

Yesterday's NOW

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Once upon a time, the National Organization for Women winked to President Bill Clinton and scorned his accusers Paula Jones, Juanita Broaddrick, and others. This all came back to me while discussing powerful men sexually harassing and assaulting women, at Townhall yesterday.

NOW's current president, Toni Van Pelt, spoke with the *Washington Examiner* regarding recent allegations against liberal Sen. Al Franken

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(D-Minn.). Not to be outdone by the group's partisan or pusillanimous past (take your pick), Van Pelt offered, "We could ask all of the men in Congress to resign, is that what you're asking me?"

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Say *what?*

"That's gender bias and stereotyping of the most egregious kind," writes ethicist Jack Marshall at his *Ethics Alarms* blog. "I just expect the champions of equality, fairness, mutual respect and civility to believe in and live by the principles they claim so indignantly and self-righteously to be fighting for."

And not scapegoat *all* men.

Yet NOW's Madame Defarge declares: "They all should resign, every man in every industry."

Marshall knows how to categorize such talk: "Under the definition of 'hate group' used by the Southern Poverty Law Center — '*any group with beliefs or practices that attack or malign an entire class of people*' — Toni Van Pelt, speaking on behalf of her organization, has demonstrated that the National Organization for Women belongs on its list."

Blaming an entire sex, while excusing the actual abusers . . . should end NOW.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.