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## Ben Affleck says he wants to be 'part of the solution'

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- While promoting Justice League Sunday, Affleck said 'more women need to be pushed to power' and that sexual harassment has to also be 'a men's issue'
- Affleck and Matt Damon owe their careers to Weinstein after winning a Best Original Screenplay Oscar in 1998 for Good Will Hunting
- Affleck says he does not 'want to cash any more checks from the guy'
- He plans to donate his residuals from Weinstein productions to Film Independent or the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network

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**Soul-searching: Ben Affleck says after reflecting on his own behavior in the wake of the Harvey Weinstein scandal, he wants to make sure he is 'part of the solution. Pictured right: a young Affleck poses with Weinstein in 1998**

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In an interview with **Fox DC**, the Academy Award winner said he will be pledging his future residuals from Weinstein Company and Miramax films to charities that benefit women.

Affleck said he was inspired by fellow director Kevin Smith, who announced last month that he will be donating all future residuals from all of his Miramax films, including Clerks, Chasing Amy and Jersey Girl, which starred Affleck, to the nonprofit group Women In Films, which supports female filmmakers.

'Once Kevin suggested that, I decided to the same thing,' Affleck said. 'So I am giving any further residuals that I get from a Miramax or a Weinstein movie... to either [Film Independent] or to RAINN (the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network).

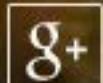
'I just didn't want to cash any more checks from the guy [Weinstein],' Affleck added.

His latest film, a DC Comics ensemble vehicle starring Gal Gadot, Henry Cavill and Amy Adams, was produced by Warner Bros.

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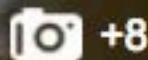
The film, which they both starred in, was produced by The Weinstein Company.

The 45-year-old actor and director publicly apologized in October after Hilarie Burton, who is currently married to The Walking Dead star Jeffrey Dean Morgan, accused him of grabbing her breast 14 years ago.



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**Handsy:** A 2004 interview with TV host Anne-Marie Losique went viral last month. In it, Affleck was seen sitting with the female presenter on his lap and discussing her breasts



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Losique later insisted that she was not a victim of harassment, and that it was all just an act

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Burton shared the allegations just hours after Affleck made a statement saying he was 'saddened and angry' over Weinstein's alleged abusive actions targeting women.

Affleck's statement was swiftly slammed by a number of people, including outspoken Weinstein accuser Rose McGowan, who blasted Affleck on Twitter as a 'liar.'

When a fan tweeted that Affleck might as well have 'kept quiet', another Twitter user wrote: 'He also grabbed Hilarie Burton's breasts on TRL once. Everyone forgot though.'

The actress then surprised the Twitter thread by interjecting with: 'I didn't forget.'

The incident reportedly happened when he appeared on the show in 2003. Burton was 21.

A video clip from the show shows Affleck telling Burton a story mid-interview, which appears to be about moves men use to pick up women.

He leans his arm around the young host who is wearing a yellow bandeau dress. No groping is seen on camera but Burton noticeably jumps and looks shocked on the footage as Affleck smiles and returns to his seat.

As Affleck apologized to Burton for allegedly groping her, a 2004 interview with TV host Anne-Marie Losique went viral. In it, Affleck was seen sitting with the female presenter on his lap and discussing her cleavage.

Losique, however, later insisted that she was not a victim of harassment.

'This was for the camera. You have to understand that we have done dozens and dozens of interviews like that. It was for a show I was producing, so I was not at all a victim,' Losique told The Hollywood Reporter.

Losique said the interview was just an act and as soon as the cameras were off 'there was none of that'.

'He never touched me in any improper way. He was very respectful,' the Canadian host said, adding that she's not 'thrilled' to have the interview mixed in with the sexual harassment allegations against Weinstein because she doesn't 'think that is at all the same thing'.

Affleck's brother, Casey, has also been accused of sexual harassment targeting female assistants working on a mockumentary project, and many were enraged when he won Best Actor for his performance in Manchester By The Sea at the 2017 Academy Awards.

So far, Harvey Weinstein has been accuse of sexual harassment or assault by over 100 women. He was last spotted on Thursday dining in Arizona, where he has been attending in-patient rehab.

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Actor says he will donate residuals from Weinstein-backed films to Women in Film



**Ben Affleck** is speaking out against sexual harassment in Hollywood amid Harvey Weinstein's growing scandal (and likely similar scandals involving James Toback, Kevin Spacey and others), and admitted during a recent interview with The Associated Press that he wants to start the scrutiny with himself.

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"[I'm] looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution," he said Sunday during a chat about his upcoming film, *Justice League*.

In order for there to be positive change, he continued, there will need to be two major adjustments to the industry: "more women need to be pushed to power" and sexual harassment has to be "a men's issue," wherein men are calling each other out for inappropriate behavior.

Affleck has previously had to defend his own behavior after condemning Weinstein's actions. His tweet proclaiming that he was "saddened and angry" about the news sparked fans to remind him of his own inappropriate behavior with women over the years.

Last month, Affleck apologized for groping actress Hilarie Burton on camera in 2003 while she was a host on MTV's *Total Request Live*.

Another video which surfaced, of Affleck pulling Montreal TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap during an interview in 2004, also drew criticism. Losique has since spoken out in defense of Affleck, saying that the actor had only grabbed her for show, but was otherwise a gentleman on set.

His *Phantoms* costar [Rose McGowan](#) took to Twitter to angrily accuse him of being silent about Weinstein's alleged offenses against her and other women. Affleck's close friend and collaborator Matt Damon, meanwhile, also [revealed](#) that he and Affleck were both aware of Gwyneth Paltrow's alleged ordeal with Weinstein at the beginning of her career.

In a recent interview with Fox 5 DC, Affleck said [he would be donating the residuals](#) from his Miramax- and Weinstein-backed films to Women in Film, following the lead of pal Kevin Smith.

