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# Chappell Roan Responds to Grammy Speech Criticism

## Description

Chappell Roan certainly did not take a “casual” approach to a music industry executive's criticisms regarding her Grammys speech.

Roan took to her Instagram Stories to address a *Hollywood Reporter* guest essay that gained traction for critiquing her remarks on Grammy night. In her speech, Roan had fiercely criticized major labels for their treatment of emerging artists, advocating for fair wages and access to healthcare.

In the original essay, Jeff Rabhan accused Roan of exhibiting a “naïve” perspective and suggested that she was unfairly targeting the very system that helped her succeed. He posed the rhetorical question: “If labels are tasked with ensuring artists' financial and health security, where do accountability and personal responsibility commence? Is Chris Blackwell also expected to leave a mint on her pillow and tuck her in at night? Labels are under no moral obligation to allocate funds beyond advances and royalties.”

On Friday, Roan responded emphatically on social media: “Want to match me \$25K to support struggling artists? I’ll keep everyone updated and share donation receipts. Meanwhile, here are some artists who truly deserve recognition and a larger platform.” She highlighted Hemlock Springs, Sarah Kinsley, Devon Again, and Baby Storme, while also tagging Rabhan for her followers to weigh in.

*THR* included Roan among Hollywood’s Biggest Winners of 2024 and published a counterpoint essay by songwriter Kay Hanley, who highlighted the financial struggles faced by young artists, concluding that Roan had rightfully claimed her moment on stage and urged major labels to rethink their practices.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Criticism** /'krɪtɪ,sɪzəm/ (noun): The expression of disapproval of someone or something based on perceived faults or mistakes.
2. **Emerging** /ɪ'mɜːrdʒɪŋ/ (adjective): Becoming apparent or prominent.
3. **Accountability** /ə,kəʊntə'bɪləti/ (noun): The fact or condition of being responsible; liability to be called to account.
4. **Perspective** /pə'spektɪv/ (noun): A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.
5. **Recognition** /,rɛkəg'nɪʃən/ (noun): The recognition of something as valid or important.
6. **Critique** /krɪ'ti:k/ (noun): A detailed analysis and assessment of something especially a literary philosophical or political theory.

## Comprehension Questions

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## Multiple Choice

1. Who criticized Chappell Roan regarding her Grammys speech?  
Option: Jeff Rabhan  
Option: Chris Blackwell  
Option: Kay Hanley  
Option: Devon Again
2. What did Chappell Roan advocate for in her speech?  
Option: Fair wages and access to healthcare for emerging artists  
Option: Increased profits for major labels  
Option: Less accountability for artists  
Option: Strict copyright regulations
3. Which artists did Chappell Roan highlight on social media as deserving recognition and a larger platform?  
Option: Hemlock Springs, Sarah Kinsley, Devon Again, and Baby Storme  
Option: Eminem, Taylor Swift, Beyoncé, and Drake  
Option: The Beatles, Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Queen  
Option: Ariana Grande, Justin Bieber, Ed Sheeran, and Katy Perry
4. Who published a counterpoint essay in *THR* supporting Chappell Roan?  
Option: Kay Hanley  
Option: Jeff Rabhan  
Option: Chris Blackwell  
Option: Devon Again
5. What did Jeff Rabhan question in his essay about labels?  
Option: Accountability and personal responsibility  
Option: Artists' creative freedom  
Option: Labels' marketing strategies  
Option: Legal contracts between artists and labels
6. In which year was Chappell Roan acknowledged as among Hollywood's Biggest Winners?  
Option: 2024  
Option: 2020  
Option: 2022  
Option: 2021



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### True-False

7. Chappell Roan exhibited a casual approach to the criticisms of her Grammys speech.
8. Jeff Rabhan agreed with Chappell Roan's perspective on major labels in his essay.
9. Chappell Roan reacted on social media by challenging Jeff Rabhan to support struggling artists.
10. Chappell Roan advocated for fair wages and access to healthcare for artists in her speech.
11. Kay Hanley concluded in her essay that major labels should maintain their current practices.
12. Chappell Roan criticized major labels for their support of young artists.

