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## What progress has Franklin Veaux made with his accountability pod following the "Polyamory's #metoo" allegations?



Stan Hanks, USA: love your country, fear your government

Answered May 18

Thanks for the A2A [Franklin Veaux](#)

A few thoughts here first. I was asked to be part of Franklin's accountability pod, which I take very seriously. As you consider why that might be important, it's worth noting three things:

1. **I am independent.** I am not beholden to Franklin in any way - he's not part of my business, neither upstream (where he's buying from me) or downstream (where I'm making money from his work). We don't have interlocking partners, even out to the full six degrees of Kevin Bacon. We're not really even in the same social circles. Nor I am part of any group trying to make a living from the popularization of polyamory, BDSM, or sex positivism.
2. **I know a fuckton about governance.** I've been on the board of three very large non-profits, one of which was international. I've been on the boards of eight significant private companies, and one publicly traded company. Accountability as a practice is something which I have on lock.
3. **I know sexual harassment.** I've been part of teams in three different organizations where I was an executive formed to address sexual harassment claims against other executives. I've been asked to join ad hoc committees formed to deal with sexual harassment claims against executives in companies I've advised. I have a lawyer on retainer specifically to respond to similar claims in companies in which I currently have fiduciary responsibility.

I am not part of the loosey-goosey modern social justice collectivism movement seeking to create "alternative justice" formats. I don't deal in the court of public opinion. I act. Decisively. With finality when needed. Old school. "Strike down upon thee" shit.

I also deal in fact. Not allegation. Not rumor. Not gossip. Not social media rumblings.

Having said that, over the past several weeks, I've read all the published information, including rumor and innuendo, and have discussed this with the other members of the pod. There's a lot of smoke, and a lot of facts which create causal linkages that strongly imply there's more going on here than meets the eye, that there may be motive at work which colors strongly the process.

We - the pod - are collectively concerned about this.

Franklin previously enjoyed a sterling reputation as one of the straight shooters, the "good guys" in a field for which that was not necessarily the norm. We've seen plenty of narratives where popular figures have fallen due to #metoo claims, which revealed that they were in point of fact not who they appeared to be, yet used the public perception to provide air cover which discredited anyone coming forward with claims. There is a non-zero probability that this is true for Franklin as well.

To that end, we are in the process of establishing a system to independently solicit

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other investigators as needed) and the claimant.

This is where it gets tricky. As a pod, we hold Franklin accountable for his actions, and for modifying his behavior as necessary. We also have to hold those with claims against him accountable to not make false claims.

Why? Because Franklin may in point of fact be exactly who he was previously believed to be. And it's critical, in seeking justice for offenses, to remember that the goal of justice is to protect the innocent - whether that is the person making a claim, or the accused.

Astute observers of human nature will note that it's one tiny step from "J'accuse!" to Robespierre, and the Reign of Terror.

Not on my watch.

We'll be announcing publicly - elsewhere - how we propose to accumulate claims, and protect claimants.

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This is pretty awful on many levels. I suggest you revisit the requisites for being part of an accountability pod. You're missing a lot, and you are most certainly biased if I merely base that assessment on your words here alone.

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Laurence Brevard May 19 · 7 upvotes including Stan Hanks

I had to look up just what the heck was meant by an "Accountability Pod". I certainly hope that works out for all concerned.

Sad to say I'm never surprised when anyone "famous" is accused of perfidy... (more)

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Stan Hanks Original Author · May 19 · 1 upvote from Laurence Brevard

awww... poor Charlie. so sad.

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Laurence Brevard May 20 · 1 upvote from Stan Hanks

Oh... I thought you might know who I meant! A cousin of mine said, on meeting him in the '80s, that he is a legend in his own mind!

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Stan Hanks: the pickup, that was pretty cool. his band, was ok-ish for a mainstr...

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