partner, Fassbender, that ordered him to stay at least a hundred yards away from her and her two children. She alleged abuse against the two-time Academy Award nominee that she claimed left her with US\$24,000 in medical bills. She also alleged that, on one occasion, Fassbender returned from a night of partying with a friend and the two tried to get into bed with her. She left the room, but in her court filing detailed how, when she returned and tried to wake him the next morning, ‘he threw me over a chair and broke my nose’. Following the allegations, Fassbender went on to star in *12 Years A Slave* (for which he received an Academy Award nomination), *X-Men: First Class* and *Alien: Covenant*.

James Franco: In January 2018, allegations emerged claiming Franco had sexually harassed two students at his Studio 4 film school. One of them, Sarah Tither-Kaplan, said she felt Franco created ‘exploitative environments for non-celebrity women that he worked with under the guise of giving them opportunities’. By February, the number of accusers of sexual misconduct had risen to six. Shortly afterwards, it was announced that Franco would be returning to his starring role on HBO’s *The Deuce*.

Mel Gibson: In 2010, Gibson was caught on tape telling his then wife Oksana Grigorieva that she ‘looked like a fucking bitch in heat, and if you get raped by a pack of ni**ers it’ll be your fault’. (Gibson had also been captured on tape in 2006 saying, ‘Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world.’) Shortly after, Grigorieva filed for a restraining order, claiming Gibson had punched her several times, causing injuries that included a broken tooth and a concussion. Gibson denied punching her, but admitted he had slapped her ‘one time’. In 2018, Gibson was nominated for Best Director at the Academy Awards.

Alfred Hitchcock: In the early 1960s, the actress Tippi Hedren was under contract to work with the director she claimed subjected her to aggressive sexual advances. After she rejected him, Hitchcock is alleged to have ‘acted vengefully toward her on the set and then, when she was unwilling to work

with him again, refused to let her work with other directors'. Decades later, Hedren stated publicly, 'All those years ago, it was still the studio kind of situation. Studios were the power. And I was at the end of that, and there was absolutely nothing I could do legally whatsoever.' Hitchcock is widely regarded as being one of cinema's most important and influential auteurs. At the time of his death in 1980, he had a net worth of US\$200 million.

Dustin Hoffman: As the #MeToo movement saw allegations emerge against a series of men in Hollywood, Hoffman was accused of having sexually harassed a number of former colleagues and employees, with one allegation dating back to 1984. Kathryn Rossetter claimed the actor had regularly groped her while the pair were performing together in *Death of a Salesman* on Broadway. She also says the actor exposed her body to the stage crew one night. The allegations came shortly after Anna Graham Hunter accused the actor of sexually harassing her when she was a seventeen-year-old intern on the film set of *Death of a Salesman* in 1985. A third woman says Hoffman exposed himself to her in a hotel room when she was a high school student. A fourth accused the actor of digitally penetrating her without her consent while they worked on the 1987 film *Ishtar*. A fifth alleged the same thing, this time while the pair were in a car filled with people. Even Meryl Streep has said Hoffman grabbed her breast the first time they met on the set of *Kramer vs. Kramer*. So far, nine women have alleged sexual misconduct against the actor. It's not yet clear what the impact will be on his career going forward but, throughout the decades this abuse is alleged to have occurred, he continued to win accolades and roles, including two Academy Awards for Best Actor.

Matthew 'Matty' Johns: A 2002 pack sex incident involving Johns and eleven of his teammates was brought to light in the 2009 broadcast of *Four Corners*' 'Code of Silence'. A nineteen-year-old woman was left with PTSD and suicidal ideation after her experience with the Cronulla Sharks (the team captained by Johns). By mutual agreement, Johns resigned from his role on Channel Nine's *The Footy Show* in the wake of the *Four Corners* report. Less than six months later, Nine invited Johns to rejoin its stable, offering an annual contract worth \$600,000—more than he'd been on at the time of his resignation. He declined, accepting a deal in 2010 with Nine's network rival Channel Seven. Since 2011, he has co-hosted *The*

Grill on Triple M radio. In 2012, he joined Fox Sports Australia, where he has hosted his own show ever since.

R. Kelly: Allegations against the musician span twenty-four years, dating right back to his (illegal) marriage to Aaliyah in 1994, when she was only fifteen. He has been sued numerous times for inappropriate sexual contact with a minor, settling out of court each time. He was at one point charged with creating child exploitation material, but was acquitted on the grounds that the jury couldn't be certain the person featuring opposite him in the video was a minor. In 2017, R. Kelly finished an arena tour and his music appeared on the soundtrack to *Pitch Perfect 3*. He has another tour planned for 2018.

