Free the queen of Daytime Wendy Williams

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The famous pink chair is empty as the queen of daytime TV is being held against her will. Her famous "How you doing" moniker that took over pop culture is nothing but the past.

Arguably the greatest media personality in the 21st century is locked in a conservatorship under false pretenses.

Wendy Williams is best known for her self–titled talk show and her segment on HOT.97 back in the 90's and early 2000's.

Now, Williams is being controlled by a stranger under a conservatorship unlawfully and all the money that she earned throughout her career is withheld from her.

Williams has publicly discussed her struggles with alcohol and drugs. She has overcome her addiction with drugs yet still drinks heavily.

That was noticeable in her 2024 documentary on Lifetime. The people around her knew it was inappropriate to have her on TV in that state, considering she was diagnosed with "dementia."

I believe Williams was forced to do this documentary to add validation to the claims Wells Fargo and her financial advisor were making about her health. Willams was exploited to the max all for the continuation of control for her guardian.

Earlier this year TMZ released a documentary titled "TMZ presents: Saving Wendy," in which Harvey Levin interviewed Williams from her room in a New York City assisted living facility.

"The only way I could interview her was to have a camera in the street because we can't get a camera in," Levin said. "She's been out twice in the last 30 days."

The reason for the guardianship is because Wells Fargo raised concerns about Williams account that was producing suspicious habits.

The last time Wendy was on TV was in July 2021 on "The Wendy Williams Show." She nor did the audience expect to not see the show premiere in the fall.

In November of 2021, rumors circulated around the world that Williams was in the early stages of dementia, yet her brother dispelled those claims.

What is interesting about this is that Williams accused her financial advisor of misconduct in January of 2022. That same month, her financial advisor Lori Schiller made claims that Williams was not in the right state of mind.

Due to Schiller's claims, Wells Fargo froze Williams' bank accounts. According to court documents, Wells Fargo petitioned to place Williams under financial guardianship.

This whole situation is weird and quite frankly a scam to control Williams and take all of her money.

My conspiracy theories are kicking in and I think that Williams is being targeted due to the information she may know about some heavy hitters in the music industry.

Just think about the timeline and how all of this began in late 2021.

Williams released her biographical movie "Wendy Williams: The Movie" in January 2021. In the movie she revealed that she was raped by R&B singer Sherrick at an album release party.

I mean for crying out loud she was fired in 1998 from HOT 97 for speaking out against Diddy.

Williams spoke to Daily Mail after Diddy was arrested in September 2024.

"What is really weird is that I have been told by many people, Wendy, you called it," Williams said. "You know how I feel about that? It is about time to see that video on TV."

With all due respect, the only thing that Williams struggles with is Graves' disease which has battled for years. When you watch the TMZ interview you can clearly see and hear how sane and clear minded she is.

At the "Breakfast Club" she denied these claims that originated from Wells Fargo and her financial advisor.

"I am not cognitively impaired," Williams said.

I pray with her speaking out and outlets such as TMZ will help end her exploitative guardianship before this ends badly.



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Former broadcaster, media personality and writer Wendy Williams.

Hollywood? More like 'Hollyweird'

