



WHY WILL LAURA BATES NOT RETRACT HER LIE?

Feminists are *notorious* for lying and knowingly making misleading claims, then refusing to retract their lies and claims when challenged. Our political party **Justice for men & boys (and the women who love them)** – J4MB – has publicly challenged many prominent feminists including Laurie Penny, Julie Bindel, and Kat Banyard, to publicly retract lies and claims which are *demonstrably* false.¹ None have ever done so. Caroline Criado-Perez (‘women on banknotes’ campaigner) has twice won our ‘Lying Feminist of the Month’ award.² Laura Bates was recently nominated for the same award, following a claim she made in a TEDx presentation:

‘Over two women per week are killed by partners or former partners in the UK.’

The claim is *demonstrably* false. According to government statistics, the number of women being killed annually by partners or ex-partners in the UK fell by 25.4% between 2001/2 and 2011/12. In 2013, 76 women were killed by partners or ex-partners.³ One of the killers was a woman, leaving 75 women killed by male partners or ex-partners. That’s an average of 1.44 women per week, so Laura Bates is claiming that 1.44 is ‘over two’.

On behalf of J4MB I publicly challenged Laura Bates to retract her claim.⁴ She declined to do so, even after we’d emailed her a link to the evidence proving her claim was a lie,³ so we presented her with a ‘Lying Feminist of the Month’ award.⁵ A few days after we’d presented her with the evidence, a student in the audience of young adults at the BBC TV programme *Free Speech Live* asked her why she’d failed to respond to our public challenge. She repeated the lie, brazenly ending with, ‘That is *absolutely* the official figure’. Her lie was met with thunderous applause from the audience. The video is in our YouTube library, where it’s already attracted 140 comments.⁶

Why has Laura Bates not retracted her lie? Perhaps for the same reason feminists *never* retract lies. Their narratives are designed to raise women’s anxiety levels, inciting them to hate men as a class. Feminists fear the public discovering feminist narratives are built on conspiracy theories, fantasies, lies, delusions and myths. For 40+ years feminists have systematically and cynically lied with respect to many areas, including domestic violence. The truth is that men and women face similar risks of partner assaults with respect to assault frequency and severity, as we reported in our recent 118-page submission to a Home Office consultation exercise.⁷

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¹ <http://j4mb.wordpress.com/our-public-challenges-to-feminists/>

² <http://j4mb.wordpress.com/2014/10/11/caroline-criado-perez-wins-her-second-lying-feminist-of-the-month-award/>

³ <http://j4mb.wordpress.com/2014/09/27/the-evidential-base-of-our-public-challenge-of-laura-bates/>

⁴ <http://j4mb.wordpress.com/2014/09/07/our-public-challenge-of-laura-bates-a-strong-contender-for-this-months-lying-feminist-of-the-month-award/>

⁵ <http://j4mb.wordpress.com/2014/09/20/laura-bates-lying-feminist-of-the-month/>

⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guoipmk-YYw>

⁷ <http://www.avoicemen.com/author/mikebuchanan1957/>