Affleck's younger brother Casey has made headlines in recent years after it was revealed that two separate women filed sexual harassment lawsuits against him in conjunction with his 2010 film *I'm Still Here*. One woman claimed that Casey crawled into bed with her without her consent while she was asleep. The other alleged that Casey tried to pressure her to stay in his hotel room and "violently grabbed [her] arm" when she refused.

Both claims were settled out of court for an undisclosed amount in 2010. (Casey has repeatedly denied the allegations).

Critics pointed fingers at the Academy for ignoring the sexual harassment claims at last year's Oscars (Casey won for Best Actor for his turn in *Manchester by the Sea*), and this year, [thousands have signed a petition](#) to keep Casey from presenting the Best Actress award at the 2018 Academy Awards.

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## Amid storm of sex harassment allegations in Hollywood, Ben Affleck seeks to be 'part of the solution'

Actor speaks about storm of sexual harassment allegations engulfing Hollywood

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Actor Ben Affleck poses for photographers at a photo call to promote the film 'Justice League', in London, Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017. (Vianney Le Caer/Invision/Associated Press)

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# Ben Affleck and Sexual Harassment, he Reflects on his own Behavior

By Chris Wick - November 6, 2017

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Ben Affleck said that the wave of complaints of sexual harassment in Hollywood has led him to reflect on his own behavior.

In an interview with the AP on Sunday, the actor said he is "examining my own behavior, thinking about that, and I want to be sure that I am part of the solution."

After criticizing Harvey Weinstein last month, Affleck had to defend his own behavior.

He apologized for having fondled actress Hilarie Burton in front of the cameras back in 2003 on MTV's "Total Request Live" program. In another video of 2004, Affleck leaves Anne-Marie Losique, a television presenter from Montreal, said, her sexual harassment "is a problem that also concerns men."

Ben Affleck also said that two things must happen, "more women need to be pushed to power" and also that sexual harassment has to be "a men's issue" where guys shout out inappropriate things.



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## AFFLECK WANTS TO BE 'PART OF HARASSMENT SOLUTION'

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After condemning producer-distributor Harvey Weinstein’s actions last month, Affleck was forced to defend his own conduct. He apologised for groping actress Hilarie Burton on camera in 2003, when she was a host on the TV reality show, *Total Request Live*. Another video from 2004 showed Affleck pulling Montreal TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap.

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This story has been updated to show that the host in the 2004 Montreal interview with Affleck was doing a bit for her show and his actions were not harassment.

## POP CULTURE

# Ben Affleck on Hollywood sexual harassment: I've been 'looking at my own behavior'

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**Ben Affleck** wants to help put a stop to **sexual harassment in Hollywood** — and he's started by examining his own behavior with women over the years.

In a Sunday interview with the **Associated Press**, the "Justice League" star, 45, revealed he's been "looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."



Affleck went on to say he'd like to see sexual harassment become more of "a men's issue," with men condemning inappropriate behavior when they learn of it. At the same time, said the star, he believes "more women need to be pushed to power."

Last month, Affleck spoke out against disgraced Hollywood producer [Harvey Weinstein](#) in a Facebook statement, saying he was "saddened and angered" by Weinstein, who produced Affleck's 1997 film ["Good Will Hunting."](#)

The Oscar winner said the avalanche of [women's stories about Weinstein](#) was "completely unacceptable, and I find myself asking what I can do to make sure this doesn't happen to others."

"We need to do better at protecting our sisters, friends, co-workers and daughters. We must support those who come forward, condemn this type of behavior when we see it and help ensure there are more women in positions of power," he wrote.

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Shortly after Affleck's post went viral, [former "One Tree Hill" star Hilarie Burton](#) accused the actor of groping her breast during a 2003 appearance on MTV's "TRL" — and Affleck took to Twitter to apologize.

"I acted inappropriately towards Ms. Burton and I sincerely apologize," he wrote.

Days later, Affleck was put in the hot seat again when a 2004 video surfaced of him pulling Canadian TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap and suggesting she remove her blouse. In the clip, the actor also crudely compliments Losique on her "firm breasts."

Losique defended the actor, telling E! News that "it was all fun and games for the cameras. Nothing improper ever happened."

"Very honestly, I never felt at one point uncomfortable and I never felt at any point that it was improper," the TV host added, "and if I had felt that, very honestly I wouldn't have continued."

# Ben Affleck After Flood of Sexual Misconduct Scandals: 'I'm Looking at My Own Behavior'



"Justice League" actor says he wants to be "part of the solution"

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Ben Affleck says that the wave of sexual harassment allegations against multiple men in Hollywood is making him look inward so he can be "part of the solution."

"I'm looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution," the "Justice League" star said in an interview with the [Associated Press](#).

Affleck has come under scrutiny in the last month after he said the initial accusations of sexual misconduct by indie mogul Harvey Weinstein "[made me sick](#)."

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The actor, who won his first Oscar for co-writing "Good Will Hunting" for Weinstein's Miramax Films, apologized to actress Hilarie Burton for groping her breasts on MTV's live "TRL" in 2003.

Then, another video surfaced of Affleck [repeatedly nuzzling and hugging](#) TV personality Anne-Marie Losique while referring to her breasts during a 2004 interview.

Although the video was being criticized online, Losique told [TheWrap](#) that the behavior in the video was "all for the cameras."

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In the new AP interview, Affleck said two things need to happen to diminish the culture of sexual assault in Hollywood. "More women need to be pushed to power," and sexual harassment has to be a "men's issue" where men call out inappropriate behavior.

Weinstein and Affleck aren't the only ones who have been called criticized for bad behavior.

Directors James Toback and Brett Ratner, and actors such as Kevin Spacey, Dustin Hoffman and Jeremy Piven have all faced accusations in recent weeks.

