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Gary Oldman's Playboy interview: most outrageous quotes

The British actor Gary Oldman has given an expletive-ridden interview in which he slams the Golden Globes and appears to defend Alec Baldwin's use of the word 'fag'



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Gary Oldman: not a fan of political correctness Photo: PA

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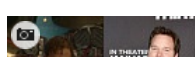
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they get out into the real world and it's like, 'S---, maybe it's not all about me,' and that leads to narcissism, depression and anxiety."

On political correctness...

"I just think political correctness is crap. I think it's like, take a f-----g joke."

On Mel Gibson's infamous comments about Jews...

"He got drunk and said a few things, but we've all said those things. We're all f-----g hypocrites. That's what I think about it. The policeman who arrested him has never used the word n----- or that f-----g Jew? I'm being brutally honest here. It's the hypocrisy of it that drives me crazy."

"Mel Gibson is in a town that's run by Jews and he said the wrong thing because he's actually bitten the hand that I guess has fed him. But some Jewish guy in his office somewhere hasn't turned and said, 'That f-----g kraut' or 'F--- those Germans,' whatever it is?"

On Alec Baldwin calling a photographer a "fag"...

"Alec calling someone an F-A-G in the street while he's pissed off coming out of his building because they won't leave him alone? I don't blame him."

On the Pope...

'Oh, f--- the Pope!'

On US House of Representatives minority leader Nancy Pelosi. And satirical TV hosts...

"If I called Nancy Pelosi a c--- -- and I'll go one better, a fucking useless c--- -- I can't really say that. But Bill Maher and Jon Stewart can, and nobody's going to stop them from working because of it."

On the Golden Globes...

"It's a meaningless event. There's nothing going on at all. It's 90 nobodies having a w--k."

"It certainly doesn't mean anything to win a Golden Globe."

Oldman has yet to comment on the interview, though his manager and business partner Douglas Urbanski gave permission for this rebuttal to be published, via the Gary Oldman Twitter fan account @GO4Everyone:

Thanks for this note!

I have seen the Playboy interview—in fact I was in the room during the entire 9 hours. I am unaware—as I have seen reported--of Gary Oldman defending any anti-Semitic remarks in the interview, or, for that matter, anyplace! He would not do so, and in fact he finds any kind of bigotry, homophobia, anti-Semitism, racism or sexism unacceptable and disgraceful. Period.

If you read the Playboy piece correctly and entirely, and in context, it is the hypocrisy of *political correctness* that Gary is addressing, nothing else. It simply cannot be read any other way, and to put it any other way is simply cherry picking something, stating it inaccurately, and creating news where there is none. If you read the thru line of that segment closely, it is clear that it has only to do with *Political Correctness* and is in no way a defense of anti-Semitism. *Political Correctness* is a thing that drives Gary and many many others crazy!—goodness, this theme he addressed in his film Nil By Mouth, in 1997!

In this interview Gary is doing what many intelligent people do: he is illustrating the absurd by being absurd.

As mentioned above, this interview took place over about 9 hours and obviously they cannot print the entire 9 hours—so by its nature, the thing is selectively crafted by the writer and publication to give the impression of a certain sort of narrative.

That said, I find the piece notable for what was *omitted*. Some things omitted would have perhaps given more nuance and fullness to the piece as a whole. For example, Playboy asked Oldman about Gay Marriage. Oldman responds in the strongest possible way that he is in support of Gay Marriage and all Homosexual equal rights. This exchange, curiously, is omitted from the piece. As it happens, it is a topic Gary feels strongly about.

On the topic of Mel Gibson, Gary specifically does not "defend" him or anti-Semitism.

Noteworthy, however, is that other artists—specifically Robert Downey Jr. and Jodie Foster—have loudly defended Mel Gibson spanning the past few years. A few clicks on your computer will show you what they had to say.

