Recantations

The main subject was recantations of allegations of rape, but I began by covering recent news. Louis Theroux has a new documentary out, a look at allegations of sexual assault on the American campus, and very unsavoury it was too. Saif Khan began looking the little innocent but didn't sound quite so innocent later, in spite of a not guilty jury verdict. Another case was equally unsavoury, and a third, ridiculous. Don't check out *The Night In Question* unless you have a strong stomach.

The new Michael Jackson smear job *Leaving Neverland* has been screened here; I watched the first part before the live hangout, and the second part immediately after it. It's all lies, all of it, and this is coming from a man who was never a great Jackson fan.

The American actress Roseanne Barr has been sounding off about the ludicrous #MeToo Movement, so I had to include mention of that. I'm starting to warm to this woman.

The case of Cardinal Pell in Australia looks like another stitch up job, and I couldn't help draw a comparison between that of Rolf Harris with the Wendy Wild allegation, and Dave Lee Travis with the hospital radio carnival queen incident that never happened.

Also the case of murderess Sally Challen who claims now to have been a victim of marital rape. Her conviction was recently quashed after a contrived second appeal. Hopefully the jury will return the same verdict at her retrial. This is the work of the odious Harriet Wistrich and her lover Julie Bindel. Challen is said to suffer from dependent personality disorder, a newly invented "mental illness" that made its appearance only in the "DSM-5". If you didn't realise "mental illnesses" were voted into existence, check out the work of Thomas Szasz.

With regard to recantations, I discussed the following from the Timeline: Katherine Bennett and Dustin Toth - not really a recantation, although she wanted to drop the case when the police progressed their investigation.

Cathleen Crowell and Gary Dotson then Biurny Peguero and William McCaffrey. The two women in these cases both recanted after they got religion. Crowell - later Cathleen Webb - is perhaps the most notorious such case because she was a teenager at the time. The court refused to accept her recantation six years on, but she persisted regardless of the consequences.

In the Coast/Montgomery case, both parties were teens, as were Brian Banks and Wanetta Gibson - from tragedy to farce. The deathbed recantation of Alice Mock and the case of the falsely accused Roy Burnett (not a recantation but a boast) were also covered.

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