## Ben Affleck Wants To Be 'Part of the Solution' to Hollywood's Sexual Harassment Crisis



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Actor and Eastern Congo Initiative Founder Ben Affleck listens to testimony on Capitol Hill in Washington during the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on the Congo on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014. (AP / Susan Walsh)



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### Ben Affleck Wants To Be “Part Of The Solution” When It Comes To Sexual Harassment

by Dino-Ray Ramos

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In the wake of the sexual harassment allegations flooding Hollywood as of late, [Ben Affleck](#) has evaluated his own behavior and is looking to be an ally when it comes to the issue.

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During an interview with the Associated Press for the upcoming Warner Bros. comic book blockbuster *Justice League*, Affleck said that he has been “looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I’m part of the solution.”

In addition, Affleck pointed out that sexual harassment needed to be “a men’s issue” where men need to call out and report inappropriate behavior towards women. He also said that “more women need to be pushed to power.”

When he said he's looking at his own behavior, this could be referring to his own bouts of sexual harassment allegations that surfaced shortly after the Harvey Weinstein scandal broke. Hilarie Burton said that the actor groped her on camera in 2003 when she was a host on MTV's *Total Request Live*. Affleck has since apologized for his behavior. In addition to Burton, a video of him and Montreal TV host Anne-Marie Losique was put in the spotlight. The video featured Affleck pulling Losique into his lap. Losique defended Affleck, saying it was part of a planned bit and that he didn't behave inappropriately.

When the Weinstein story broke, Affleck took to Twitter to speak out against his behavior saying, "I am saddened and angry that a man who I worked with used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass and manipulate many women over decades. The additional allegations of assault that I read this morning made me sick."

## MOVIES

# Ben Affleck wants to be 'part of the solution' for sexual misconduct in Hollywood

Affleck told the Associated Press he's 'looking at' his own behavior

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▶▶▶ When it comes to sexual harassment in Hollywood, Ben Affleck is promising to be an ally for victims going forward.

The actor and director told the Associated Press on Sunday, while doing press for *Justice League*, that he's "looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

Affleck, who made multiple films with disgraced Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, was himself compelled to apologize for groping Hilarie Burton on camera more than a decade ago. Video later surfaced of Affleck harassing TV host Anne-Marie Losique in 2004, pulling her onto his lap.

As more than 50 different accusations against Weinstein piled up last month, Affleck said that he was "saddened and angry" to learn that a man he'd worked with "used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass, and manipulate many women over decades." Rose McGowan, the actress who has accused Harvey Weinstein of rape, then implied on Twitter that Affleck was lying about not previously knowing of Weinstein's alleged behavior. (Weinstein denies any allegation of non-consensual sex.)

Affleck also said over the weekend that going forward, sexual misconduct must become a “men’s issue” in which men call out inappropriate or abusive behavior towards women. He told Fox 5’s Kevin McCarthy that he plans to donate 100 percent of any Weinstein movie residuals going forward.



“I’m giving any further residuals that I get from either a Miramax or a Weinstein movie... to FI or to RAINN,” Affleck revealed, taking a step similar to director Kevin Smith. “One is Film Independent and the other is a women’s organization, and I just didn’t want to cash any more checks from the guy, you know? I don’t usually bring it up.”



## Ben Affleck says sexual harassment has to be 'a men's issue'

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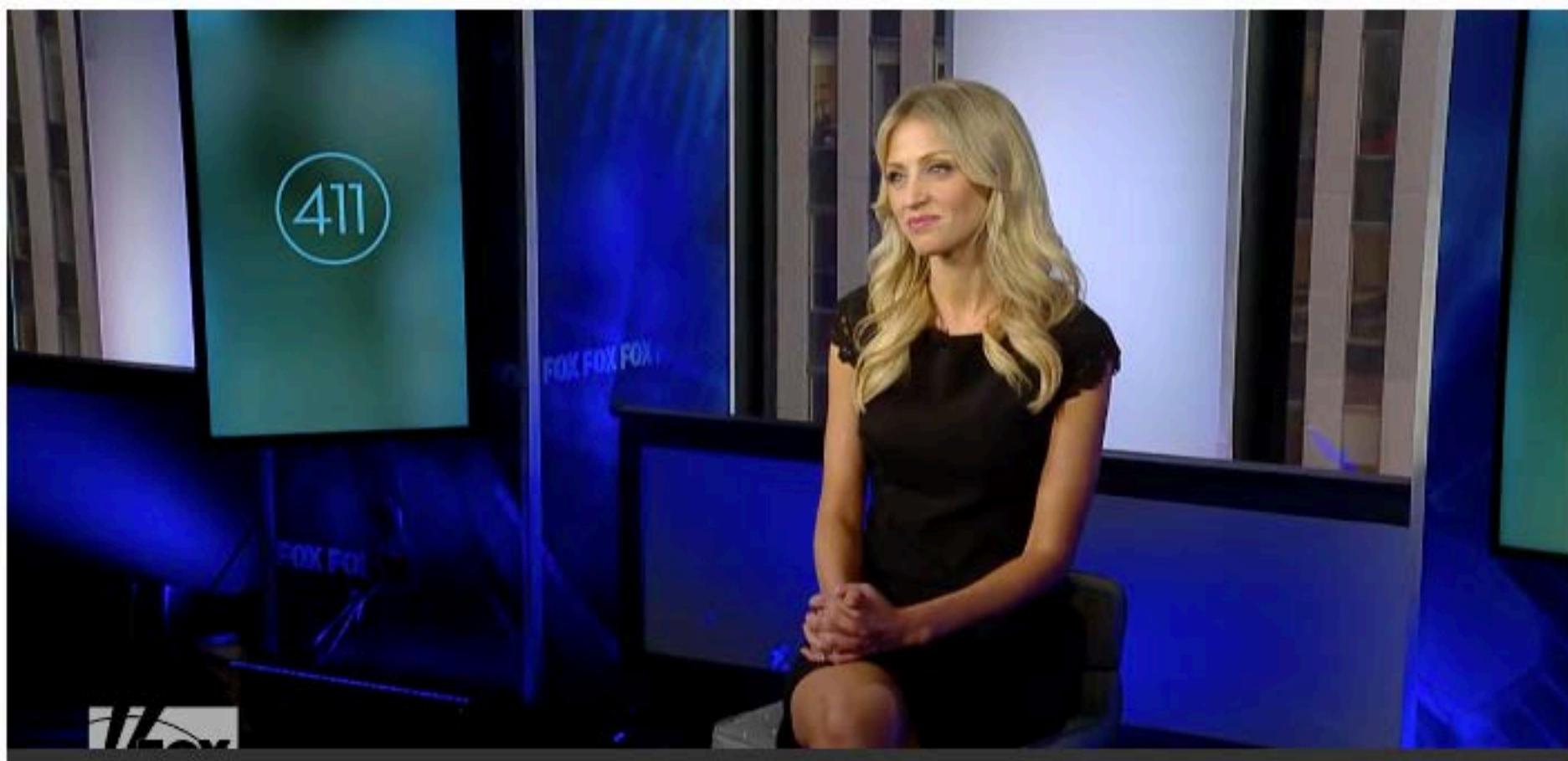
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Ben Affleck said he is examining his own behavior and wants to be "part of the solution" in the wake of the sexual harassment allegations plaguing Hollywood in recent weeks. The actor said he is opening his wallet to help.