John Kricfalusi: In 2018, two women accused the creator of *Ren & Stimpy* of preying on them when they were minors. Robyn Byrd and Katie Rice both allege Kricfalusi spent a period of time grooming them before sexually abusing them. Byrd was only sixteen when the animator flew her to Los Angeles to be his live-in girlfriend and 'intern'; their 'relationship' was an open secret among his co-workers. His lawyer has acknowledged the existence of this relationship, attributing it to a period of 'emotional and mental illness'. Nickelodeon continues to air *Ren & Stimpy*. Kricfalusi's net worth is estimated at US\$10 million.

Matt Lauer: Numerous women have accused the former NBC host of sexual misconduct, including one woman who says Lauer exposed himself to her in his office and then reprimanded her for not performing a sex act on him. After the allegations became public, NBC fired the *Today* show host. But Lauer's misconduct is said to have been widely known for years. Several women said they complained to network executives, but their complaints were ignored. At the time of his dismissal, Lauer was on an annual salary of US\$25 million.

Danny Masterson: Multiple women have alleged that US actor Masterson raped them in the early 2000s, with the first police report against him being filed in 2004. In response, the Church of Scientology (of which Masterson is a member) submitted more than fifty affidavits denying the woman's story. In March 2017, long before #MeToo, journalist Tony Ortega revealed the Los Angeles Police Department had been investigating Masterson for

‘at least three alleged cases of rape or sodomy of women who were also Scientologists and who claim they were pressured by the Church of Scientology not to contact police or go public with their accusations’. Throughout this time, Masterson was starring in and executive producing the Netflix series *The Ranch*. It was eventually announced in December 2017 that the streaming service would be writing him out of the series.

T.J. Miller: During the early 2000s, the *Silicon Valley* star is alleged to have sexually assaulted and punched a fellow student at George Washington University. The claims were corroborated by a number of people who attended GWU at the time, as well as tested in a student court. In the intervening years, at least three sources in the comedy world confirmed that Miller joked privately about having perpetrated violence against a woman in the past. Some female performers told *The Daily Beast* that they refused to work with Miller because of this. Miller went on to appear in the sitcom *Silicon Valley* and to star in *The Emoji Movie* and *Deadpool 2*. His career has seemingly unravelled after a series of alcohol-related incidents, but a comedy club booker has said of him, ‘Maybe he’ll do rehab humour for his comeback.’

Roy Moore: In November 2017, nine women came forward to allege sexual misconduct against the US Senate candidate and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama. Three of these women allege Moore sexually assaulted them while they were still minors, with one as young as fourteen at the time. Most of the incidents were alleged to have occurred in the late 1970s, when Moore was an assistant district attorney. Although numerous high-profile Republicans called for Moore to withdraw from his Senate campaign, he was endorsed by none other than President Donald Trump. After initially cutting funds to his campaign, the Republican National Committee later renewed their support of Moore. He lost the election, but shortly after was granted an annual pension of just over US\$135,000. In March 2018, it was reported he was seeking US\$250,000 in donations to help him fight a lawsuit brought against him by Leigh Corfman, the woman who says he molested her when she was fourteen. At the time of reporting, he had raised little more than US\$30,000.

Bill Murray: In 2008, Jennifer Butler filed for divorce from Murray, citing multiple counts of physical violence and a pattern of intimidation. Butler alleged in court documents that the revered actor and comedian punched her in the face during a confrontation in 2007, telling her she was ‘lucky he didn’t kill her’. The case was widely reported at the time. He went on to star in a number of television and movie projects, including Wes Anderson’s *Isle of Dogs* and *Moonrise Kingdom*. In 2017, Murray’s net worth was estimated at US\$140 million.

Nelly: In February 2018, it was reported that the rapper was being investigated for an alleged sexual assault that occurred in 2017. His accuser claims she was brought into a dressing room by the rapper, who proceeded to masturbate in front of her and try to force her to perform oral sex on him. In 2017, Nelly was accused of rape by a twenty-two-year-old student from the University of Washington. Months later two more women came forward to allege sexual assault against him. In June 2018, Nelly embarked on a tour of the United States, with many of the shows sold out.

