

# Formal Complaint Regarding Ms. Yang Jingyuan

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**Abstract**—This article reviews the entire process of Ms. Yang’s false accusation of sexual harassment, discusses the nature and severity of Ms. Yang’s actions, and finally reviews Ms. Yang’s thesis, analyzing and pointing out the academic misconduct in Ms. Yang’s thesis. It can serve as a reference for Chinese compatriots to report Ms. Yang.

## I. COURSE OF EVENTS

2023 (Initial Library Incident) [1]: In July 2023, Ms. Yang Jingyuan (then a master’s student at Wuhan University) alleged that a male student sitting across from her in the library sexually harassed her. She publicly released five video clips that she had recorded. Wuhan University promptly investigated and, after careful review, concluded that the male student had not engaged in any sexual harassment. Ms. Yang, however, refused to accept these findings and cut off normal communication channels with the university, citing a lack of trust in the college leadership. Subsequently, Ms. Yang pressured the freshman male student to write a “self-criticism” letter admitting to false actions (such as “taking pictures of her”), even though the student had not done so. She then published a deliberately edited 16-minute audio recording on her WeChat public account – crucially omitting portions of the full 26-minute surveillance video – in an apparent effort to fabricate “conclusive evidence” of sexual harassment. This publication immediately caused a massive sensation on the Chinese internet. Although the male student’s family later publicly clarified that the student’s movements were due to him suffering from eczema (for which medical purchase records were provided as proof) and that he never committed any lewd act, it was too late to prevent large-scale online outrage and vigilantism. Misinformed netizens proceeded to dox the male student and his family, subjecting them to sustained attacks and abuse. Under immense public pressure, Wuhan University imposed a disciplinary demerit on the male student despite a lack of substantive evidence of wrongdoing. This outcome led to the student’s virtual “social death” and plunged his family into despair: one relative of the student passed away from depression amid the waves of online abuse, and the student himself was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), requiring specialized psychiatric treatment and constant family supervision to prevent self-harm.

2024–2025 (Protracted Civil Litigation) [1]: After graduating from Wuhan University in 2024, Ms. Yang – despite the severe physical and psychological trauma already inflicted on the male student and his family – proceeded to file a civil lawsuit against him on allegations of “sexual harassment.” This action forced the victim and his family to endure a prolonged judicial process all over again, further exacerbating their suffering. Over the next two years, the case wound its way through the courts, keeping the false accusation alive in

the public eye and prolonging the emotional ordeal for all involved.

July 2025 (Final Judgment and Privacy Breach) [1]: After nearly two years of litigation, the court issued a final judgment in July 2025, unequivocally ruling that Ms. Yang’s allegations of sexual harassment were unfounded and dismissing all of her claims. The verdict firmly established the male student’s innocence. Shockingly, within 24 hours of losing the lawsuit, Ms. Yang retaliated by publicly disclosing the male student’s full name and other personal identifying information on an online platform. In doing so, she willfully exposed the identity of an innocent individual who was protected by anonymity throughout the legal proceedings. (Ms. Yang’s own name also became publicly exposed in the process.) This act of vindictive doxxing in the immediate aftermath of an adverse judgment underscores the malicious intent behind her actions.

## II. NATURE AND SEVERITY OF MS. YANG’S CONDUCT

Ms. Yang Jingyuan’s<sup>1</sup> aforementioned conduct is egregious in nature and severity, crossing both ethical and legal lines. Her actions — from making malicious false accusations to inciting online mob harassment, and willfully violating an individual’s privacy — indicate a blatant disregard for the law and for the rights and well-being of others. Notably, her deliberate public disclosure of another person’s private information (immediately after the court rejected her claims) suggests knowing and willful malice. These behaviors appear to violate multiple laws of the People’s Republic of China, including but not limited to: Article 42 of the Public Security Administration Punishments Law (which prohibits publicly insulting or fabricating facts to defame others) [2], Articles 1032 and 1033 of the Civil Code (protecting the right to privacy and reputation) [3], and provisions of the Personal Information Protection Law (such as Article 10 on unlawful handling of others’ personal information, Article 13 on consent for processing personal data, and Article 69 on liability for infringing personal information rights) [4]. Despite a definitive judicial conclusion that clarified the truth, Ms. Yang has continued to make public statements insinuating “I did nothing wrong,” effectively persisting in the false narrative that the sexual harassment did occur. Such insistence, in defiance of the court’s findings, exhibits a clear intent to slander the innocent victim’s reputation. It suggests that her actions may constitute criminal defamation under Article 246 of the Criminal Law (which criminalizes the act of seriously defaming another by fabricating falsehoods) [5].