Affleck, who apologized last month for groping actress Hilarie Burton in 2003, told The Associated Press on Sunday he's "looking at [his] own behavior and addressing that."

"[I'm also] making sure I'm part of the solution," Affleck told The Associated Press during an interview for the movie "Justice League."

Speaking with [FOX5 DC](#), Affleck clarified he will be following in Kevin Smith's footsteps and pledging his future residuals from Weinstein Company films to charities that help women.

"Once Kevin suggested that – I decided to the same thing. So I am giving any further residuals that I get from a Miramax or a Weinstein movie... to either [Film Independent] or to RAINN (the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network)."



Hilarie Burton groped by Ben Affleck on TRL: 'I was a kid'

He added, "I just didn't want to cash any more checks from the guy."

The 45-year-old actor told The Associated Press "more women need to be pushed to power" and that sexual harassment has to also be "a men's issue." He added that men need to be called out for their inappropriate behavior.



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*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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# Ben Affleck Wants to Be Part of the Sexual Harassment 'Solution'. Let's Hope He Means It.

BY ABBY GARDNER

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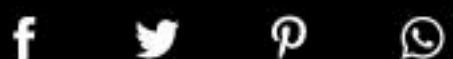


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With holiday movie releases and awards season looming, it should come as no surprise that there are going to be a lot of questions asked in interviews and on red carpets about the Weinstein scandal and all that has come in its wake. It's also no surprise that we'll be hearing a lot of canned replies that have "my publicist approved this message" written all over them—though not from you, Uma Thurman! And calls for change. So many calls for change.

Here are just a few of the stars with projects coming out over the next few months to keep an eye on: Matt Damon (*Downsizing*), Greta Gerwig (*Lady Bird*), the entire cast of *Murder on the Orient Express* including (ahem) Johnny Depp, Woody Harrelson (*LBJ*), Julia Roberts (*Wonder*), Margot Robbie (*I, Tonya*), and Anna Kendrick (*Pitch Perfect 3*). And that's just the beginning.

Yesterday it was Ben Affleck's turn as he was out promoting his latest film, *Justice League*. He had a few words to say about the current climate in Hollywood telling the Associated Press that he's "looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

It's probably a good idea that the actor does some self-reflection given the accusations that he groped Hilarie Burton and makeup artist Annamarie Tendler. (He has already apologized for acting inappropriately toward Burton.) And then there's this video interview from 2004 that recently resurfaced. It's, frankly, hard to watch.

So, yes, it's great that Affleck says he wants to be better. (Though it's more than a little bit distressing that at age 45, he's *just* seeing the error of his ways.) That he wants to see "more women need to be pushed to power." And that sexual harassment also has to be a "men's issue." We're sure to hear many more echo his sentiments.

We just hope they all mean it.

# Ben Affleck on Sexual Harassment in Hollywood: I Want to Be "Part of the Solution"

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# After condemning Harvey Weinstein's actions last month, the actor was forced to defend his own conduct.

Ben Affleck says the storm of sexual harassment allegations engulfing Hollywood has led him to examine his own behavior.

In an interview Sunday with the Associated Press for *Justice League*, Affleck said he's "looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."



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## Justice League star Ben Affleck wants to examine his own behaviour in wake of sexual assault scandal



Actor Ben Affleck has been accused of groping actress Hilarie Burton on camera in 2003.



## TWO MORE WOMEN HAVE COME FORWARD WITH GROPING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AFFLECK

Ben Affleck accused of groping numerous women

Since the Harvey Weinstein sexual harassment scandal was unveiled by the New York Times, the floodgates have opened for similar allegations across the board in Hollywood.

More women and men are opening up on their brushes with sexual assault at the hands of some powerful predators.

That list of Hollywood horndogs is never-ending which includes James Toback, Kevin Spacey, Brett Ratner.

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In wake of the ongoing scandal, actor Ben Affleck, who has been accused of behaving inappropriately with two women, said in a recent interview that he wants to cure Hollywood's sexual assault problem.



Ben Affleck poses at the premiere of "The Accountant" at the TCL Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California U.S., October 10, 2016.

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In an interview with Associated Press, the Justice League star said he is looking at his "own behaviour at addressing that" and making sure he is "part of the solution."

The Golden Globe-winning director was last month accused of groping actress Hilarie Burton on camera in 2003 when she was a host on MTV's Total Request Live.

Another video surfaced showing Affleck pulling Montreal TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap.

The Argo director subsequently issued an apology for his inappropriate behaviour.

During the AP interview, Affleck also said two things need to happen: "More women need to be pushed to power" and sexual harassment also has to be "a men's issue" where guys call out inappropriate behaviour.

