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Guide to Dealing with Accusations of Misogyny or Bias



Hey, Men!

You're at an event and someone says something like "I don't feel safe here" or "I feel marginalized." What do you do?

② Here is what you say:

"Wow, I'm sorry to hear that. If there is something I've done to make you feel that way, please let me know what it is. Also, please let me know what can be done to make this space feel safer and more welcoming to you."



These are things you REALLY don't say:

"Wow, are you on the rag?"
"Feminists are so hypersensitive."
"You just think all men are evil."
"Oh, just grow some thick skin already."
"Men are the real victims here."
"It must be a hormone thing."

① Assume it might be true.

Sure, it's possible that person is totally being oversensitive and blowing things up way past reason. But given the history of racial and gender inequality and the invisibility of male prerogative, the odds are against it.

This is what you don't say:

"Gosh, I don't see a problem!"
"Gee, that doesn't seem like a big deal to me."
"Oh, I'm sure it was harmless, maybe you should just get over it."

...unless you want to sound like an ass.

🎯 Remember!



If you say anything like what's on the list up there, you don't sound like an ass...you ARE an ass.

It can be hard to admit when you or folks you like fuck up. It happens. Suck it up and make it right.

Instructions:

1. Cut out.
2. Fold on dotted lines.
3. Stick in your wallet.
4. If you are in a situation where you are at a conference, function, or event, and someone comes to you with a complaint about how that space seems to have a problem with misogyny, racism, or other bias, take out and consult.

