



## Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2023-00688-F

**SENT VIA E-MAIL ONLY TO:**

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Michael A. Ayele  
Association for the Advancement of Civil Liberties

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Dear Mr. Ayele,

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration's ("BPA") final response to your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your records request was received by BPA on March 7, 2023 and formally acknowledged on April 4, 2023.

### Request

"...records ... detailing {BPA's} discussions about [:]

- [1] The decision of Congress to pass Pub. L. 97 – 28 and thereby request for the President of the USA to proclaim the week beginning March 07th 1982 as "Women's History Week;" [and]
- [2] The decision of Congress to pass Pub. L. 100-9 and thereby designate the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month;" [and]
- [3] The decision of Congress to pass resolutions between 1988 and 1994 for the purpose of asking and authorizing the President of the USA to proclaim the month of March as "Women's History Month;" [and]
- [4] The decision of the Joseph Biden – Kamala Harris White House Administration to proclaim the month of March 2023 as "Women's History Month;" [and]
- [5] The decision of your local/state/federal government (through some sort of proclamation or via other means) to recognize the month of March as "Women's History Month;" [and]
- [6] The manner in which your local/state/federal government should commemorate "Women's History Month;" [7] the systemic sexism and misogyny that exist in US society; [and]

[7] The decision of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) United States Secret Service (USSS) to recognize that the origins of the “incel” label date back to the 1990s, when a Canadian woman created an Internet peer support forum for people, who wanted a sexual relationship, but were unable to find a partner; [and]

[8] The decision of the DHS (USSS) to recognize that the term “incel” is often used to describe men, who feel unable to obtain romantic or sexual relationships with women, to which they think they are entitled;

[9] The decision of Olivia Wilde to identify Jordan Peterson as a “pseudo-intellectual hero to the incel community” of the USA; [and]

[10] The decision of the Hill (as a news outlet) to provide legal cover for the incel community of the USA on (or around) February 22nd 2023 by criticizing women for

- (i) graduating high school, attending a US college/university and graduating from that US college/university at a higher rate than women of previous generations,
- (ii) narrowing to the best of their abilities the income disparity between men and women,
- (iii) having higher standards and expectations when entering into a romantic relationship,
- (iv) not doing enough to prevent the mass-shootings that occur in the USA,
- (v) not doing enough to prevent the suicide committed by white men living in the USA; [and]

[11] The decision of CNN (as a news outlet) to provide legal cover for the “incel community” of the USA by praising the February 22nd 2023 article published on the Hill that went on to criticize women for (i) graduating high-school, attending a US college/university and graduating from that U.S. college/university at a higher rate than women of previous generations, (ii) narrowing to the best of their abilities the income disparity between men and women, (iii) having higher standards and expectations when entering into a romantic relationship, (iv) not doing enough to prevent the mass-shootings that occur in the USA, (v) not doing enough to prevent the suicide committed by white men living in the USA; [and]

[12] The significant efforts of the Hill and CNN (as news outlets) to define the “gender role” of women in the 21st (twenty-first) century; [and]

[13] The formal/informal opinion of your local/state/federal government on the subject of the “gender role” of women in the 21st Century.”

### **Response**

BPA conducted records and information searches for responsive records the agency’s Diversity and Inclusion and National Relations offices and found no records responsive to your request.

### **Fee**

There are no fees applicable to your request for BPA records.

**Certification**

Your FOIA request BPA-2023-00688-F is now closed with no agency records available to provide. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the search and determinations described above.

**Appeal**

Note that the records release certified above is final. This final decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals,  
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to [OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov), including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
E-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; facsimile at 202-741-5769

Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, FOIA Public Liaison, at 503-230-7621 or [jjking@bpa.gov](mailto:jjking@bpa.gov). Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration.

Sincerely,

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