Speaking about the Weinstein scandal, Affleck had earlier taken to Twitter to write: "I am saddened and angry that a man who I worked with used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass and manipulate many women over decades. The additional allegations of assault that I read this morning made me sick."

Ben Affleck's brother Casey Affleck has also been accused by two different women of sexual harassment.

Affleck-starrer Justice League (he portrays the character of Batman) is slated to release on November 17, 2017.

## Hollywood's Biggest Stars Use On-Camera Appearances to Act Inappropriately, And Now It's Impossible to Ignore

*As Hollywood continues to reel from new and damning allegations of sexual assault, it's time for an obvious reminder: keep your hands to yourself.*



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As Hollywood continues to reel from new and damning allegations of sexual assault, it's time for an obvious reminder: Keep your hands to yourself. Over the weekend, actors [Kevin Spacey](#) and [Adam Sandler](#) were both accused of acting inappropriately in very different fashions, though both claims at least partially stem from the alleged perpetrator's inability to respect another person's personal space, both in person and in private, both passed off as a "friendly gesture" or something far more nefarious. Another person's body isn't yours for the taking, no matter how famous or powerful you may be.

But it's the public nature of some of these allegations that is most damning, as a fresh wave of claims have been bolstered because of the explicitly open nature of them. They're on video, they're packaged as part of some giddy marketing push, and they're now wholly impossible to ignore.

That's a lesson plenty of power players are learning now, but it's one that sadly still needs to be repeated. (Hollywood is, of course, not the only sector of American society reeling from such allegations, as former President George H.W. Bush has recently come under fire for allegedly groping a number of women during meet-and-greets, to say nothing of the allegations waged against President Donald Trump over the years, particularly during his own dalliances in the entertainment arena.)

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Promotional tours and press junkets have often played home to such inappropriate actions, though the recent uptick in reporting (and, in some cases, even just *remembering*) these incidents has cast a harsh light on the behavior of many major stars, plenty of whom felt secure enough in their station to touch women on camera without their consent. In recent weeks, Ben [Affleck](#) has come under fire for a number of incidents in which he's reputedly touched female journalists during on-camera interviews. Former "TRL" host [Hilarie Burton](#) accused Affleck of groping her during an on-air interview, video of which had long been floating around the internet. Affleck later apologized for the incident.

The Burton accusations also drew attention to Affleck's repeated interviews with Canadian journalist Anne-Marie Losique, including a 2004 on-camera interview during which Losique sat on Affleck's lap while he asked her to expose her breasts. While Losique herself later sounded off on the incident (and others like it, as she has often interviewed Affleck during his acting tenure) [to Variety](#), saying they were "just mugging for the cameras" and that she saw no offense in Affleck's actions, the videos are still unsettling to watch and they set a very uncomfortable standard for other interviews.

Affleck and Losique may have found it fun to do, a way to pass the time, something silly, but watching the power dynamic play out, with Affleck pawing at Losique's body and all but putting his head inside her shirt while she's attempting to do her job, is eye-opening. That it's forever immortalized on video means that it should never go away, and it shouldn't.

Most recently, Sandler appeared on "The Graham Norton Show," where he repeatedly touched Claire Foy's knee in increasingly awkward and personal ways, enough that "The Crown" star attempted to remove his hand, though that didn't keep him from reaching out to touch her again. Sandler's own "The Meyerowitz Stories" co-star Emma Thompson, also a guest on the show, even appeared to glare at him. While Sandler's representatives swiftly issued a statement after the awkward incident was upbraided on social media, it was one that simply said the touching has been "blown out of proportion." Foy's team also weighed in, commenting that they "don't believe anything was intended by Adam's gesture and it has caused no offence to Claire."

Sandler, it seems, didn't think it was a big deal, and neither did Foy, whose own comments hit the wire swiftly after Sandler's. Yet even if Foy herself didn't care about what happened (or, at the very least, was willing to shake it off), the incident played out in front of millions of eyes, broadcast to the world, yet another example of a powerful man grasping at a woman as if she had the same agency as a piece of furniture. It's bad behavior, and the kind the sets an uneasy example during a time when many people are being forced to reckon with how their behavior is perceived by others.

And, official statements beside, the question remains: Why did Sandler feel it was even remotely appropriate to touch Foy — *on camera* — and then repeat the move after she attempted to remove his hand? Why is any part of Foy's body available for him to touch as he sees fit? And why didn't he stop once she had made it clear, through her own physical movements, that she didn't want his hand there? At what point does it become permissible, in the context of casual promotional responsibilities, to make assumptions about someone's personal boundaries?

Actress and screenwriter [Zoe Kazan](#), who has consistently been outspoken about issues of sexual harassment and assault in Hollywood, recounted her own story of being harassed during a promotional tour last year. Sparked by the trial of former CBC journalist Jian Ghomeshi, who was accused of sexual assault and harassment (he was later acquitted), Kazan took to Twitter to share her own experiences with him. Unlike Affleck or Sandler, he wasn't an actor using a show to pump his latest project, he was the host of a show on which Kazan was appearing to publicize her own work. Per Kazan, he used that power dynamic to make her feel increasingly uncomfortable and unable to say anything, lest the opportunity to speak about her work be taken from her.

As Kazan wrote, "A few years ago, as part of the press tour for a movie, I was interviewed by Jian Ghomeshi on his radio show Q. I was told it was an important interview...Before we went on air, we chatted for a few minutes. Then Ghomeshi smiled and said, 'Man, you are just my type. Funny, sexy, just the right amount of damage.' And then we went on air...This is not the first time a guy has 'typed' me as 'damaged' in a sexual way. I've come to expect it in a bar. I never expected it in a professional situation, pre-interview, with producers in the room. I had to hold my hands under the table to keep them from shaking."

Ghomeshi later showed up at a party for that same movie, where Kazan remembered that he "pushed his way to my table, and sat next to me for the rest of the night. He wouldn't leave me alone, even with my boyfriend there." While Ghomeshi never touched Kazan, he manipulated his power over her and the promotional space she was working in to harass her.