Gary Oldman: In 2001, Donya Fiorentino alleged that her ex-husband choked her and beat her with a telephone as their children looked on. She has since called their marriage ‘a giant car crash’, and said, ‘I would rather get eaten by a great white shark than go through [it] again.’ Oldman went on to star in numerous films, including the Harry Potter franchise. In 2018, he received the Academy Award for Best Actor for his turn as Winston Churchill in *The Darkest Hour*.

Bill O’Reilly: In January 2017, the top-rating Fox News host settled a sexual harassment suit for US\$32 million. Twenty-First Century Fox (headed by Rupert Murdoch) acknowledged at the time they had been aware of the woman’s numerous allegations against O’Reilly, which included repeated harassment, the sending of pornographic material to her and a ‘nonconsensual sexual relationship’. Prior to this, there had been at least five similar settlements made relating to allegations of sexual abuse by O’Reilly. In February 2017, Twenty-First Century Fox extended his contract by four years, at an annual salary of US\$25 million. In October 2017, the *New York Times* reported that Murdoch (along with his sons Lachlan and James) ‘made a business calculation to stand by Mr. O’Reilly

despite his most recent, and potentially most explosive, harassment dispute', believing that his 'value to the network increased after the departure of another prominent host, Megyn Kelly'. Kelly had left the network after alleging sexual harassment against its CEO, Roger Ailes. In April 2017, O'Reilly's contract was terminated after some of the settlements became public. Details of those settlements included the fact that the women involved were required to turn over any and all evidence they had against O'Reilly, and to discredit the materials as 'counterfeit and forgeries' if they were ever to become public. He was rumoured to have left Fox with a US\$25 million severance package. In late 2017, his net worth was reported as hovering somewhere between US\$85 and US\$100 million.

Sean Penn: In 1988, the actor was alleged to have assaulted his then wife, Madonna. Penn pleaded guilty to a misdemeanour. He went on to win the Academy Award for Best Actor twice, once in 2003 and again in 2008. The wins followed three earlier nominations.

Roman Polanski: In 1977, the auteur was charged with drugging and raping a thirteen-year-old girl (he pled guilty to the lesser charge of unlawful sex with a minor), but soon fled to France, where he has lived since. When Swiss authorities arrested him in 2009 and threatened to return him to the US, thousands of celebrities (including Harvey Weinstein and Woody Allen) became signatories to a petition started by French philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy calling for his exoneration. Citing Polanski's difficult life as an excuse for his crime, Levy argued, 'It is shameful to throw a 76-year-old man into prison for unlawful sex committed 32 years ago.' In 2002, Polanski won the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or for his movie *The Pianist*, and an Academy Award, BAFTA and César Award for Best Director. In 2009, he received a lifetime achievement award at the Zurich Film Festival.

Terry Richardson: Allegations against the photographer date back to at least 2010, when model Jamie Peck claimed Richardson had asked whether he could 'make tea with her used tampon', took his clothes off and 'aggressively assaulted her'. In 2014, model Anna del Gaizo told *Jezebel* that he had exposed himself and tried to persuade her to perform oral sex on him, while model Sena Cech also alleged sexual abuse against him. They

join numerous other women who have alleged sexual misconduct against Richardson over the years. During that same period, Richardson has photographed high-profile celebrities, including Miley Cyrus, Lady Gaga, Beyoncé and even President Barack Obama. In late 2017, almost two decades after the first allegation against Richardson was made, Condé Nast announced they would be severing all contracts with him.

Arnold Schwarzenegger: Five days before the 2003 election in which Schwarzenegger rose to the position of California governor, he was accused by several women of having engaged in sexual harassment over a period of at least twenty-five years. The allegations included claims by three women that Schwarzenegger had groped their breasts, while a fourth said he had grabbed her bottom underneath her skirt. The actor and politician apologised, saying he had ‘behaved badly sometimes’ while denying some of the claims. He said, ‘I’ve learned my lesson. I think that now I am not representing myself but representing the state of California, it is a totally different ball game.’ In 2011, after completing two terms as governor, he returned to acting. He reprised his role as the Terminator in 2015’s *Terminator Genisys*. In February 2018, Amazon Studios announced they were developing a new series called *Outrider* that Schwarzenegger will both star in and executive produce. In 2019, he will appear in a new *Terminator* movie.