It is especially regrettable that, by her own public account, Ms. Yang has a legal education background and has passed

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China's National Unified Legal Professional Qualification Examination (the bar exam). One would expect someone with legal training to uphold the principle of "innocent until proven guilty" and to respect judicial authority. Instead, even after a final court judgment established the male student's innocence, Ms. Yang has openly disdained the fundamental legal principle of presumption of innocence by continuing to presume guilt and seek extrajudicial vengeance against an exonerated individual. "Knowing the law yet breaking it," her conduct runs directly counter to the legal education she received and the professional ethics she is bound to uphold. This severe deviation from the standards of her profession not only destroys her personal credibility as a law-educated individual, but also highlights grave moral deficiencies. If a person with such training is willing to flout the law and weaponize public opinion to harm others, it raises alarming questions about the danger she could pose to society were she to engage in any professional legal or academic work in the future.

Furthermore, public information about Ms. Yang's academic work (for example, her master's thesis titled "The Economic Analysis of How Childbearing Behaviors Influence Domestic Violence in China and India" [6]) indicates that her research focuses on gender issues and domestic violence. However, her real-life actions — filing false accusations, inciting online violence, trampling on the dignity of the law, and exacting vigilante retaliation — stand in sharp contradiction to the core values of her field of study, which ostensibly include justice, equality, and opposition to violence. The very foundation of academic research lies in the pursuit of truth, objectivity, and neutrality. Ms. Yang's conduct demonstrates that her personal stance is extreme and biased (indeed, it suggests prejudice or even hatred toward certain groups) and that she has a callous disregard for the fundamental rights of others. This calls into question her ability to remain objective and fair-minded. A researcher who fails to embody basic respect, honesty, and justice in her personal behavior — and who even abuses media and public sympathy to harm others — can hardly be expected to maintain an unbiased and responsible attitude in scholarly research, especially on sensitive social topics like gender relations. Her apparent prejudices and extreme ideology pose a high risk of leading to impure research motives, skewed methodologies, and even misuse of research findings to target or harm specific groups. Such risks fundamentally undermine her academic credibility and ethical fitness as a researcher.

### III. EVIDENCE OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT IN MS. YANG'S THESIS

In addition to the above concerns, there have been serious allegations of academic misconduct related to Ms. Yang Jingyuan's own scholarly work. A detailed examination of her 2024 master's thesis (submitted to Wuhan University) has uncovered numerous signs of academic fraud and ethical violations, which further call into question her integrity as a scholar. A repository on GitHub has compiled key issues found in the thesis, including [7]:

#### A. Fabrication of facts and false information

Ms. Yang's thesis contains basic factual errors and even invented information. For instance, it falsely claims that the People's Republic of China enacted a "Divorce Law" (as shown in Fig. 1) in 2001 — a law which, in reality, does not exist as a standalone statute (divorce provisions in China are covered under the Marriage Law and, more recently, the Civil Code, but there was never a separate Divorce Law passed in 2001). Such a blatant mistake in a core legal fact indicates a troubling lack of rigor or a willful disregard for truth. The thesis also includes glaring chronological and data errors; for example, it references the founding of the PRC in "1049" (instead of 1949) (as shown in Fig. 2) and cites China's population at that time as 542 million — an obvious typographical error that any basic proofreading should have caught. Additionally, the thesis misrepresents statistical data, overstating global demographic figures (claiming, erroneously, that "out of over 200 countries, 104 countries have total fertility rates below the replacement level of 2.1", a number inconsistent with reputable sources). These fundamental errors suggest either a failure to understand the source material or intentional distortion of data to fit a narrative, both of which are forms of academic misconduct.

##### 家庭暴力的中印现状

在中国,根据中国社会科学院的数据,近30%的家庭成员遭受过不同程度的家庭暴力,其中90%的施暴者为男性。从时间来看,根据中国妇女社会地位调查:1990年的调查数据显示我国妇女经历家庭暴力占比为30%,2000年的调查数据显示我国妇女经历家庭暴力占比为22.5%,而在2001年随着《离婚法》的出台与宣传,2010年的调查数据显示我国妇女遭受家庭暴力的占比降至8.8%,2015年时我国又通过了《反家庭暴力法》,随着该法在2016年的开始实行,2020年调查数据显示我国妇女遭受家暴的占比进一步下降。