Kazan's story could not be more timely, and neither can the call for action she ends on, one that reinforces what should be the most easy to follow of rules: Don't touch anyone who doesn't give you the permission to do so. "The default assumption should not be consent. Just because I agreed to be on your show doesn't give you the right to treat me like I'm sexually available to you," she wrote. "Just because I smiled at you doesn't mean I want you to touch me. Just because you're interested doesn't mean I'm interested."

The conversation has changed, forever. Whatever wave was unleashed after those first allegations against Harvey Weinstein were published is showing no sign of letting up – it's only getting bigger, stronger, and louder. Everyone who exists in a public sphere, most especially those who are part of the entertainment industry, are now responsible for understanding why such conversations are important, and why issues like sexual harassment and abuse need to be taken seriously and respectfully. There's no longer any space for this behavior, in front of or behind the camera.

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## Ben Affleck wants to be 'part of the solution' after sexual assault, harassment scandals surface



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LONDON — Ben Affleck says the storm of sexual harassment allegations engulfing Hollywood has led him to examine his own behaviour.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press for the superhero film "Justice League," Affleck said he's "looking at my own behaviour and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

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# Ben Affleck wants to be “part of the solution” after sexual harassment allegations



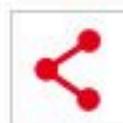
Ben Affleck



By

[Nick Reilly](#)

Nov 6, 2017



## He faced sexual assault allegations last month.

Ben Affleck has said that he is reevaluating his own behaviour amid allegations of sexual assault, and hopes to become “part of the solution”.

Last month, the Oscar-winning actor and director was forced to apologise after 2003 footage showed him groping actress Hilarie Burton while she hosted MTV's Total Request Live.

Another clip surfaced a short while after, showing Affleck pulling TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap.

Now, he's told the Associated Press that he has been "looking at my own behaviour and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

Last month, Rose McGowan **also claimed that Affleck lied about his knowledge of Harvey Weinstein's sexual harassment**, as news of the shamed film exec's sexual harassment continues to spread.

Posting on Twitter, McGowan has accused the actor of 'lying', claiming that he has known about Weinstein's sexual misconduct for years.

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"GODDAMNIT! I TOLD HIM TO STOP DOING THAT' you said that to my face," McGowan wrote on Twitter.

"The press conf I was made to go to after assault. You lie."

In a further exchange with *The New York Times*, McGowan confirmed that she was accusing Affleck of lying about his supposed lack of knowledge of Weinstein's affairs, and that she had told him explicitly about her mistreatment.

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# Ben Affleck Speaks Out Against Sexual Harassment Saying He Wants to Be 'Part of the Solution'

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During a Sunday interview with The Associated Press, Ben Affleck spoke out against sexual harassment and said he wants to be "part of the solution" moving forward.

Amid numerous allegations against multiple Hollywood power players — including producer Harvey Weinstein, director Brett Ratner and actor Kevin Spacey — Affleck, 45, said that in order to curb sexual harassment, "more women need to be pushed to power" and more men need to speak out against misconduct.

The *Justice League* actor said he has also been "looking at my own behavior and addressing that."

Affleck's comments come after the actor previously spoke out against Weinstein — who produced and distributed Affleck's film *Good Will Hunting* — saying he was "saddened and angered" by Weinstein's alleged actions.

"I am saddened and angry that a man who I worked with used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass and manipulate many women over decades," he said in a statement posted on Facebook. "The additional allegations of assault that I read this morning made me sick. This is completely unacceptable, and I find myself asking what I can do to make sure this doesn't happen to others. We need to do better at protecting our sisters, friends, co-workers and daughters. We must support those who come forward, condemn this type of behavior when we see it and help ensure there are more women in positions of power."

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Shortly after, Affleck apologized after former *One Tree Hill* star [Hilarie Burton](#) claimed Affleck groped her when she was a host of MTV's *TRL*.

After a fan suggested that Affleck should have "kept quiet," another Twitter user wrote, "He also grabbed Hilarie Burton's breasts on TRL once. Everyone forgot though."

The 35-year-old actress then bluntly responded about the alleged 2003 incident, "I didn't forget."

Burton then shared a clip of TRL outtakes in which she says, "He comes over and tweaks my left boob," apparently speaking about Affleck. Later in the video, the actor is shown asking her, "How old are you – 19?"

Affleck later apologized to Burton on Twitter saying, "I acted inappropriately towards Ms. Burton and I sincerely apologize."

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The tweet is enclosed in a light gray box with rounded corners, featuring a small circular profile picture of Ben Affleck in the top-left corner. The Twitter logo is in the top-right corner. Below the profile picture is the handle @BenAffleck. The tweet text is centered. Below the tweet is the timestamp and engagement metrics.

Another TV host, [Anne-Marie Losique](#), said Affleck "never touched me in any improper way" after social media users resurfaced an interview (which you can view below), in which the actor pulls Losique onto his lap, proposes she take her top off, and compliments her on her "firm breasts." The interaction was filmed while Affleck was dating Jennifer Lopez.

Although Losique later told [The Hollywood Reporter](#) that the actor "never touched me in any improper way."

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"It has been blown out of proportion," the TV host added. "I know that people like fishing for anything, but this is completely out of context. I would like this to not have any negative impact on him. I find it sad."

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# Ben Affleck Makes Another Statement About His Sexual Misconduct

by Hunter Miller | November 6, 2017



A photograph of Ben Affleck standing in front of a large "TOP" sign, likely at an event. He is wearing a dark blue polo shirt and has a beard. A play button icon and a timer (00:45) are overlaid on the bottom left corner of the image.

**Ben Affleck says he wants to be 'part of the solution'**

Ben Affleck says sexual misconduct accusations made against him and others in Hollywood is leading him to examine his behavior.

On Sunday, the Oscar winner spoke with the Associated Press while promoting his upcoming film *Justice League*. He said he's "looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution," according to *The Hollywood Reporter*.