Ryan Seacrest: In February 2018, Suzie Hardy told *Variety* that she had been sexually harassed for years by her former boss. The single mother, who had worked as Seacrest’s personal stylist for *E! News*, said she endured ‘unwanted, sexually aggressive touching, groping and attention’. She first reported the alleged harassment in 2013, and was fired shortly afterwards. Seacrest continues to host *Live with Kelly and Ryan* and *American Idol*, and produces *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*. His net worth is estimated at US\$380 million.

Charlie Sheen: Charlie Sheen has a long history of allegedly abusing women, including ‘accidentally’ shooting fiancée Kelly Preston in the arm, throwing chairs at former wife Denise Richards, being sued by a UCLA student for allegedly hitting her in the head after she refused to have sex with him and, in 2009, being arrested for assaulting his wife Brooke

Mueller. At the time, he was the highest-paid actor on television, earning US\$1.25 million per episode for his role in *Two and a Half Men*. It was only after making disparaging public comments about the show's creator, Chuck Lorre, in 2011 that Sheen's contract was terminated. By the time of his dismissal, his per episode salary had jumped to US\$1.8 million. He was hired again to star in the sitcom *Anger Management*, which commanded the highest ad rates the FX network had ever seen.

Bill Shorten: In 2014, it emerged that the Labor leader had been accused of sexual assault back in the 1980s. The alleged victim stated on Facebook: 'In 1985 I joined the ALP. In 86 at the age of 16 I . . . became a delegate for state and national conferences. In 86 I went to a Young Labor camp down near Geelong . . . I was alone . . . at about 4am there was a knock at my door. It was him at the door. He pushed me into a bathroom, up against a towel rail, pulled down my pants and raped me.' After the allegation emerged, Victoria Police confirmed they had investigated a charge of historic sexual assault but were advised by the Office of Public Prosecutions that there was no reasonable prospect of conviction. As such, no criminal charges were pursued. Shorten remains the leader of the ALP at the time of writing. He has always adamantly denied the allegations.

Jeffrey Tambor: In late 2017, American actor Tambor's former assistant Van Barnes alleged that the actor had groped and propositioned her. Tambor denied the allegations, but they were soon followed by new claims from his co-star on *Transparent*, Trace Lysette. He continued to vehemently deny the accusations, expressing disappointment in the decision of Amazon and Jill Soloway (*Transparent*'s creator) to end his employment with the show. Shortly afterwards, it was announced he would be appearing in season five of *Arrested Development*. In a *New York Times* interview with the cast in May 2018, Tambor was defended by some of his male castmates over an incident in which he verbally harassed co-star Jessica Walter on-set, reducing her to tears. Walter had described the incident as being one of the worst she had ever experienced during a career spanning more than six decades.

Robin Thicke: The creator of what has been called an anthem for sexual assault ('Blurred Lines') was accused in 2017 of having been violent

towards his former partner, Paula Patton. Patton was granted a temporary restraining order against the musician, and said Thicke had been physically and emotionally abusive. In June 2018, 'Blurred Lines' was certified diamond, having become one of the best-selling singles of all time.

Clarence Thomas: In 1991, Anita Hill testified before US Congress that Thomas, a candidate for the Supreme Court, had engaged in a pattern of sexual harassment while she worked for him at the Department of Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Hill, an African-American woman, was decried as a 'liar, a temptress and a race-traitor' who was 'trying to keep a black man off the Supreme Court'. Thomas was ultimately confirmed by the Senate, with a vote of fifty-two in favour, forty-eight opposed. Supreme Court appointments are for life. The annual salary is more than US\$250,000.

James Toback: In October 2017, an article appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* citing thirty-eight women alleged to have been subjected to sexual harassment by the award-winning director and writer. Since the article appeared, the number of accusers has risen to more than 200. One of those women, A-list actress Rachel McAdams, says she was twenty-one when Toback sexually harassed her on the pretext of meeting to discuss an audition. When she told her agent the next morning, she recalls her agent getting mad and saying, 'I can't believe he did it again. He did this to one of my other actresses.' In April 2018, it was reported that the LA County District Attorney's Office had declined to press charges against Toback.

Donald Trump: To date, at least sixteen women have alleged sexual harassment and/or assault at the hands of Trump. He has been accused of raping a thirteen-year-old girl. His former wife, Ivana Trump, alleged in divorce proceedings that Trump had raped her during their marriage, though the claims were later recalled after a settlement was reached. In late 2016, shortly before the US election in which Trump was running as the Republican nominee for president, audio footage from 2005 was released in which he can be heard to say, 'You know, I'm automatically attracted to beautiful—I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab

'em by the pussy.' Trump is now the president of the United States of America.

