Thought BYTE

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This Could Happen to You!

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The position reflects the state of our nation today. Our society and rights are threatened.

1 In reading a recent article written about Russell Brand - and his extraordinary court hearing where the jury found him guilty of sexual misconduct - from many years ago - I was reminded of the lyrics of a song by Bonobo **[1a].** Poignant!

"These are the times that try men's souls. In the course of our nation's history, the people have rallied bravely whenever the rights of men have been threatened. Today, a new crisis has arisen. Citizens, hear me out – This Could Happen To You!"
Frankly, you'll understand why – given the accused was found guilty of an alleged crime - 20yrs previous - with no witnesses, just words by a supposed victim.



2 **Russell Brand** is a well-known household name from the world of performing comedians and television. He is also a controversial figure, given that his views are exceptionally outspoken – albeit always made in very polite and articulate style. Whilst he has made himself comfortably wealthy, to a point - due to his career in the spotlight – he also appears as being down to earth and believes in the plight of the far less fortunate. In essence, **Russell** has made himself a kind of voice of the people – championing their causes across a number of years while embarrassing the establishment in the process. One such cause was raised in a TV interview with **Evan Davis** for **BBC Newsnight [2a].**

It's no wonder, being described as he is – and certainly being very challenging in his opinions about the establishment and corporate worlds – that he's amassed a significant and regular following on his own podcast show. As the headline image above tells us, that following – **6.5m** - is indeed significant. It challenges for top table viewing positions with old auntie – the **BBC** herself.

Those table positions, of course, being the result of increasing popularity on the one hand, for **Russell Brand,** and on the other, the opposite for the **BBC**.

To give a further example of how **R.Brand** makes a serious point in public – shaming the corporate world in the process – do take a look at his brief interaction with American TV talk show host on **WORLD POLITICS [2b].**

3 The backdrop to **Russell Brand's** story and the basis for this Thought Byte, is that over a number of years now, he appears to have become a significant irritant to a number of persons in high places. As one can see from the interview noted above, in **[2b],** - and short transcript below in **PS2** – he'll have ruffled a few feathers – including among politicians who helped feather the nests of the Big Pharma giants over the recent years of the Covid story – among other elites, as he calls them.

Speaking of the Covid story and one EU politician with integrity – a rare commodity in those circles – I'm reminded of **Christine Anderson** and her joint address with **Naomi Wolf** to the EU parliament**.** They spelled out some hard truths about Big Pharma and its political connections with the EU political scene.
See **ALICE SPRINGS TO MIND [3a]**

R.Brand is therefore far from alone on this particular stage and many like him have to mind their backs in the current climate. And what exactly is that current climate - which these two ladies and **R.Brand** are drawing our attention to?
Well, there's a question.

If there was nothing to hide by Big Pharma – or their supporting politicians – there wouldn't be a climate. All the facts and information would be out on the table – all transparent for us all to see. There would be nothing to discuss and nothing to feel embarrassed about. Instead, the exact opposite is true. Ask anyone in the street if they trust politicians and believe all they say. You will know what the answer will be, **9 times out of 10** – if not far worse. This being so and the fact there is clearly stuff not meant to be released to - or even hinted at, by - the mainstream media, we can rightly predict a strategy of cover up and protection. And anyone with just the slightest interest in following the news stories of our days will have memory of occasions when cover up and protection has clearly happened.

This is a roundabout way to making a suggestion. That being, the **Russell Brand** court case – seeing him convicted of sexual misconduct etc – has had the effect of silencing a man who has been a thorn in the side of certain persons in high places. With an audience of **6.5m** and climbing, this man was getting serious attention. He has a growing army of people thinking differently about the world and what they are being told is the truth about it – but isn't! So how does the establishment deal with such a growing problem? Well, the seed of an idea, it appears, came from his own published book, in which he told more truths – about himself!

4 **Russell Brand** has a delightful honesty about him. He tells it how it is – and as I've already said – he's not in the least shy about causing embarrassment. But there wouldn't be any embarrassment, if there was nothing to be embarrassed about.

He has also been honest about his sexual proclivities. He has admitted in public and in writing – countless times - his clear and obvious attraction to women.

He's also admitted to a growing number of his 'consensual' sexual encounters. And this is a curious admission, since his wife – **Laura Gallacher** – is consensual about his behaviour. Well, this marital arrangement wouldn't suit most – but who is judging? Not me. Live And Let Live. That is if no harm is done. So, was there?

5000, has been talked about – as his goal for sexual encounters. And one might think that if this guy was a real bad boy – as the court has decided he is – you'd think a fair number of that tally would've spoken up about this man and well before now. It seems that despite the decades he's been working on his personal scoreboard, all these women have kept silent. Could it be that he was telling the truth? All the encounters were consensual and all the women enjoyed the experience? The clue not to be missed here is a clear one. If only some of these encounters were not as he describes – then where are all the complaints? Where are all the police reports that might have been amassed over the long **20plus years** of his activities. They do not exist. If they did, we would have been told about them. We weren't.
And then, after an amount of digging about by journalists looking for a story, a number were found. Bingo!

We have been told about **6 – just 6** apparently – and they have only surfaced because the media went hunting for them – and paying for them – we're told!