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According to Affleck, 45, the "solution" to getting rid of the sexual harassment and misconduct that is engulfing Hollywood is two-fold. He says, "More women need to be pushed to power" and sexual harassment needs to be "a men's issue," not a subject that only women speak out against.

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The *Argo* actor was at the center of a sexual misconduct scandal of his own shortly after condemning Hollywood executive Harvey Weinstein last month.

After the New York Times exposé was published detailing years of sexual harassment by Weinstein, Affleck took to Twitter to blast the producer.

"I am saddened and angry that a man who I worked with used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass and manipulate many women over decades," Affleck's statement read. "The additional allegations of assault that I read this morning made me sick."

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"This is completely unacceptable, and I find myself asking what I can do to make sure this doesn't happen to others," he added.



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Affleck later was prompted to apologize to actress Hilarie Burton for groping her on camera in 2003 when she was hosting MTV's *Total Request Live*. Another video for which Affleck was under fire showed him pulling Montreal TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap during an interview.

# Ben Affleck Wants To Be "Part Of The Solution" For Hollywood's Sexual Harassment Problem

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Hollywood has a sexual misconduct issue, and Ben Affleck wants to help.

Affleck wants to help stop the sexual harassment that seems to be rampant in the entertainment industry, he told *The Associated Press* in an interview on Sunday. The actor has also announced that he will donate his future residuals from Weinstein Company and Miramax movies to RAINN and Film Independent.

The *Justice League* star told *AP* he was "looking at my own behaviour and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

The *AP* didn't specify what Affleck meant by his "own behaviour." In October, a clip of Affleck allegedly groping Hilarie Burton on *TRL* in 2003 resurfaced online. (A clip from 2004 that shows Affleck pulling Canadian journalist Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap also resurfaced, but Losique has said that it was not sexual harassment.)

"I acted inappropriately toward Ms. Burton and I sincerely apologize," Affleck tweeted about the incident.

Burton's husband, *Walking Dead* star Jeffrey Dean Morgan, also addressed the situation during an interview with *Entertainment Tonight*.

"I don't want to make a big deal of it, because [Hilarie] didn't, but I think everything that's come out in the last couple of weeks, starting with Harvey Weinstein — anybody who has talked about it, and even those who haven't yet, are incredibly brave, and I think it's time for change," Morgan told *ET*. "Hopefully, all this stuff is going to change this business. It's prevalent all over, and I'm proud of all these women. All women and my wife."

During the *AP* interview, Affleck also said that "more women need to be pushed to power." The *AP* notes that Affleck also said sexual misconduct should be "a men's issue" because men need to be advocates for women to stop this behaviour as well.

The interview with Affleck comes after dozens of women have accused Harvey Weinstein of sexual misconduct. Other Hollywood figures, including actor Kevin Spacey and director Brett Ratner, are also facing sexual misconduct allegations.

# Ben Affleck After Flood of Sexual Misconduct Scandals: 'I'm Looking at My Own Behavior'

"Justice League" actor says he wants to be "part of the solution"

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Ben Affleck says that the wave of sexual harassment allegations against multiple men in Hollywood is making him look inward so he can be “part of the solution.”

“I’m looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I’m part of the solution,” the “Justice League” star said in an interview with the **Associated Press**.

Affleck has come under scrutiny in the last month after he said the initial accusations of sexual

misconduct by indie mogul Harvey Weinstein **“made me sick.”**

The actor, who won his first Oscar for co-writing “Good Will Hunting” for Weinstein’s Miramax Films, apologized to actress Hilarie Burton for groping her breasts on MTV’s live “TRL” in 2003.

Then, another video surfaced of Affleck repeatedly nuzzling and hugging TV personality Anne-Marie Losique while referring to her breasts during a 2004 interview.

Although the video was being criticized online, Losique told TheWrap that the behavior in the video was “all for the cameras.”

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In the new AP interview, Affleck said two things need to happen to diminish the culture of sexual assault in Hollywood. “More women need to be pushed to power,” and sexual harassment has to be a “men’s issue” where men call out inappropriate behavior.

Weinstein and Affleck aren’t the only ones who have been called criticized for bad behavior.

Directors James Toback and Brett Ratner, and actors such as Kevin Spacey, Dustin Hoffman and Jeremy Piven have all faced accusations in recent weeks.

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## Ben Affleck Vows to be 'Part of Solution' to Hollywood's Sexual Harassment Scandal

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**Ben Affleck** wants to be "part of the solution" when it comes to dealing with the sexual harassment scandal sweeping **Hollywood**.

The 45-year-old actor himself hit headlines when he apologized after groping actress **Hilarie Burton** during an appearance on **MTV's Total Request Live** back in 2003, tweeting: "I acted inappropriately toward **Ms. Burton** and I sincerely apologize." A video of **Hilarie** talking about the incident emerged as more and more stars came forward with sexual abuse and harassment claims about Hollywood power players including producer **Harvey Weinstein** and director **James Toback**. Another video then surfaced of **Ben** pulling *Montreal TV* host **Anne-Marie Losique** onto his lap during an interview, and the father-of-three told the *Associated Press* on Sunday (05Nov17) that both incidents had made him reevaluate his own behavior.

"(I'm) looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution," he told the agency.

**Ben**, who is currently dating producer **Lindsay Shookus**, also has some suggestions on how to deal with the scandal, urging his peers to call out inappropriate behavior and make it a "men's issue". He also said that "more women need to be pushed to power".

The *Justice League* actor had previously taken to Twitter to comment on the allegations surrounding Weinstein, including stars such as **Ashley Judd**, **Gwyneth Paltrow** and **Angelina Jolie** accusing him of inappropriate behavior. Former *Charmed* actress **Rose McGowan** is among those who have accused **Weinstein** of rape, but he has always vehemently denied any claims of non-consensual sex.

