My experience on BBC News today.

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You can go listen to the news hour on BBC World's website if you like, but it may not be worth it.

Today I discovered just how much they will edit your point to serve feminisms purpose.

I wish I could say I had a recording of the original interview, however through skype and sound recorder I managed to screw up the actual "what you hear" recording.

Here's a copy of my notes from the interview that I prepared/edited/used during the interview.

Let's accept the premise that there is a level of crudeness in the tech industry, why would only women have the right to be offended? Would men not also find crude material offensive and find equal struggle? I grew up in a christian home, I am just as offended as any woman would be at crude jokes. If feminists believe in equality, I have the same right to be offended that they do. Why aren't we seeing an equal number of men avoiding the tech industry?

First of all, it's important to make a distinction. Not everything that offends women is misogynistic. It's an over-used term and misses the point entirely. So let's just get this out of the way. A lot of people in the tech industry love women. A lot are married. A lot are dating. There's no reason to believe there's a systematic hatred of women in tech.

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Well let's ask the real questions,

1. Do women feel unwelcome in the tech fields?
2. Are men purposefully causing women to feel unwelcome?

I think I'd like to address the second question first.

Let's say a woman decides to work in a coal mine. The first day she arrives she finds men in dirty clothes with dirty faces going down into the pits and

doing hard strenuous labor. She may not prefer to get dirty- she might find that she can't wear her shoes of choice. She might hear men making jokes she

finds offensive. She might find herself physically incapable of even completing the work.

But this isn't uniquely a female problem is it? I grew up in a christian home, I can find offcolor jokes offensive. If I'm weak, I may find myself unable to

perform the duties required. If I don't like getting dirty, I'm out of luck.

So do I feel welcome? Well maybe I don't. But does that mean they're discriminating against me? Does that mean they should change how they work?

There's this myth going around that nobody should feel uncomfortable at work. I disagree. First day on the job, you should be nervous. Worried about deadlines or not being able to accomplish the task? That should make you very uncomfortable.

Obviously a good employer should ensure that employees are not mistreating other employees, and sexual harrassment is one such mistreatment. But when you have people complaining that it doesn't "feel" welcoming- well that's subjective and changing that is an unattainable goal with moving goalposts.

I think one issue is that women over-estimate how comfortable men typically feel in new environments.

Whether it's a new job, the army, or gym class in grade school, for men it can be extremely uncomfortable until they are able to prove themselves to the group and make themselves a place. It can be daunting, and down right difficult. Often times I feel discouraged in my endeavors, like I should quit.. but I push on anyway- despite not necessarily feeling welcome.

And I think therein lies the problem. Women are offended because when they break into a primarily male group, they assume they're being treated harshly because they're women. But in reality they're being treated the same way these men would treat other men. Is that discrimination? I think that's the opposite! If they want equality, they have to want what it feels like.

That's how you become successful. It's not a boys club.

Thanks all for your support. It marches forward.

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That interview was a joke. The chick just seemed like she wanted to pile every '-ist' word she could think of into her 15 seconds of fame.

JediCraveThis • 10 points • 26 March, 2013 11:01 PM

The whole thing was much too short to be meaningful in any way, regardless of the side on this issue, but it did annoy me a bit that the host implying that the incident at PyCon was about sexism and not just crude humour.

The discussion afterwards, however, was something entirely different.

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I want to believe...

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Just listened to the interview. Excellent job. Very well spoken and level headed. The woman was a thin skinned squeaky wheel.

It was stacked against you from the start though, unfortunately. They start the argument by framing it as "Adria was *fired* for tweeting his picture..... .... he also lost his job too" telling the facts out of order and with sympathetic emphasis on Adria, which basically frames it as her being the victim the whole time, and you're there "attacking" a victim. The whole idea that the man was unfairly treated for an innocuous comment. was lost on them.

I think you represented us in a strong stoic way. The woman, as expected was a shrill easily offended feminist, who no doubt is contributing to the marriage shortage.

Excellent job. You are now the voice of a movement.

new_qgj • 6 points • 26 March, 2013 10:35 PM

Hey RPS, I listened to the broadcast. It definitely felt as though they put your position at a disadvantage from the get-go. Still, it sounded as if you stuck to your guns and did all of us proud.

Did you feel like you were put in an unfair position to argue during the actual recording?

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> I think they gave me a fair shot during the recording, yes. I do know my answers weren't nearly as articulate as they should've been, but alas, I live and learn.

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AVfM learned a long time ago that all interviews have to be email based in order to avoid being soundbited out of context, and to have a paper trail.

SequencingLife • 6 points • 27 March, 2013 07:24 AM

Women create misogynists.

I heard her throw the word "racist". What in the fuck? She's trying too hard to counter attack logic she sounds stupid lol.

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Wow, they didn't let you say anything really but that was to be expected.

Funny how women feel like they are entitled to half of "geek culture" when it was in 100% created and built to what it is today by men. Hey, it gets money and there are jobs there so you know what men, 50%, without any effort and work made.

Here we have Linus Torvalds (creator of Linux) speaking to one of his programmers, a well known and respected Mauro Carvalho Chehab:

https://lkml.org/lkml/2012/12/23/75

Now, this is from official mailing list, available to public so we can be sure in person this would be more brutal exchange. Men understand that if you fuck up, you get trashed by your boss, you deserve it and this is how progress is made. Women don't, not from my experience at least. Imagine if Mauro was a woman, Linus would face a lawsuit right there plus social stigma of misogynist and female hater. With man nothing happened, bugs were fixed and project moved on while woman who eavesdropped on tame dongles joke is comparing herself to Joanne d'Arc cause her oversensitiveness got one of these guys fired.

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> > True, 99% then, a ballpark.

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Its not fair that the woman gets to act hysterical, and then have the debate swayed in her favor.

There's a whole culture of sexist jokes ruining tech industry for women? I thought tech guys would fawn over women because they are so rare. You know, like everywhere with women.

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Just listened to it. I like how they give the crazy feminist chick the last word. Oh my god, she sounds so wound up. The example of the guy with the offensive t-shirt was not the same of course because no one got fired. The only reason THE GUY GOT FIRED WAS BECAUSE IT WAS OMG SEXISM.

You sounded great man. You should do more.

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AlwaysLateToThreads • 2 points • 26 March, 2013 11:47 PM

You either die a hero, or live long enough to see yourself become the villain.

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FountainsOfFluids • -1 points • 27 March, 2013 12:38 AM

I think countering their sweeping generalizations with sweeping generalizations of your own is a failing tactic. Point out the logical failures, but don't speak as if every workplace is accepting of females, because some certainly aren't.

I see this same problem in so much of the manosphere. It's not all one way or another. It's a mix. It's a prevalence of one thing over the other. It's "most of the time" and "for most people", not "all the time" or "for everybody".

Word choice is important if you seek to spread the message. And framing the issue as black and white is more likely to make people dismiss you as a wacko.

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