

HERE FOR MISOGYNY'S RATIO

[NB: Not Marcy, check the byline, thanks!
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This tweet is a flaming POS and the ratio of Comments to Likes reflects a similar collective sentiment (currently running 7-to-1 Comments to Likes:



Wipe the shocked look off your face, Andrew. Believe it or not, secondary education instructors often have day jobs, and professionals often have instruction gigs.

Those day jobs ensure they are more qualified to speak about their field than instructors who teach on the subject directly out of school.

Best classes I ever took were taught by adjunct professors because they had real life experience to use as examples. (My favorite was my business ethics class taught by a local judge.)

This isn't restricted to the law, either; pick a field from humanities to STEM and you'll find instructors who are working in their profession while teaching.

But Andrew Kaczynski isn't the only problem. The article he retweeted has a problem smack in the

middle of it which gives me pause – it’s so bad I have to wonder how much of the rest of this report by Washington Post journalists Elise Viebeck and Annie Linskey may need vetting.

This bit:

One of her most controversial clients was Dow Chemical, which she advised in the mid-1990s. A subsidiary that manufactured silicone gel breast implants faced hundreds of thousands of claims from women who said their implants caused health problems. Dow Chemical denied that it played a role in designing or making the implants and sought to avoid liability as its subsidiary, Dow Corning, declared bankruptcy.

“In this case, Elizabeth served as a consultant to ensure adequate compensation for women who claimed injury from silicone breast implants who otherwise might not have received anything when Dow Corning filed for bankruptcy,” Warren’s list of cases read. “Thanks in part to Elizabeth’s efforts, Dow Corning created a \$2.35 billion fund to compensate women claiming injury from Dow Corning’s silicone breast implants.”

The Post could not immediately verify this figure.

Emphasis mine. It took me less than 30 seconds to Google “dow corning \$2.35 billion fund” and come up with *In re Dow Corning Corp., 280 F.3d 648 (6th Cir. 2002)*:

Under the Plan, a \$2.35 billion fund is established for the payment of claims asserted by (1) personal injury claimants, (2) government health care payers, and (3) other creditors asserting claims related to silicone-implant products liability claims. The \$2.35 billion fund is established with ⁶⁵⁵ funds contributed by Dow’s products liability insurers, Dow’s shareholders and Dow’s operating cash reserves. As a *quid pro quo* for making proceeds available for the \$2.35 billion fund, section 8.3 of the Plan releases Dow’s insurers and shareholders from all further liability on claims arising out of settled personal injury claims, and section 8.4 permanently enjoins any party holding a claim released against Dow from bringing an action related to that claim against Dow’s insurers or shareholders. *Plan* §§ 8.3, 8.4.

And I didn't have access to resources like the Washington Post's team – cripes, WaPo probably reported on this case. It's probably in their archives. What else in this article picking through Elizabeth Warren's work history is just as thinly researched?

We have a malignant narcissistic lifelong scofflaw in office because the media was unwilling to do adequate research into his background before 2016. They focused to excess on the leading female candidate who had already been heavily researched during her tenure as First Lady, junior senator from New York, and Secretary of State.

Now we see slapdash research pushed misogynistically, to the detriment of a candidate who has also served in public office and proven her work history has informed her work as a senator and her policy proposals.

Imagine it: a corporate lawyer who, after working as a lawyer for corporate clients, decides they need more oversight like the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and corporations' owners need to pay more taxes.

But the media wants you to take away from their coverage that she's been paid by corporations you may not like while teaching at the same time.

Wait until they figure out she's a mother, too. OMFG!!! What kind of being can possibly do all that – parent two kids, teach, and bill out at \$675 an hour?

Give me a fucking break.

Reporters: Stop this goddamned double standard immediately. Do a better job of reporting, stay focused on what's relevant and quit making sensation out of nothing.

Readers: Be more skeptical of everything you read, and when you read, do so carefully. Don't rely on stupid white men's tweets to tell you the truth. Demand better quality reporting.

This is an open thread.