



Blake Lively Receives Powerful Backing Against Justin Baldoni

Description

The recent tumult surrounding Justin Baldoni, exacerbated during the holiday season, has prompted a notable surge of support for Blake Lively. This follows Lively's filing of a formal complaint alleging a calculated smear campaign in retaliation for her courageous confrontation of sexual harassment on the set of their film, *It Ends With Us*.

Among those voicing their allegiance to Lively is her brother-in-law, Bart Johnson, a notable figure from *High School Musical*. On December 23, he articulated his denunciation of Baldoni on X, stating, "He's a fraud. He dons the guise of a hero, complete with man bun. Utilizing trendy catchphrases and buzz words in his podcasts, his persona is devoid of authenticity. It's mere theatrics, and many have been ensnared by it for years. Upon critical reevaluation of his videos, one can observe the façade of humility coupled with egocentric self-praise. What an astounding performance."

Johnson, who has recently appeared in *Yellowstone*, previously expressed his unwavering support for Lively post the film's premiere in August, asserting, "The truth has yet to surface." He defended her against claims of insensitivity concerning the film's themes of domestic violence, emphasizing her dedication to the project akin to none other he had witnessed throughout her career.

The December 23 commentary follows prior remarks in response to a *New York Times* Instagram post regarding the complaint. Johnson wrote that Lively's allegations were documented during filming, prior to any public dispute. He noted the rationale behind the cast's decision to unfollow Baldoni, suggesting an orchestrated public relations strategy aimed at undermining Lively's credibility.

Concurrently, writer and podcaster Elizabeth Day suspended an episode of her *How to Fail* podcast featuring Baldoni, underscoring the imperative for a safe workplace and commending those who exhibit bravery in speaking out against abuse.

The repercussions of Lively's complaint have been swift and far-reaching. Numerous collaborators and industry luminaries have rallied to her side, alongside support from film distributor Sony, SAG-AFTRA, and Amber Heard, a previous target of misogynistic vitriol. Following the complaint, Baldoni was promptly severed from WME, while other associations associated with him likewise dissolved.

Furthermore, on Christmas Eve, Baldoni faced a defamation suit from former publicist Stephanie Jones, accusing an alleged conspiracy aimed at undermining her professional standing.

Lively's original complaint delineates purportedly "disturbing" conduct from Baldoni, which she claims created a "hostile work environment," jeopardizing production and resulting in a retaliatory campaign following her disclosures of harassment, detailing alarming behaviors that undermined her sense of safety and agency on set.

Access Blake Lively's complete sexual harassment and retaliation complaint against Justin Baldoni and Wayfarer Studios here.



Vocabulary List:

1. **Exacerbated** /ɪg'zæ.s.ə.r.beɪ.tɪd/ (verb): Made a problem or situation worse.
2. **Denunciation** /dɪ.nʌn.si'eɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The action of publicly declaring something to be wrong or evil.
3. **Retaliatory** /rɪ'tæ.l.i.ə.tɔːr.i/ (adjective): Characterized by revenge or reprisal.
4. **Orchestrated** /'ɔːr.kɪ.strə.teɪtɪd/ (verb): Carefully arranged or directed in a planned manner.
5. **Allegation** /,æ.l.ɪ'geɪ.ʃən/ (noun): A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically one made without proof.
6. **Delineates** /dɪ'liːn.i.eɪtɪs/ (verb): Describes or portrays something precisely.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word means a feeling of contempt or scorn?
Option: Disdain
Option: Vilification
Option: Heinous
Option: Indignation
2. What term refers to the act of speaking ill of someone?
Option: Commend
Option: Belittlement
Option: Harrowing
Option: Vilification
3. Which word best fits the situation of being found guilty of a crime?
Option: Spectators
Option: Belittlement
Option: Convicted
Option: Heraldng
4. What term describes expressing ideas clearly and briefly?
Option: Vibrancy
Option: Succinct
Option: Intriguing
Option: Exuberantly
5. Which word means to act in response to an injury or insult?



- Option: Harrowing
- Option: Retaliatory
- Option: Orchestrated
- Option: Denunciation

6. What term means the exclusion of someone from a society or group?

- Option: Insidious
- Option: Delineates
- Option: Disseminated
- Option: Ostracism

7. What term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something wrong or illegal?

- Option: Allegations
- Option: Exacerbated
- Option: Prospect
- Option: Commenced

8. Which word pertains to the mind and behavior?

- Option: Psychological
- Option: Intriguing
- Option: Indignation
- Option: Heinous

9. Which word means anger or annoyance provoked by unfair treatment?

- Option: Climactic
- Option: Indignation
- Option: Vibrancy
- Option: Spectators

10. What term means to begin or start?

- Option: Glimpse
- Option: Commenced
- Option: Delineates
- Option: Heraldin

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The smell from the garbage was absolutely _____.

12. The consequences of his actions were completely _____.



13. She sang _____ during the celebration.
14. The official issued a strong _____ of the dictator's actions.
15. The stadium was filled with excited _____ cheering for their team.
16. She caught a _____ of the famous actor at the restaurant.
17. There is a promising _____ of new job opportunities in the city.
18. The painting was full of color and _____.
19. The criminal committed a _____ act that shocked the community.
20. The survivors of the accident recounted the _____ experience.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The movie had a thrilling and intense ending that left the audience in awe.
22. The act of _____ can have detrimental effects on a person's reputation and well-being.
23. The event with a grand opening ceremony that captivated everyone present.
24. The artist expertly _____ the intricate details of the landscape in his painting.
25. The information was _____ across various platforms to reach a wider audience.
26. The _____ of his efforts made him doubt his own abilities.
27. The lack of communication only _____ the existing tensions between the two parties.
28. The new discovery was seen as a breakthrough in medical science.
29. The nature of the virus made it challenging to detect and control.
30. The legal team refuted the _____ made against their client.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Disdain 2. Vilification 3. Convicted 4. Succinct 5. Retaliatory 6. Ostracism 7. Allegations
8. Psychological



9. Indignation 10. Commenced

Gap-Fill: 11. repugnant 12. unintended 13. exuberantly 14. denunciation 15. spectators 16. glimpse
17. prospect 18. vibrancy 19. heinous 20. harrowing

Matching sentence: 1. climactic 2. vilification 3. commenced 4. delineates 5. disseminated 6. belittlement
7. exacerbated 8. heralding 9. insidious 10. allegation

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