Don't get me wrong—I think it is in many ways a good piece—articulate, educated, well read, passionate, philosophical even, and deeply honest. And I found his attitudes as an artist and parent, and his work ethic, first class and deeply professional. These are all hallmarks consistent with how Gary has lived his life and career. I found it the sort of out spoken piece that perhaps a younger Kirk Douglas may have given in a different era, perhaps when he was fighting the blacklist even, minus the bad words of course!

Hope this helps!

Douglas Urbanski

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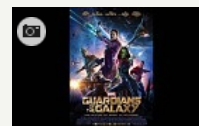
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i love his attitude he definatly tells the truth we are all hypocrites.....

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helyanwe • 4 months ago

Love him..he's got a pair..

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Jethro Johnson • 4 months ago

Why didn't the ADL go after Joel Stein when he said the jews control Hollywood? Is it a crime when the goyim speak the truth?

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Distortion_Kills • 4 months ago

Stand your ground Mr. Oldman, Don't flush the respect you just gained for being open and honest down the toilet.

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I'm Batman → Distortion_Kills • 4 months ago

He didn't ... Sadly he went on the I am so sorry tour ! Very disappointing.

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Mirabilis2000 • 4 months ago

Excellent Gary. Thanks for that.
Your candor is most refreshing.

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losos Rezorek • 4 months ago

Im still tryin to figure out y, u have to apologize for speaking the truth..... Wasnt one thing he said in this whole statement inaccurate IM #ProOldman

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Mike • 4 months ago

HE MADE UP FOR IT WITH 'STRANGER WRESTLING' ON JIMMY KIMMEL! :)

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ryan • 4 months ago

Another great man forced to grovel.



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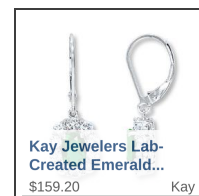
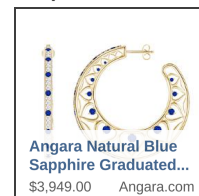
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Jody Gary O doesn't suffer fools gladly, neither do I. It is an asset, not a defect.

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Tasia Tonic I personally do not think he was being mean by saying all this. I actually think he was being...HONEST! I watched his Jimmy Kimmel apology...it was actually kind of heart wrenching. I felt bad for him. I believe our society globally has gotten so sensitive and we need to remember that people make mistakes...they say things they maybe should not...but they are human. To error IS Human! Eventually if we don't stop picking about every damn syllable that someone says...someone somewhere is eventually going to go postal. Get over it and yes Learn to take a f**king joke! Just because someone mentions "Religion" does not mean they are being cruel or insensitive...they may be using it as a point of reference. I don't believe Gary has any harsh feelings toward Jews...I think he used it as a point of reference when asked directly about it. Maybe he was blunt...but he was NOT truly anti semitic.

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Provan You said something about Religion Gary , watch the millions of comments flow because your wrong. Even this comment is wrong am wrong your wrong we are wrong. Wrong Wrong Wrong ...

(Right answer not included)

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• 4 months ago

Vazgen Khachaturian Couldn't agree more with him on future of the world, kids, political correctness and religion. I don't see anything outrageous.

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docdave1 I just read the playboy interview. I thought it was honest and funny.

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Peter O'Marah someone finally honestly speaks their mind and he gets to fall back into conformity and pretend like the worlds a peaceful little place where everyone is in harmony and unity

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James Mac The fact Oldman is grovelling in this disgusting fashion only highlights the extent of Jewish hegemony. If you ever had any doubts in your mind, surely this has removed them? Surely.

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• 4 months ago

The End of Everything "To learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticize."
— Voltaire

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• 4 months ago

waxliberty → The End of Everything ago
I think the correct quote was "To learn which *race* rules over you, simply find out which *race* you are not allowed to bash in a generalized way."
Right?