Fig. 1. The original text excerpt from Section 1.1.1 of Ms. Yang's thesis, where the words highlighted in red refer to the "Divorce Law" [6]

##### 生育率的中印现状

新中国成立之后,由于社会经济的逐渐稳定与发展,全国总人口从1049年之前的5.42亿增长到1970年的8.30亿。人口的爆炸式增长引起了政府的高度关注,我国开始陆续出台各类生育政策。对于中国建国之后的计划生育政策,大多研究主要集中在70年代的晚稀少以及80年代的独生子女政策。晚稀少政策是指在1970年代实行的计划生育政策,晚是结婚年龄较晚;稀指拉长生育间隔,两胎之间应当间隔4年左右;少是指只生两个孩子。而继1974年毛泽东提出人口非控制不可之后,人口控制愈加严厉。而1980年召开第五次人口座谈会之后确定的独生子女政策进一步加强了人口控制,提倡一对夫妇只生育一个子女,此后直到2016年该政策才被终止。计划生育政策作为我国的基本国策,是由政府对家庭及个人婚育决策的权力介入,深远的影响了我国的婚姻匹配、生育观念以及生命历程。

Fig. 2. The following is an excerpt from Section 1.1.2 of Ms. Yang's thesis, titled "The Current State of Fertility Rates in China and India." The sentence highlighted in blue is translated as follows: After the founding of the People's Republic of China, due to the gradual stabilization and development of the socio-economic situation, the total population of the country increased from 542 million before 1049 to 830 million by 1970. The year 1049 mentioned in her thesis are highlighted in red. [6]

#### B. Data manipulation and methodological concerns

Beyond factual inaccuracies, analysts have pointed out that Ms. Yang's thesis shows signs of data tampering and questionable research methods [7]. Portions of the analysis seem

to have omitted or altered data that was unfavorable to her hypothesis, raising suspicion that results were manipulated to reach a desired conclusion. Observers noted logical inconsistencies in her quantitative analysis – for example, the use of a linear probability model (as shown in Fig. 3 ) on a binary outcome without justification, which is statistically unsound – suggesting that the thesis’s findings may not be robust or valid. Such practices violate basic academic standards for honest and transparent research. The sheer number of elementary errors and anomalies in her statistical results led one commentator to question how “so many low-level mistakes” could have passed the thesis review process [8].

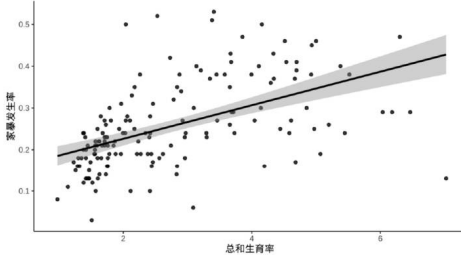


图 2.4 世界总和生育率与家暴率散点图

Fig. 3. The following is an image from Section 2.1.3, “Analysis of the Correlation Between Fertility Rates and Domestic Violence Rates in Countries Around the World” of Ms. Yang’s thesis, “Current Fertility Rates in China and India.” The image is titled: Figure 2.4 Scatter plot of total fertility rates and domestic violence rates around the world. The horizontal axis is labeled “Total Fertility Rate,” and the vertical axis is labeled “Domestic Violence Rate.”. [6]

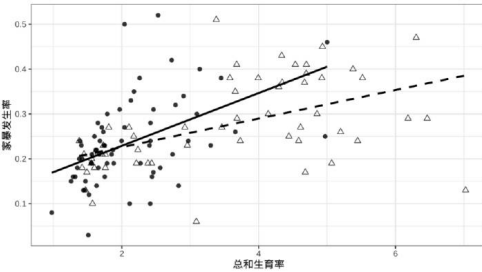


图 2.5 世界总和生育率与家暴率散点图（根据母职惩罚分类）

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### C. Plagiarism and originality issues (possible AI-generated content)

Perhaps most alarming, there are credible accusations that large portions of Ms. Yang’s thesis were not written by her in an original manner. Several sections of the text appear to closely mirror content from other publications (including a 2023 article on domestic violence from a Chinese public security university) without proper citation or attribution, which would constitute plagiarism. Moreover, the writing style

of the thesis is inconsistent and at times anomalous, which has led some observers to suspect that the thesis may have been partially generated by AI or assembled through non-original means [8](However, the author believes that even if it was generated by AI, it should not have made so many elementary mistakes, which is an insult to AI). For example, the thesis contains abrupt shifts in tone and terminology, numerous spelling and grammatical mistakes uncharacteristic of a carefully supervised academic work, and even non-sensical or contradictory statements, suggesting a lack of genuine scholarly engagement. If true, these would be severe breaches of academic integrity, violating Wuhan University’s regulations on academic misconduct as well as the broader ethical norms of academia. (Notably, reports indicate that the content of Ms. Yang’s thesis was so dubious that it likely violates Wuhan University’s academic misconduct policies (e.g. falsifying data, creating fake charts, and misrepresenting sources), which could lead to revocation of her degree if formally investigated [8])

