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Jared Hohlt, Editor in Chief
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Dear Mr. Hohlt,

We respectfully demand an immediate retraction with regards to your article entitled “What’s Fact And What’s Fiction In *Mrs. America* Episode 5” from April 29. In that article, author Cornelia Channing offers validity to the claim that Phyllis Schlafly cited a fake court case as evidence during a televised debate on April 29, 1974. The only source used by Miss Channing is Brenda Fasteau’s 2000 memoir.

That could hardly be considered journalistic due diligence. Although Ms. Fasteau did claim that Phyllis made up a court case during a debate, Fasteau herself lied in the very preceding sentence in which she claims Schlafly had an eight-year-old son at the time of one of their debates. That is demonstrably false. Phyllis’s youngest son was thirteen at the time of her first debate with Brenda.

A much better source to consult about this debate would be Phyllis Schlafly Eagles. We have the full Schlafly-Fasteau debate in our archives and I can personally attest that Phyllis never cited a fake case. Ms. Channing should have thought to consult us on this, as she is already aware of our work. I noticed that she linked to another debate we’ve posted online in a previous article of hers.

To insinuate that Phyllis Schlafly was lying during her debates and public appearances is a charge that demands proof. If Ms. Channing plans to repeat this falsehood, she should offer more evidence than an obscure reference to an anecdote in a feminist’s screed against Phyllis. Until such proof can be offered, we demand that an immediate retraction be made for this mistake.

All the best.

Ed Martin
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