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Dante Twitch → MassRetainComplex ago


 I don't see an apology.
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 **harryfritter** → Dante Twitch ago • 4 months
Try this;


"I hope you will know that this apology is heartfelt, genuine, and that I have an enormous personal affinity for the Jewish people in general, and those specifically in my life." - Gary Oldman


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 **Cobbett** ago • 4 months
Ha Ha - well done Gaz.
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The apology has landed!
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What apology would that be?
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 **harryfritter** → Dante Twitch ago • 4 months
The one that landed.


Funny how this article was the "best" quotes yesterday, today though they are "outrageous".


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 **limeyexpat** ago • 4 months
"The British actor Gary Oldman has given an expletive-ridden interview in which he slams the Golden Globes and appears to defend Alec Baldwin.


Good for you Gary, what a pleasant change for an English actor to mean what he says and say what he means. Wish we could expect some of the same from those bleeding heart Obaba loving liberal pansies in Hollywood.


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 **Guest** ago • 4 months
the jews control the world
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 **Son_of_Casandra** → Guest ago • 4 months
If they did you would be locked up somewhere.....maybe you are.

Do they let you have access to the internet in your mental hospital? That's very progressive of them.
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They're just doing a very bad job of it.
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 **Raymond Chau** ago • 4 months
its true.. alot of people in charge in hollywood happened to be jewish.. so to say anything that offend their jewishness, well.. fill in the blank...
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 **Son_of_Casandra** → Raymond Chau ago • 4 months
Hmmm shocking that isn't it. I say something that deeply offends you and you then don't want to have anything to do with me.

Dreadful behaviour. How dare those "Hollywood Jews" not cuddle and hug

the very people who detest them.

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Raymond Chau  Son_of_Cassandra • 4 months ago
can't say anything.. that is the point..

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Son_of_Cassandra  Guest • 4 months ago

I noted that you're following me on Disqus Frank. Nice to see that I have an admirer. Shame that I'm repelled by your antisemitism and bogotry.

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Son_of_Cassandra  Guest • 4 months ago

When Disqus sends me an email that says:

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Guess what that means?

So are you saying Disqus is lying or could it be you, antisemite?

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colonelmuppet • 4 months ago

To me what Oldman touches on is the culture of over sensitivity: that point is made when he talks about narcissistic kids. An unchecked legal system has allowed frivolous and preposterous claims to be upheld. This itself, an intended consequence of equal rights laws. As these rulings cascade downwards to the micro level, the impact on society is that everybody becomes more easily offended. Its analogue is the US healthcare industry, hampered by taut laws: the consumer is always aware of his free option to sue in the rare case of negligence and other misdemeanours. Thus the consumer develops a sharper eye about the treatment he receives; worse, he suspects more than he should. It seems to me totally incongruous and highly ironic that society has this dependency culture aspect to it - searching out minute infractions - while simultaneously losing the same critical faculties when it comes to modern society in all of its forms: derivative, bland music culture, reality tv, celebrity culture etc.

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Ying Tong Po • 4 months ago

Oldman is telling the truth as he sees it. So what then? Freedom of speech means that is okay - say what you like. Actually, he has described hypocrisy several times and what he has said in that regard seems to be true. Anyway, he should be allowed to say what he likes. Of course these days, the Truth is not popular.

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Tyrone Tyrone  Ying Tong Po • 4 months ago

Funny he didn't speak his truth years ago and only spoke after his career is over.

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ASDFGHJKLLLLLIUYTREW  Tyrone Tyrone • 4 months ago

He has three Hollywood films coming out this year. His career is doing fine.

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Cobbett → Tyrone Tyrone ago · 4 months
Career over? He'll still be acting in 20 years time.
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midlandmillionairez ago · 4 months
I think he can get away with this because he is British, and the US left/Hollywood loves Britain. An American actor would never get away with it!
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ryan → midlandmillionairez ago · 4 months
Looks like he didn't "get away with it" after all.
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midlandmillionairez → ryan ago · 4 months
Why? I'm not saying it won't hurt his career, but if an American, or even semi-American (like Mel Gibson) did it it would be worse.

Hollywood is run by vulgar people w/ class envy.
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