Mike Tyson: In 1992, heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson was handed a six-year prison sentence for raping Desiree Washington, who was eighteen at the time. He was released after three. His first wife, Robin Givens, described life with Tyson as 'torture, pure hell, worse than anything I could possibly have imagined'. He appeared in the 2009 buddy movie *The Hangover* playing a caricature of himself. In 2012, director Spike Lee helped Tyson bring his one-man show *Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth* to Broadway. In 2013, Tyson's book *Undisputed Truth* made it onto the *New York Times* bestseller list. In 2017, *USA Today* wrote in a positive profile piece that the former boxer turned podcaster had 'reinvented himself and become a sought-after personality just by being himself'. In 2018, he became the face of an ad campaign for Ultra Tune, an Australian car-servicing company.

Lars von Trier: In 2017, singer-songwriter and actress Björk spoke publicly for the first time about the abuse she was allegedly subjected to while filming von Trier's *Dancer in the Dark* (2000). In two separate Facebook posts, Bjork accused the Danish director of having repeatedly sexually harassed her during the course of the production, alleging he even tried to sneak into her room at one point. In 2018, von Trier was welcomed back to the Cannes Film Festival—following a seven-year ban issued in 2011, for comments in which he joked he was a Nazi—to promote his new film. *The House That Jack Built* follows a serial killer over the course of twelve years as he mutilates and tortures women and children. Although a significant number of people walked out during the screening, those who remained gave the film a standing ovation.

Harvey Weinstein: In October 2017, a *New York Times* article detailed allegations of sexual harassment, abuse and assault perpetrated by the powerful Hollywood producer dating back to 1985. The allegations spawned the #timesup movement, and the #MeToo movement founded by civil rights activist Tarana Burke a decade earlier went global. Weinstein's accusers included well-known actresses like Rose McGowan, Angelina Jolie, Gwyneth Paltrow, Annabella Sciorra, Salma Hayek, Lupita Nyong'o,

Ashley Judd, Mira Sorvino and Asia Argento, plus dozens and dozens more. Since the initial story broke, more than eighty women have accused the former head of Miramax and The Weinstein Company of abuse. The incidents include at least eighteen allegations of rape. In 2010, former Miramax employee Ivana Lowell wrote about Weinstein's behaviour in her memoir, *Why Not Say What Happened?* He was questioned in 2015 by members of the New York Police Department after model Ambra Gutierrez reported he had touched her inappropriately. Gutierrez worked with the NYPD to record Weinstein admitting to the behaviour. On the audio tape, he can be heard trying to coerce her to accompany him to his hotel room as she repeatedly resists. Against the advice of local police, the Manhattan District Attorney declined to press charges. References and jokes about Weinstein's behaviour towards women—young actresses in particular—date back decades, with Gwyneth Paltrow hinting on the *Late Show with David Letterman* in 1998 that Weinstein will 'coerce you to do a thing or two'. In 2018, Paltrow revealed to *Vanity Fair* that Weinstein had tried to assault her in a hotel room in the late 1990s. She told her boyfriend, Brad Pitt, about it at the time and reports that he 'threatened to kill Harvey' if he ever went near her again. Pitt went on to make numerous movies with Miramax and The Weinstein Company. Rose McGowan alleges Weinstein raped her during this same period. Lucia Evans, a former actress, alleges Weinstein orally raped her in 2004. In a 2017 article for the *New Yorker*, Ronan Farrow alleges that the previous year Weinstein had hired ex-Mossad agents to collect information on his accusers and the journalists investigating him, and to use this to discredit their claims. Numerous women allege Weinstein threatened to destroy their careers if they spoke out against him or refused to comply with his advances. In December 2017, the director Peter Jackson admitted he blacklisted Mira Sorvino and Ashley Judd after what he called 'a smear campaign by Harvey Weinstein'. Both women had been slated to appear in Jackson's adaptation of *The Lord of the Rings*, but were abruptly dropped from the production. In May 2018, Weinstein was arrested by the NYPD and charged with multiple counts of rape, criminal sex acts, sex abuse and sexual misconduct. Weinstein pleaded not guilty. At the time of writing, he was awaiting trial. His net worth is currently estimated at US\$50 million.

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