Donahue–Posner (Oct. 14, 1993)

1. Posner: You know there's one point he ((the previous caller)) may be making (.5) and that is that sometimes women will use: .hh this whole issue: .hh (.) an' it— (.) like anyone will there are oppor(tunities (.) among

2. Donahue: [It is possible to abuse this.

3. P: Right=

4. D: =Sit down on a park bench a woman starts crying rape.

5. P: Well I=

6. D: =I don't think th(at- I think that's very rare

7. P: [(Well I'll tell you what (. I was in) (. I was in a bu:s in New York City=I got up to give my seat to a woman (.) who told me: (.) I was a male sexist (.) because I (.) I was taught by my mother that when a woman comes in an' she's got no place to sit down=

8. D: =Yeah


10. D: =She thought [you were being patronizing?=

11. P: [(So you know)

12. P: =and she thought I was [hitting on her or something. I don' know 

13. D: [(you were * izing her) No no_ no she was say[ing don't treat me


15. D: [Yes

16. B: =There's a very big difference betwee::n: .hh calling someone a sexist for giving up their seat: and actually bringing a sexual harassment claim.

17. D?: (I'm sure(*)

18. B: [.hh Really no woman wants to be dra:ged through the mu::d in the way that a sexual harassment victim is dragged through the mu::d (. ) unless something very serious happened to her: (.) that was discriminatory in the workplace. (.5)

19. D: Yeah (. ) .hh uh:: (1) Atlanta I c'n- I remember the fi:rst ti:me -I referred (1) to- A- Atlanta Georgia are ya there? ((last five words in a louder, "calling" tone of voice))

20. Caller from Atlanta: Yes sir

21. D: Uh: (.) jus' to- gi- I- I once (. ) I- this is twenty five years ago I was moderating a panel (. ) and a woman (.) raised her hand=it was my job to call on people .hh
I said ye:s ho:ney? (1) ((let's jaw drop and then falls back in his chair with open mouth, as if to say "Oh boy, what a mistake!" or "Can you imagine?!" Posner begins to speak during the course of this gesture.))

22. P: Oh (that'll) O::h (.) ye::s (.5) [ri:ght
23. D: [A- It was the beginning of my: o::w: (.) coming of age so to speak for the second ti::me That is a- that i:s a p:a:tronizing [wo:rd
24. P: [Now what if a wo-
25. D: Who do [I think I a:m calling this
26. P: [Wha- (.) wha- What if a wo:man had been up there and a man had raised his hand and she said okay you hunk (.) Whatta you wanna say. Would that be::?
27. D: ye- uh
28. P: hu:h?
29. D: a{:h
30. P: [Would i:t? (.8) C:o:n Phi:1 .hh ther- You go too fA::r with thi[s
31. D: [yee -ah
32. P: You- I mean (.) you know it's the intEntion that's important.=You said honey.=What's wro::ng. It's a nice wo::rd (.) b[ut see someone will say it's patronizing.
33. D: [on
34. D: uh: (.) on the matter o:f seduction=
35. ?: [-ahhh
36. D: =and lo:w cut dresses -a[nd so: on=
37. ?: [hah hah huh
38. D: =wo:men must=
39. P: =We: have someone lau:gh[ing the:re (.)=
40. D: =wo:men
41. P: =who thinks we're a buncha (.) _idiots=
42. D: =wo:men=
43. ?: =huh
44. D: wo:men must be allowed to fli:rt