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Penn State University is once again being accused of failing to act in the face of allegations of sexual misconduct.

A former student and fraternity member is alleging that he informed the university of extreme hazing practices at Kappa Delta Rho, including “force-feeding [fraternity pledges] bucketfuls of liquor mixed with urine,” and the creation of a Facebook page showing sexual assaults and misconduct perpetrated at the fraternity, but the university failed to act on the information.

The plaintiff, James Vivenzio, filed suit in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas against the university and the fraternity, alleging negligence, battery, unlawful furnishing of alcohol to a minor, furnishing alcohol to one obviously intoxicated, false imprisonment, fraud and conversion.

According to Vivenzio’s complaint, he disclosed the fraternity’s secret Facebook page to local police and a senior investigator from the Penn State Office of Student Conduct in April 2014. He also told the Penn State investigator that he had evidence of sexual assaults at the fraternity.

“After the meeting, the Penn State official vowed to promptly and thoroughly investigate these activities at KDR. However, despite these assurance, the university did absolutely nothing,” said the complaint, filed by attorney Aaron J. Freiwald. “In fact, Penn State recklessly and unconscionably sat on the information whistleblower Vivenzio had first brought [to] Penn State’s attention, causing further harm to Mr. Vivenzio and to untold numbers of students whose injuries and damages from hazing and sexual misconduct could have been prevented had Penn State acted quickly, responsibly and decisively.”

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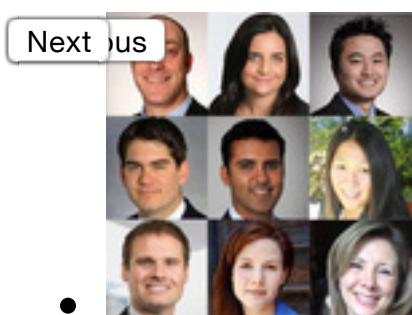
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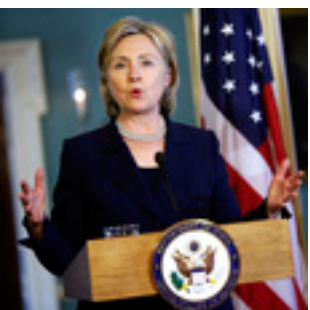
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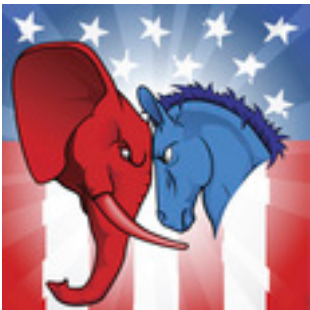
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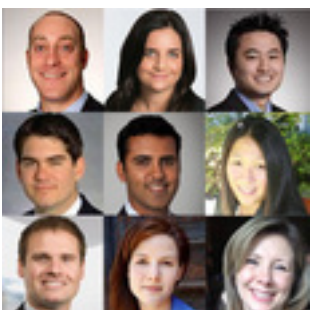
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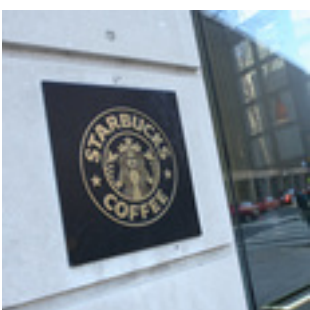
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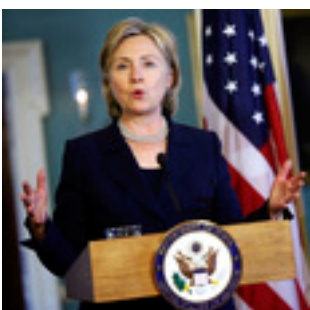
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