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Recently my client Sharon Bialek, and other women, made claims of sexual harassment against Herman Cain and, in one case, a woman alleged a 13 year affair with Herman Cain. In response, Mr. Cain suspended his campaign for President on Saturday.

However, he still has not come clean regarding his relationships and behavior with these women.

For example, the idea that he was paying over a long period of time the woman with whom he had the alleged 13 year affair, but never told his wife about her, raises more questions than answers and does not pass the smell test.

Herman Cain said that he ran to change Washington from the

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inside but he has yet to change himself from the inside and that is why he failed.

In his speech he talked about mistakes he has made, both professionally and personally. He also said that what the accusers have said about him was false. Rather than his simply making a blanket denial we would have liked him to have acknowledged that he met Sharon and that he talked with her about a job. Further, he should have explained what happened between the two of them and taken responsibility for his conduct towards her and the other women. He failed to do so. Some wondered if Cain could have been President. In other words was Cain able?

Here is our Herman Cain report. This is our 9-9-9 report on Herman Cain.

1. Honesty Has Mr. Cain been honest about what NO His happened with all of the accusers? Score 0

2. Forthright	Has Mr. Cain been honest about why these women made these claims?	NO	His Score 0
3. Taking Responsibility	Has Mr. Cain taken responsibility for his conduct towards the accusers?	NO	His Score 0
4. Showing respect for the women who made these allegations?	Has Mr. Cain shown any respect for the women who made these allegations?	NO	His Score 0
5. Showing respect for his campaign donors.	Has Mr. Cain shown respect for his campaign donors?	NO	His Score 0
6. Showing respect for public intelligence by his blanket denials of everything that the women allege.	Has Mr. Cain shown respect for the public's intelligence by his blanket denials of everything that the women allege?	NO	His Score 0

7. Showing respect for the woman who alleged that he had a 13 year affair.	Has Mr. Cain shown respect for Ginger White, who alleged that he had a 13 year affair?	NO	His Score 0
8. Showing respect for Karen Kraushaar.	Has Mr. Cain ever shown any respect for Karen Kraushaar with his denials about her claims of sexual harassment?	NO	His Score 0
9. Showing respect for Sharon Bialek.	Has Mr. Cain shown any respect for Sharon Bialek with his denials that he never met her even though she has two witnesses that affirmed that he did meet her?	NO	His Score 0

On our 9-9-9 point scale Mr. Cain receives a total score of 0.

Mr. Cain appears to believe that character, honesty and past behavior should not be an issue, but we disagree. Anyone who wants to be President of the United States puts his character at issue and to say questions about all this are a distraction misses the point. His character, honesty and integrity are the very essence of his candidacy. Anyone who seeks to be President of the United States has to be prepared to have his character examined.

It would not have been a public issue had he not chosen to run for President of the United States, but since he did, everything about his character, and whether or not he committed adultery, engaged in sexual harassment, engaged in improper sexual conduct and whether he lied about any or all of these are legitimate areas of public inquiry.

Anyone who believes that their lives are not going to be subjected to intense scrutiny if they run for President are either naive or arrogant enough to think that their past behavior will not matter. These areas are a legitimate subject of inquiry. We believe that Mr. Cain, when he chose to run for the Republican nomination, should have known that his past behavior with women, including sexual harassment claims that have been made against him in the past, would surface.

The American public cares about whether or not men have sexually harassed women in the work place because many women suffer that experience and know what that is like and know how deeply sexual harassment can hurt them emotionally and financially. When the

allegations that Mr. Cain had sexually harassed women in the workplace first surfaced he seemed to suggest that he didn't know about these allegations, even though the National Restaurant Association did an investigation which must have included asking him questions about the claims and even though ultimately the case was reportedly settled with financial compensation to the two women who had made these claims.

Mr. Cain's inconsistent statements and blanket denials and attacks on at least five women calling them liars and questioning their motives have, in our view, been the reason that he dropped in the polls.

Now Mr. Cain stated that he is suspending his campaign.

Reportedly, this means that he is not terminating his campaign and can still request federal matching funds for it. The idea that Mr. Cain may now seek to obtain tax payer money for his campaign after the way he has conducted himself is simply outrageous.

I am very proud of my client Sharon Bialek and the courage she demonstrated as the first woman to come forward and give her name, show her face and explain what she alleged happened between her and Mr. Cain in great detail. We also admire Ginger White who came

forward and the other two women who made the complaints that they did while employed at the National Restaurant Association.

Other candidates for President now know, as Herman Cain does, that women will no longer be silent when they suffer injustices against them. What happens to women matters and no one knows that better now than Herman Cain.

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