**Budget Justified: The Waste, Fraud & Abuse of Government Workers – movie about a true story**

**Why Women Don’t Lean In**

**Just in time for the government shutdown…**

**Ever since Sheryl Sandberg exhorted women to “Lean In” during her Ted talk, I’ve been thinking about what has happened to me every time I “Leaned In.”**

**I’ve always been the smart, confident, outgoing one in school and at the office. A “nice” girl, so smart and confident, that I earned a Ph.D. in engineering. Upon graduation, I moved to Washington, DC, to do important work for the people of our nation.**

**But instead of being a valuable technical resource, I got groped repeatedly. A coworker masturbated in front of me, then I was fired the next day without any warning – only days after my bosses had told me I was doing well. Perhaps I was too nice.**

**Budget Justified is a narrative story that will help you witness what went on in Washington – and still does – while I worked as a federal subcontractor in an FAA office. It’s a workplace where everyone is treated like they’re as valuable as spent semen. Where men are rewarded for kissing figurative ass and women are rewarded for kissing literal ass. Where the work people do is ejaculated into the garbage. All supported by your taxpayer dollars.**

**All of the footage has been shot. Most has been edited, but we need an intern to put the credits in each of the 50 episodes and upload them to YouTube.**

**I hope *Budget Justified* starts a movement that changes the culture of sexism in media, federal government, America, and beyond.**

**Pics of Cast**

**Stretch goals:**

**Copies of book to hand out to congress and Interns to go to congress offices**

**Book editor**

**YouTube videos**

**Web site and design with blog to go with youtube videos, and place for others to communicate their stories of the waste fraud and abuse of human potential, whether gender related or not.**

**Rally**

**Risks and Challenges:**

**The project will get finished. However publicity will be needed to make the goal effective: end sexism in society. I can’t make it go viral on my own.**

**Video voice over:**

(groping) Sometimes I get angry. Angry when I think about my career. But not just my career. (Barry & Jane enter building) If it happened to me, it must be happening to hundreds of thousands of women across the country. Around the world. (new toy in the office)

And it’s all supported by US taxpayer dollars. (monument) The American government. (capitol) The entity that’s supposed to enforce laws about equality. (Make copies for me)

There’s sexism in every aspect of society. And it’s accepted because women are still slaves in the office (get me coffee, pulling skirt) and in the home (hus wouldn’t do that). If we mention sexism, coworkers refuse to talk to us. We’re banished to irrelevance (won’t talk unless need do something).

This country is in dire need of women with the freedom to be role models (tshirt in forest), to change society so girls have more opportunities to become future leaders. Leaders who can affect policies and cultures of ending waste (Tim shoot basket), fraud, and abusive behavior (illegit children) in the workplace, in government, and in society.(elect congress to fix agency. Congresswomen)

I often wonder if women shy away from visible leadership positions for fear of harassment, (grab with track shoes) stalking, (hands behind lisa, tim rush in) even rape (against wall) and murder (run thru forest). It’s politically incorrect to talk about harassment. People don’t want to get involved. So we pretend it’s not going on (Yvette & Charlie raisins). Or just stay home (whack at rosemary).

I’m smart, (diploma) outgoing. But am often punished for it (taking down diploma, handing over badge) **They said I was fired for my blog (barry know what blog is). Perhaps I was. They were probably afraid I’d write about all the shenanigans going on in that office (golf, solitaire, sleep, shopping, sneak out door, arm in hallway). And they were paranoid that someone with authority to take away their funding would find out about it.**

**Well, if they didn’t like the blog, then they’ll hate the movie. (montage – alternate gropes, Barry jane, angry kevin mtg, angry barry end, angry Yvette tim, angry Charlie candy, angry me jerk, kevin raspberry; heavy beats)**

(don’t know what supposed to do) But this isn’t all about me. People are putting up with this kind of treatment in many workplaces across the nation (piano). Sexual harassment (barry in hallway) is only one of many symptoms of the real problem. It’s part of the culture of harassment and waste instigated by the managers taunting the staff (maybe you’ll get raise) and ignoring everyone’s work (don’t tell anyone about this wk). (me in bookshelf)

My hypothesis is that those who punish women worst for Leaning In aren’t being adequately supported in their careers either. They’re taught that they’re not valuable. Rather than build up the skill set of coworkers, they’re encouraged to talk down to the “lower” workers on the social totem pole to make themselves feel superior. A power trip. Following the example set by management. Set by congress.

It’s about performance measures and rewards. Service to the American people doesn’t get you a raise; saying what management wants to hear does. There isn’t much you can do to make yourself look good. So you have to make the actions of others appear detrimental to managers’ . agenda. Tattle. (look what lisa did) Bully and intimidate. (crawl back to abusive boyfriend)

We don’t have to sit idly by and watch as a handful of politicians and government managers misuse our taxpayer resources (fire other half of agency, then dancing monkey). (Me in bookshelf) We can make government a better place to work. (in spite of management)

Wild montage, dramatic music, black screen with one long violin note: Support female software developers and women’s journey to leadership. Support BJ, WFA.

Future of this country in trouble not because engineers. There’s too much sucking going on. No lie.

I often cringe when I hear women at science day telling the girls how great engineering is because we get to ‘make cool stuff.’ They don’t talk about the reality. How we’re treated as though engineering is a cute phase we’ll grow out of when it’s time to have babies.

But we can’t do that if we are forced to pretend we leave jobs for politically correct reasons, such as to care for family, when it’s really because we aren’t valued in the workplace.