

## The Privacy of Superstars

M: Here's the playlist for Friday's party. What do you think?

W: Oh, I LOVE these songs!... Oh, but this song... **do you mind choosing** a different one?

M: Sure, but what's wrong with it? I like it quite a lot, you know?

W: But that artist's cancelled! We shouldn't listen to him anymore.

M: Cancelled? What do you mean? I don't think he's retired yet. He's still producing music.

W: I don't mean cancelled like that. No. That singer's recently been **exposed** as a sexist. He's said and done **inappropriate** things to a lot of women in **the industry**. Canceling an artist is, like, to end their career, to stop their **reputation** from spreading. We should no longer **consume** their content! By boycotting their work, you can also make sure you're not supporting them financially.

M: But why would you cancel someone like that?

W: Artists and stars can get cancelled for being **homophobic**, racist, and making sexist **offensive** comments -- **sexual assault allegations**.

M: Oh, I didn't know...

W: These famous people need to understand that they have a big influence, so the **consequences** of their actions can be really severe.

M: But they get cancelled? Just like that? Even if they apologize? Don't you think that's a bit **harsh**?

W: I don't know. But they shouldn't just **get away with stuff!**

M: I guess **it's up to** us, the consumers, to decide if their apologies are genuine, and if they **deserve a chance at redemption**... OK, so we won't play that song then. What about THIS one?

W: Uh, NO.

M: What did THEY do?

W: Nothing, that song's just **crap!** (Written by Minao Capper)

\*\*\* It's a Good Expression \*\*\*  
(今回の重要表現)

Do you mind ...ing?  
～してもらってもいいですか  
(丁寧で強い依頼)

be exposed as ...  
～であると暴露される

inappropriate  
不適切な

the industry  
この業界 (この場合芸能界のこと)

reputation  
評判

consume  
消費する

homophobic  
同性愛嫌悪の

offensive  
攻撃的な

sexual assault allegations  
性的暴行の疑惑

consequence(s)  
結果、結末

harsh  
厳しい

get away with stuff  
無事で済む、逃げ切る  
(stuff=things)

it's up to...  
～次第である

deserve a chance at redemption  
罪を贖 (あがな) うに値する

crap  
(卑語) ごみ、クズ