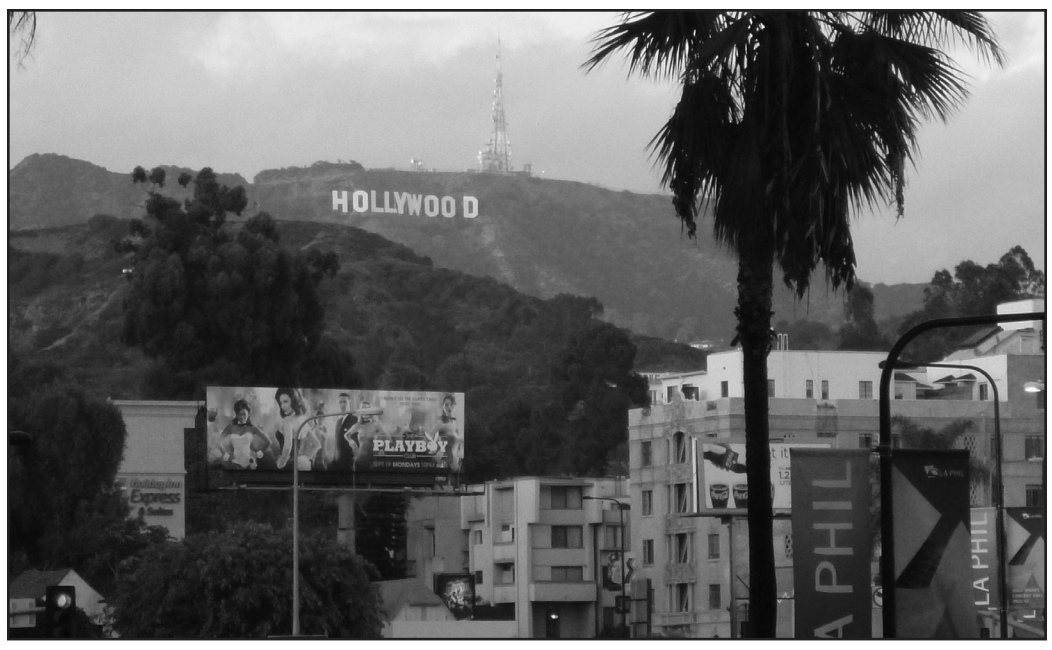


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Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California.

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Three weeks after the Grammys premiered, I am still thinking about an award that seems to be accepted yet is scandalous.

The Grammys presented the Dr. Dre Impact Award for the second year in a row and that is a contradiction in itself.

Andre Romelle Young, known professionally as Dr. Dre is a producer and rapper best known for being an original member of N.W.A and his first two solo albums.

Dr. Dre is a known abuser who physically assaulted his first wife Michelle and reporter Dee Barnes in 1991.

"I apologize to the women I've hurt. I deeply regret what I did and know that it has forever impacted all of our lives," Dre said.

The first recipient of the award was Jay–Z in 2024, which was questionable right off the bat. As we all know, Jay–Z has been in controversy surrounding his relationships with young women and is now being accused of raping a minor with Diddy after the 2000 VMA awards.

As of Feb. 14, the anonymous accuser dropped the case.

They are not the only ones that Hollywood has turned a blind eye to.

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld, known for his hit show "Seinfeld" does not have a clean past whatsoever.

Seinfeld openly dated a 17–year–old girl named Shoshana Lonstein from 1993–1997. Disgustingly there is a picture of him picking her up from high school when he was 38 years old.

In a playboy interview, Seinfeld defended his relationship.

"Shoshana is a person, not an age. She is extremely bright. She's funny, sharp, and very alert. We just get along. You can hear the click," Seinfeld said.

People magazine featured them on the cover of the May 1994 issue with the title "Look Who's In Love."

Rapper Tyga is another predator who seems to have had a flourishing career after getting with underage Kylie Jenner.

The pair made their relationship public on Jenner's 18th birthday in which he gifted her a $450,000 Ferrari.

Mind you this man was 25 years old about to turn 26 and a father, yet news outlets such as Teen Vogue were gagging over the expensive gift. We have entirely lost the plot.

Another music mogul that does not have a clean record is Russell Simmons, who started a relationship with model Kimora Lee when she was 16 years old. Simmons was 34 years old.

In 2017, Simmons was accused of by multiple women of sexual assault. Since then, he has denied these allegations and guiltily escaped to Bali in 2018, where he still lives today.

Woody Allen is still active in his career considering all of the allegations that have surrounded him since the 80's.

His ex–wife Mia Farrow and children Ronan Farrow and Dylan O'Sullivan Farrow have spoken out about Allen's abuse.

This is an old one, but still prevalent as popular director Roman Polanski drugged and raped a 13–year–old and when he was due to be sentenced, he fled to France where he has been since 1978.

Polanski is still active in Hollywood even though he was expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 2019. He has not stepped foot on American ground since the late 1970's.

"The Pianist", which stars Adrien Brody won him an Academy Award for best Director in 2003 amongst other coveted achievements.

Are we not living in the "Me Too movement era?" Or is that just for certain figures?

Picking and choosing who to allow to flourish and who not to considering their gross past is damaging and quite frankly disrespectful to victims of abuse.

Hollywood is glossing over abuse yet continues to advertise that the city and their industries are not in favor of those behaviors.

My point is Hollywood is still awarding those with abusive predatory backgrounds a platform, especially since none of them have been "cancelled" or punished.

As long as these heinous practices continue, then I do not want to hear speeches at award ceremonies speaking out against the industry without name dropping. At this point it is all performative and I will continue to call it out each and every time.

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