

LYING FEMINIST OF THE MONTH

Kate Smurthwaite



J4MB presents Kate Smurthwaite, a feminist ‘comedienne’ – i.e. one who’s as funny as a broken leg¹ – with the February 2015 ‘Lying Feminist of the Month’ award. Along with Mike Buchanan, she appeared on *The Stephen Nolan Show* on BBC Radio Ulster on 21 January 2015² then posted the following on Facebook:³

Here’s me on BBC Ulster with Mike Buchanan from the anti-feminist party lot. To be honest more shocking is the way we’re introduced with references to ‘whiny feminists’ and ‘has the pendulum swung too far?’. No, Stephen, while women are still a tiny minority in the corridors of power **and two a week are murdered by their male partner or ex-partner**, [our emphasis] the pendulum has not ‘swung too far’.

‘Two (women) a week...’? It was, of course, the immortal feminist lie for which Special Snowflake⁴ and Caroline Criado-Perez⁵ won two of their five ‘Lying Feminist of the Month’ awards. The actual figure is nearer one woman a week, and even this figure (for 2012/13) is for *all* such homicides i.e. manslaughter as well as murder. J4MB publicly challenged Ms Smurthwaite to retract the lie, giving her a deadline two weeks later.⁶ Three days have passed since the deadline, and the lie remains on her Facebook page. We suggest she takes up a line of work more suited to her talents, i.e. *anything* unconnected with comedy. She should consider professions where women are *outrageously* under-represented because of the patriarchy e.g. bomb clearance, long-distance lorry driving, garbage collection, clearing blockages in sewers...

¹ <https://j4mb.wordpress.com/2015/02/02/kate-smurthwaite-the-wrong-sort-of-feminist/>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUlWt9JhLLU>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/katesmurthwaite>

⁴ <https://j4mb.wordpress.com/laura-bates-whiny-woman-of-the-month/>

⁵ <https://j4mb.wordpress.com/caroline-criado-perez-lying-woman-of-the-month/>

⁶ <https://j4mb.wordpress.com/2015/01/24/our-public-challenge-of-kate-smurthwaite-feminist-comedienne/>