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# Ben Affleck speaks out on Hollywood sexual harassment: 'I'm looking at my own behaviour'

The actor stressed that 'more women need to be pushed to power' and that sexual harassment has to also be 'a men's issue'

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**Ben Affleck** has said the allegations of sexual harassment flooding out of Hollywood has led him to examine his own behaviour.

The actor told the Associated Press that he's, "looking at my own behaviour and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution", and that two things must happen, that "more women need to be pushed to power" and that sexual harassment has to also be "a men's issue", where men call out inappropriate behaviour they witness.

Affleck has been faced with several accusations of sexual harassment in the wake of the Weinstein allegations. The actor apologised for acting "inappropriately" after **actress Hilarie Burton accused him of groping her breasts** on MTV's TRL in 2003. "I acted inappropriately toward Ms. Burton and I sincerely apologize," Affleck wrote on Twitter.

Makeup artist Annamarie Tendler tweeted the allegation that Affleck groped her buttocks at a Golden Globes party in 2014. "He walked by me, cupped my butt and pressed his finger into my crack," she added, writing: "I guess he tried to play it like he was politely moving me out of the way and oops touched my butt instead of my lower back?"

After a video circulated showing Affleck cuddling Canadian journalist Anne-Marie Losique and joking about exposing her breasts, Losique came forward to state the footage had been taken out of context and that it was "for the camera". "He never touched me in any improper way. He was very respectful, I must say," she added.

The actor also faced criticism for his response to the Weinstein allegations. He wrote on Twitter: "I am saddened and angry that a man who I worked with used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass and manipulate many women over decades."

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Rose McGowan, who is one of Weinstein's accusers, suggested that Affleck knew of Weinstein's behaviour, tweeting out a message of the words she claims Affleck spoke when he found out what had allegedly occurred. Those words were: "Goddamnit! I told him to stop doing that!"

McGowan continued: "You said that to my face. The press conf I was made to go to after assault [sic]. You lie."

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In an interview for the superhero film 'Justice League,' Affleck said he's "looking at my own behaviour ad addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

After condemning [Harvey Weinstein](#)'s actions last month, Affleck was forced to defend his own conduct. He apologised for groping the actress [Hilarie Burton](#) on camera in 2003 when she was a host. Another video from 2004 showed Affleck pulling TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap.

Speaking yesterday, Affleck said two things need to happen, that "more women need to be pushed to power" and that sexual harassment has to also be 'a men's issue' where guys call out inappropriate behaviour.

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# Inconduites sexuelles: Ben Affleck veut faire «partie de la solution»



Ben Affleck

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## Le mouvement dénonçant les inconduites sexuelles qui secoue Hollywood a poussé Ben Affleck à réfléchir à son propre comportement.

En entrevue avec l'Associated Press hier, la vedette du film *Justice League* a dit vouloir «s'assurer de faire partie de la solution».

L'acteur, qui avait dénoncé sur Twitter les agissements du producteur Harvey Weinstein, a été attaqué par des internautes qui lui ont rappelé des gestes déplacés qu'il avait lui-même posés.

L'acteur s'est excusé d'avoir tâté la poitrine d'Hilarie Burton en 2003, alors qu'il animait l'émission *Total Request Live* à MTV.

Une autre vidéo de 2004 montrant l'acteur asséoir de force l'animatrice Anne-Marie Losique sur ses cuisses a aussi refait surface.

Pour mettre fin au harcèlement sexuel, Ben Affleck croit que «plus de femmes doivent accéder à des postes de pouvoir». Il invite aussi les hommes à dénoncer les gestes déplacés dont ils sont témoins.



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Après Harvey Weinstein, l'acteur Ben Affleck s'est retrouvé dans la tourmente, accusé de comportements déplacés à l'égard de plusieurs femmes. Il essaye aujourd'hui de se racheter.

En 2003, Ben Affleck a touché la poitrine de la présentatrice de MTV Hilarie Burton en direct à la télévision. Sur une autre vidéo, datant de 2004, l'acteur fait asseoir une présentatrice canadienne sur ses genoux, se serrant contre elle et la touchant de manière inappropriée. Des comportements déplacés pointés du doigt suite à l'affaire Weinstein. Si Ben Affleck a présenté ses excuses, il souhaite aujourd'hui se racheter.

Dans une interview accordée à «Associated Press», l'interprète de «Batman» affirme «regarder son propre comportement» et vouloir «faire partie de la solution». Ben Affleck voit deux axes de changement : il faudrait «plus de femmes aux postes de pouvoir» et que le harcèlement sexuel devienne «un problème concernant les hommes», qui devraient dénoncer les comportements inappropriés.

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Invité sur la chaîne «Fox 5 DC», Ben Affleck a fait une autre annonce : il fera don de ses futurs profits issus des produits dérivés ou des ventes de DVD de la Weinstein Company à des associations pour les femmes. Une idée qu'il a piqué au réalisateur Kevin Smith. «Une fois que Kevin a suggéré ça, j'ai décidé de faire la même chose, donc tout profit résiduel que je reçois d'un film de Miramax ou de Weinstein ira, soit à Film Independent, soit à RAINN [Réseau national contre le viol, les abus et l'inceste]. Je ne voulais plus encaisser de chèque de ce gars [Weinstein], vous voyez ?»



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*"[Estou] olhando para o meu próprio comportamento e me certificando de fazer parte da solução."*

A declaração de Affleck foi uma resposta às críticas que o ator recebeu ao condenar a postura de Weinstein mesmo tendo ele próprio protagonizado casos de assédio. Em 2003 o ator passou a mão nos seios da atriz Hilarie Burton (da série *"Máquina Mortífera"*) durante um programa da *MTV*. Em 2004, durante uma entrevista no *Montreal TV*, o ator teve um comportamento muito criticado ao pegar a apresentadora, Anne-Marie Losique, no colo. Losique de um depoimento depois para a *Hollywood Reporter* dizendo que a situação estava sendo vista fora de contexto, mas isso não diminuiu as críticas ao ator.