

Trump Tape and Clinton Emails Are Both Legitimate-but Not Equivalent Stories

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Sinclair Broadcast Group's Stephen Loiaconi ([WJLA](#), [10/13/16](#)) quoted FAIR's **Jim Naureckas** on the legitimacy of examining Donald Trump's treatment of women as a campaign issue:

To a degree, Trump brought the scrutiny he now faces on himself by making Bill Clinton's infidelity and unproven claims of assault against him part of the campaign, according to Jim Naureckas of Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting, a liberal media watchdog group.

"Trump himself made it clear that he thought that Hillary Clinton's handling of charges of sexual wrongdoing against her husband in the 1990s should be a key, even decisive issue," Naureckas said.

Later in the article, Naureckas compared the handling of the abuse charges to the coverage of the Clinton campaign emails released by WikiLeaks:

Naureckas said the emails are a legitimate story, and one that provides unique insight into a presidential campaign, but he warned against trying to equate it with the allegations against Trump.

"One should not give readers the impression that a candidate revealed to have crafted public statements for political effect is the same sort of thing as a candidate being accused of sexual assault," he said.

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