

# Harvey Weinstein Denies New Sex Crime Charge in Retrial

## Description

Harvey Weinstein faced new charges of sex crimes in a New York City courtroom on Wednesday. He pleaded not guilty to a count of criminal sexual act in the first degree. This charge involves engaging in oral or anal sexual conduct with another person through force. The Manhattan District Attorney revealed that the charge stemmed from an alleged assault in 2006.

Weinstein, a former Hollywood producer, is recovering from heart surgery and takes multiple medications. Over 80 women have accused him of sexual misconduct, sparking the #MeToo movement. Weinstein denies the allegations, claiming the encounters were consensual. A previous conviction against him was overturned due to trial errors, leading to a retrial.

Weinstein's new trial is set to start on November 12. Testimonies from survivors like Jessica Mann and Mimi Haley will play a key role. Despite facing legal challenges, Weinstein's impact on the entertainment industry has been significant. His downfall in 2017 initiated a wave of allegations against other powerful figures.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Allegation** /æl.i'geɪ.ʃən/ (noun): A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong.
2. **Consent** /kən'sent/ (noun): Permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.
3. **Assault** /ə'sɔ:l̩t/ (noun): A physical attack or a threat of attack.
4. **Charges** /tʃɑ:dʒɪz/ (noun): Formal accusations made typically by a legal authority.
5. **Significant** /sɪg'nɪfɪkənt/ (adjective): Having a particular meaning; important.
6. **Retrial** /'ri:trɪəl/ (noun): A new trial of a case that has been previously tried.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What charge did Harvey Weinstein plead not guilty to in a New York City courtroom?

Option: Sexual assault  
Option: Robbery  
Option: Murder

Option: Drugs possession

2. In what year did the alleged assault leading to Weinstein's current charge occur?

Option: 2006

Option: 2015

Option: 2010

Option: 2018

3. What movement did over 80 women accusing Weinstein of sexual misconduct spark?

Option: #MeToo movement

Option: Black Lives Matter

Option: Feminist Revolution

Option: Equality Now

4. When is Weinstein's new trial scheduled to start?

Option: November 12

Option: January 1

Option: April 15

Option: August 20

5. What role will survivors like Jessica Mann and Mimi Haley play in Weinstein's trial?

Option: Key role

Option: Minimal role

Option: No role

Option: Observer role

6. What impact did Weinstein's downfall in 2017 have on the entertainment industry?

Option: Initiated a wave of allegations against other powerful figures

Option: Boosted his career

Option: No impact

Option: Increased opportunities for women

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Sexual assault 2. 2006 3. #MeToo movement 4. November 12 5. Key role 6. Initiated a wave of allegations against other powerful figures

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong without proof?

- Option: Consent
- Option: Assault
- Option: Allegation
- Option: Charges

2. What term is used to describe something handed down from an ancestor or predecessor?

- Option: Tribute
- Option: Legacy
- Option: Dedication
- Option: Endorsement

3. Which term refers to the action of publicly stating support or approval of someone or something?

- Option: Legacy
- Option: Endorsement
- Option: Tribute
- Option: Charges

4. What term describes something that is given to help others or bring about a particular result or benefit?

- Option: Documentaries
- Option: Contributions
- Option: Entertainment
- Option: Capitalize

5. Which term means to reject or remove someone or something from consideration or authority?

- Option: Significant
- Option: Retrial
- Option: Dismissed
- Option: Allegation

6. What term is used to describe the depiction or representation of someone or something in a work of art or literature?

- Option: Gratitude
- Option: Melancholia
- Option: Portrayal
- Option: Acquiescence

7. Which term refers to the gradual development or change of something over time?

- Option: Acquiescence

Option: Evolution  
Option: Capitalize  
Option: Contributions

8. What term is used for goods to be bought and sold especially products that are connected with a popular film or singer?

Option: Resembles  
Option: Merchandise  
Option: Leveraged  
Option: Charges

9. Which term describes a state of complete emptiness or destruction?

Option: Prodigious  
Option: Acquiescence  
Option: Desolation  
Option: Manifest

10. What term refers to a physical attack or threat on a person?

Option: Charges  
Option: Consent  
Option: Assault  
Option: Allegation

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

11. In business it is wise to \_\_\_\_\_ on opportunities when they arise.

12. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its assets to expand its operations.

13. She fell into a state of deep \_\_\_\_\_ after the loss of her beloved pet.

14. His \_\_\_\_\_ to the new rules showed his willingness to adapt.

15. Her passion for art was \_\_\_\_\_ in the way she spoke about famous painters.

16. She expressed her \_\_\_\_\_ for the support she received during a difficult time.

17. The discovery of the ancient ruins was of \_\_\_\_\_ importance to archaeologists.

18. After new evidence was found the court ordered a \_\_\_\_\_ of the case.



19. If you want to succeed in this business you must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on your strengths.

20. The event was a \_\_\_\_\_ to the achievements of the famous scientist.

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

21. Her talent for acting propelled her to stardom at a young age.

22. Many people enjoy watching because they provide real-life insights and information.

23. The new policy changes will affect communication among departments.

24. Writing in her journal provided her with a sense of emotional during difficult times.

25. The painting a famous work by Picasso but with a modern twist.

26. The of technology has transformed the way we live and work.

27. The author analyzed the complex issues in his latest book.

28. The monument was built as a to the soldiers who fought for freedom.

29. Her heart was filled with for the kindness shown by strangers.

30. His philanthropic work left a lasting on the community.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Allegation 2. Legacy 3. Endorsement 4. Contributions 5. Dismissed 6. Portrayal 7. Evolution 8. Merchandise 9. Desolation 10. Assault

**Gap-Fill:** 11. capitalize 12. leveraged 13. melancholia 14. acquiescence 15. manifest 16. gratitude 17. significant 18. retrial 19. capitalize 20. tribute

**Matching sentence:** 1. prodigious 2. documentaries 3. inter-office 4. catharsis 5. resembles 6. evolution 7. insightfully 8. tribute 9. gratitude 10. legacy

## CATEGORY

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