### Gap-Fill

13. Chappell Roan responded on social media, challenging others to match her \$25K donation to support struggling artists. Meanwhile, she highlighted Hemlock Springs, Sarah Kinsley, Devon Again, and Baby Storme, while also tagging \_\_\_\_\_ for her followers to weigh in.
14. The original essay criticized Chappell Roan for targeting the system that helped her succeed, suggesting labels were under no moral obligation to allocate funds beyond advances and \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Roan was included among Hollywood's Biggest Winners of \_\_\_\_\_ according to *THR*.
16. Jeff Rabhan posed a rhetorical question about the accountability and personal responsibility of labels in ensuring artists' financial and health security, mentioning the expectation of Chris Blackwell to leave a mint on her pillow and tuck her in at night. According to him, labels are under no moral obligation to allocate funds beyond \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Chappell Roan fiercely criticized major labels in her Grammy speech for their treatment of emerging



artists, advocating for fair wages and access to \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Kay Hanley published a counterpoint essay supporting Chappell Roan, highlighting the financial struggles faced by young artists and urging major labels to rethink their \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Jeff Rabhan 2. Fair wages and access to healthcare for emerging artists 3. Hemlock Springs, Sarah Kinsley, Devon Agait, and Baby Storme 4. Kay Hanley 5. Accountability and personal responsibility 6. 2024

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Rabhan 14. royalties 15. 2024 16. advances and royalties 17. healthcare 18. practices

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What legal agreement is made before marriage to protect assets?

- Option: Postnuptial agreement
- Option: Prenuptial agreement
- Option: Cohabitation agreement
- Option: Separation agreement

2. Which term describes a subject that causes public disagreement or argument?

- Option: Acceptable
- Option: Controversial
- Option: Consensus
- Option: Unanimous

3. Which term best describes a person who can recover quickly from difficult conditions?

- Option: Fragile
- Option: Vulnerable
- Option: Resilient
- Option: Delicate

4. What term is used to describe a very successful and widely known product or movie?

- Option: Flop
- Option: Blockbuster



- Option: Niche
- Option: Underdog

5. What term refers to the income generated from the normal business operations of a company?

- Option: Expense
- Option: Liability
- Option: Equity
- Option: Revenue

6. What is the unfair treatment of different categories of people or things especially on the grounds of race age or sex?

- Option: Inclusion
- Option: Equality
- Option: Discrimination
- Option: Harmony

7. Which term refers to a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something?

- Option: Objective
- Option: Perspective
- Option: Prejudice
- Option: Partiality

8. What term means a detailed analysis and assessment of something especially a literary philosophical or political theory?

- Option: Critique
- Option: Praise
- Option: Compliment
- Option: Applause

9. Which word best describes a situation where one deeply thinks about before deciding?

- Option: Impulsively
- Option: Foresighted
- Option: Contemplated
- Option: Spontaneous

10. What is the term for the action or process of recognizing or being recognized?

- Option: Denial
- Option: Rejection
- Option: Recognition
- Option: Oblivion



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

11. A sudden inheritance unexpectedly changed his \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The controversial statement caused a significant \_\_\_\_\_ from the public.
13. The criminal was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ deeds.
14. The company was involved in a lengthy and expensive \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The children were captivated by the \_\_\_\_\_ characters in the cartoon.
16. The young artist showed a \_\_\_\_\_ talent for painting.
17. Managers must take \_\_\_\_\_ for the performance of their team.
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ market trends indicate a shift in consumer preferences.
19. The company has a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of \_\_\_\_\_ in the workplace.
20. The financial analyst provided optimistic \_\_\_\_\_ for the company's growth.
21. The actor received critical \_\_\_\_\_ for his outstanding performance.

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

22. The investors engaged in speculation to anticipate market movements.
23. The politician made several antisemitic remarks that sparked outrage.
24. Despite facing challenges she remained calm and accomplished her goals.
25. She maintained her composure even in the midst of chaos.
26. His actions were reflective of his strong moral values.
27. The partnership was severed due to irreconcilable differences.



28. Her persuasive rhetoric swayed the audience in her favor.
29. The artist faced harsh criticism for his latest work.
30. The discriminatory policies were widely regarded as antisemitic.
31. Her talent was finally recognized by the prestigious award committee.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Prenuptial agreement 2. Controversial 3. Resilient 4. Blockbuster 5. Revenue  
6. Discrimination 7. Perspective 8. Critique 9. Contemplated 10. Recognition

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Fortune 12. Backlash 13. Infamous 14. Lawsuit 15. Animate 16. Remarkable 17. Accountability  
18. Emerging 19. Harassment 20. Projections 21. Acclaim

**Matching sentence:** 1. Speculation 2. Antisemitic 3. Accomplished 4. Composure 5. Reflecting 6. Severed  
7. Rhetoric 8. Criticism 9. Antisemitic 10. Recognized

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