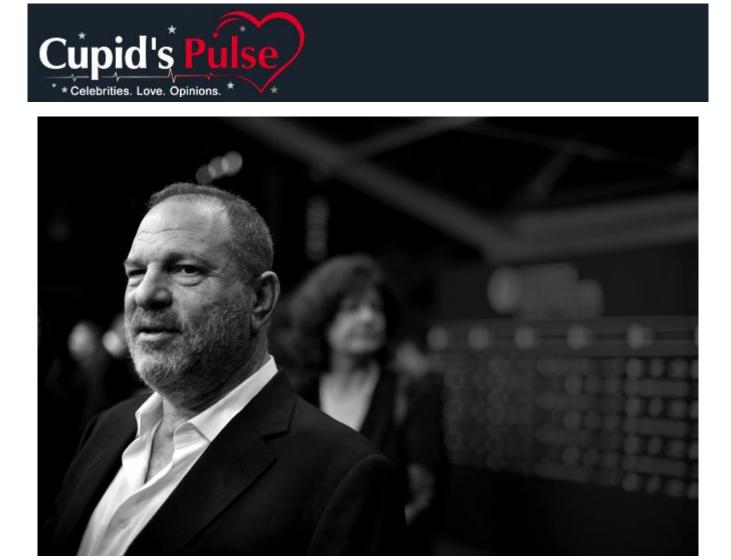
## Celebrity News: Harvey Weinstein Lied About Having Intimate Relations with Gwyneth Paltrow



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Harvey Weinstein's name has become a household warning. There's yet more <u>celebrity news</u> on Weinstein's decades long scandals. According to <u>EOnline.com</u> and <u>The New York</u> Times, <u>Gwyneth Paltrow</u> published a staggeringly long list of cover-ups and lies throughout Weinstein's career. One major lie Weinstein told was that Paltrow had consented to have sex with him in order to advance her career. Paltrow's name and Weinstein's lie was used as a weapon against other actresses in order for them to say "yes" to his advances.

## This celebrity news has us cringing. What are some ways to ward off unwanted advances?

## Cupid's Advice:

We all at some point will be in a position where we are made uncomfortable by unwanted advances. Male or female, someone with power can abuse their position to negotiate with you something you don't want to do. Cupid has <u>relationship advice</u> to help you when you're in these situations:

1. Call them out: Use your best judgement. Sometimes, calling out a person on their advances is exactly what it takes to end it. If a person thinks they can get away with something because they don't think you'll speak up, prove them wrong. Sometimes, though, the person making the advances is too aggressive and calling them out will anger them. Again, use your best judgement, but don't be afraid to speak up for yourself.

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2. Tell them to leave you alone, in no uncertain terms: If you firmly say you want nothing more, sometimes the person coming onto you will stop. If you say this in front of a group, the other people can hold the advancer accountable for their actions. But be careful, doing this makes it much more uncomfortable being alone with that person, so avoid alone time at all costs.

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3. Report the behavior: If you've asked the person to stop and they haven't, told them to stop and they won't, called them out and they don't care, it's time to report this behavior. Telling an authority figure will likely mean someone steps in and protects you. There may be backlash, so don't be alone with that person. Stay strong.

How have you gotten out of unwanted advances? Share your advice below to protect others.