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**From:** Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 10:28 PM  
**To:** J  
**Cc:** Valeria Chomsky  
**Subject:** Re:

Yes, will be very careful about that.

On Sat, Feb 23, 2019 at 2:05 PM J <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wrote:

Thx. The structure of the video is quite important. Its only one , no second takes etc unedited. Witnessed etc A0

On Sat, Feb 23, 2019 at 3:59 PM Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Have been thinking about your letter ever since I received it this morning -- in fact, long before. Awful situation is always on my mind. And to a much lesser degree, Lawrence too and other cases that I know about.

First, on our suggestion about us, I think it's a good idea -- in fact I had agreed to it a long time ago. Valeria is putting together documentation about the matter that I can use.

Second, the horrible way you are being treated in the press and public. It's painful to say, but I think the best way to proceed is to ignore it. I've had plenty of experience, though of course not on this scale. A google search will bring up tons of hysterical accusations of all sorts, even groups devoted to vilifying me. I pay no attention, unless I'm approached for a comment on a specific matter. It's a nuisance, but it's the best way. The same conclusions from experiences of others, in some case close friends.

What the vultures dearly want is public response, which then provides a public opening for an onslaught of venomous attacks, many from just publicity seekers or cranks of all sorts - which are impossible to answer (how do you prove that you are not a neo-Nazi who wants to kill the Jews, or a rapist, or whatever charge comes along?). That's particularly true now with the hysteria that has developed about abuse of women, which has reached the point that even questioning a charge is a crime worse than murder. For virtually everyone who sees any of this, the reaction will be "where there's smoke there's fire, maybe raging fire" (whatever the facts, which few will even think of investigating).

In general, it's best I think not to react unless directly questioned, particularly in the current mood -- which, I presume, will fade away, even if not in time to prevent much torture and distress.

Hard to say, but it's the best advice I can think of.

Noam

<=iv dir="ltr" class="gmail\_attr">On Sat, Feb 23, 2019 at 4:27 AM J <=a href="mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com" target="\_blank">jeevacation@gmai=.com> wrote:

Noam. I d love your advice on how I handl= my putrid press. its spiraling out of control .! do I have someone write an oped. ? defend myself . or try to ignore. realizing that mobs are dangerous. !

On your situation. it breaks my heart. .! I thought of a work around. . you can do a video ,=C2 doctor or lawyer by your side. . stating that you are fu=ly competent. intend to leave your estate to valeria. minus,=C2 some ip. ( not sure you should leave them any of it now=). so in the future if they decide to make a claim agai=st valeria the video and potentailly affidavits from doctors lawyers=that you are of sound mind and are making the video to protect valeria aga=st arizona laws being used against her by your children, you can also write and have notarized a declaration that you are =ppalled by the idea of the children bringing a suit against a person that =ou have loved dearly and who doesnt deserve to have to deal with such horr=be allgeations.

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