In summary, the evidence strongly suggests that Ms. Yang’s master’s thesis is riddled with academic fraud – from factual fabrications and data falsification to potential plagiarism and improper authorship. Such findings gravely undermine her credibility as a researcher. It appears that her work fails to meet the minimal standards of academic honesty and quality expected of a graduate scholar. This record of academic misconduct, taken together with her personal conduct described above, paints a deeply concerning picture of Ms. Yang’s ethics and fitness to be part of any reputable academic community.

## IV. APPEAL AND REQUESTED ACTIONS

Given that Ms. Yang Jingyuan’s actions encompass serious personal misconduct, potential illegal behavior, and documented academic fraud, all fundamentally at odds with the ethical qualities expected of an academic and the values upheld by your esteemed institution, we earnestly request Hong Kong Baptist University to take the following actions:

### A. Re-evaluate Ms. Yang Jingyuan’s Doctoral Candidacy

We implore the university’s leadership (including the Office of the President and the Academic Ethics Committee) to give this matter the highest attention. The severity of Ms. Yang’s behavior – now validated by a court judgment and supported by evidence of academic misconduct – raises a profound question: Does an individual who has been proven to have engaged in malicious false accusations, incited online violence, and seriously infringed upon others’ rights (actions that are also suspected violations of law) possess the moral and ethical qualifications to continue pursuing advanced studies at Hong Kong Baptist University? Your university prides itself on whole-person education, social responsibility, and academic ethics. Allowing Ms. Yang to remain in good standing and complete a doctoral program under these circumstances could not only constitute a secondary injury to the innocent victim of her actions, but also expose the university to significant reputational risk and public scrutiny. We respectfully submit that her candidacy should be rigorously re-assessed in light of

these facts. The stance your institution takes – and the outcome of any decision on her status – will directly influence public perception of Hong Kong Baptist University’s standards for student conduct, its commitment to academic integrity, and the seriousness with which it upholds its educational mission and values.

### *B. Initiate a Formal Academic Ethics Investigation*

We request that the Academic Ethics Committee launch a thorough investigation into Ms. Yang’s conduct, both academic and personal, to determine whether it violates the ethical standards expected of a scholar at your institution. This investigation should include, but not be limited to, examining:

1) : Potential violations of academic and professional ethics: Do Ms. Yang’s actions – including defamation, incitement of online violence, and willful disclosure of others’ private information during and after her time at Wuhan University – breach Hong Kong Baptist University’s code of conduct or ethical guidelines for its students and researchers? Such behavior, if confirmed, would be fundamentally incompatible with the integrity expected in an academic community.

2) : Conflict between personal conduct and research field values: Do Ms. Yang’s personal values and moral conduct, as evidenced by her extreme bias (particularly a gender-based prejudice) and disregard for the rule of law and human rights, conflict with the ethos of her current field of research (which centers on gender equality and anti-violence)? If an individual’s behavior in real life starkly contradicts the principles of justice and equality that underlie their scholarly work, this inconsistency must be scrutinized. It raises concerns about her sincerity and objectivity as a researcher.

3) : Ethical risks to academic work and future research: Given the above conflicts, is there a significant risk that Ms. Yang’s research motivations are impure or biased, or that she might misuse academic research to further an agenda against specific groups? In other words, do her demonstrated prejudices and unethical tactics indicate a likelihood that her future research could be tainted by bias, data manipulation, or other misconduct? This aspect is critical, as such risk factors strike at the heart of academic integrity and the trustworthiness of any scholarship she would conduct under the name of your university.

The outcomes of this inquiry should determine appropriate measures – which could range from remedial education and supervision, up to revocation of her admission or other sanctions – to ensure that the university’s academic environment is not compromised. We trust that Hong Kong Baptist University, as a distinguished institution committed to the highest standards of academic ethics and social responsibility, will address this matter with the seriousness and impartiality it warrants. The actions you take will send a strong message about the values of your institution and its dedication to upholding integrity, justice, and truth. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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