A journalist interviewed one of **R.Brand's** sexual partners who shared an interesting story about him and the interest mainstream media had in pursuing a particular theme that might well bury him – if true. **JAMES ENGLISH [4a].**

Another two commentaries on the backdrop to this whole affair provides for us more interesting features to consider. Both commentators speak to. or of, women with previous experiences with **R.Brand**. Both commentaries give scope for believing there could be some nefarious underlying intentions behind this case. They're provided by **EMMANUEL AYOOLA: [4b]** and by **MEGYN KELLY: [4c].**

5 If a person is charged with murder, then the courts fairly expect there to be proof of the crime, supporting the charge of the person standing accused of that crime. In today's world, if there is a lack of witnesses to the event, then police forensics have the role of proving the crime in court by different means. But before a case even gets to court, the evidence gathered by the police has to be convincing enough for the CPS to give the charge a green flag – thus agreeing to take the charge forward to court on behalf of the state.

Here we have some truly interesting features to consider in **Russell Brand's** case.
Firstly, there were no witnesses - the jury were told.
There were just two persons engaged in sexual activity on their own.
Second, there is no forensic evidence which the police had gathered.
Neither at the time of the event or at any time since.
Thirdly, the passage of time has not presented any evidence since.
Nothing, in its barest form, help to corroborate any of testimony presented.

It's interesting to observe that **Emily Maitlis** – a once seasoned **BBC** interviewer - saw no problem with the court verdict as she discussed it on **LBC [5a].**

Couple the above with the fact that the accused now stood in court for an alleged crime which took place some **20yrs** prior. To any reasonable thinking person, the lack of facts presented by the prosecution is jaw-dropping in the extreme. But irrespective of how utterly troubling this sounds, the CPS decided – on behalf of the state – to take the charge forward. That decision by the CPS, alone, could hardly look more incomprehensible. So incomprehensible in fact, that it lends weight to the suggestion that the state was looking to find **Russell Brand** guilty – no matter what. And finding him guilty would, in the eyes of the prosecution, silence the man by incarcerating him in prison for more than ten years.
If you are not aware, a gaol tariff of ten years is uncomfortably close to the lower end of tariffs for murder – being **15yrs** - under the English justice system.
R.Brand has been dealt a truly heavy blow. Why so?

It is interesting to listen to another commentator and legal beagle – albeit from State Side. This came from **MEGYN KELLY: [5b],** sharing analysis and comment on the court proceedings together with the words of **R.Brand's** defence barrister.

6 Due to all the above, there are so many questions which people will be asking about this case. And the argument about it could run on for most of the accused's gaol time. Another way to look at this situation, however, is to turn the telescope around and look at all the features of this case through the opposite end.
By doing that, then we begin to recognise the possibility, at best – the probability at worst – that the state has moved to silence a man with an exceptionally large following due to the truth he speaks about. The level of embarrassment, as was, before the court hearing, was palpable. It is even more so in this paradigm given how blatant the intent looks to anyone who cares enough to examine the detail.

7 Following the court hearing, where **Russell Brand** was judged guilty as charged, he issued a statement from prison which was read and shared on social media by his wife - **Laura Gallacher**. The media reported on the reaction by Downing St - the PM and other ministers – who described the message as appalling.
YAHOO NEWS: [7a]. An interesting move and embarrassing too by its own reveal.

Russell Brand was proclaiming his innocence from behind bars. Embarrassing, since it says so much about the weakness of the current justice system in England. A man was convicted on outdated hearsay evidence – in a clear stitch, was it?

There is an interesting view on this particular element of the whole story which includes the government's move to have **R.Brand's** YouTube channel taken down. This is surely the end goal now given all the embarrassing things the accused has covered. This legal view is provided by the **BLACKBELT BARRISTER**: **[7b].**

8 I began this Thought Byte with a personal memory of a song by **Bonobo: [1a]** and the lyrics which suggested

" Citizens – This Could Happen to You!"

Given all the above, I cannot help but say exactly the same thing. If a person – a man by the name of **Russell Brand,** in this case – can be judged guilty, based on the evidence submitted, relative to a crime without witnesses or forensic evidence, dating back **20yrs,** without one single police report, then, in this current climate of apparent dystopia, citizens…

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PS1 **If RUSSELL BRAND Can Get 10.5YRS On Decades-Old Accusations, THEN SO CAN YOU!**

Let me be clear up front: I'm not defending Russell Brand. The judge called him a sexual predator, and on the stand, Brand admitted he had used his fame to gain sexual access to women.

But his case raises a question that should worry anyone who could ever be accused of anything. The woman in this clip from the SANITY podcast put it plainly:

"*Testimony is evidence, but if it's the only evidence, which it was, then I'm not sure how you can come to the conclusion that he's guilty of r*pe and sexual assault beyond a reasonable doubt.*"

Six women accused Brand of offenses between 1999 and 2009. On November 5, a London jury convicted him of one count of r*pe and three of sexual assault and acquitted him on three other counts. On November 9, he was sentenced to 10 and a half years.

There was no forensic evidence, decades on. The case leaned on the women's accounts, a former friend's recollection of a 1999 trip, a 1999 hotel-room photo that placed Brand in the room but not the act, and a text apology one woman recalled in her police interviews, whose meaning was disputed.

Now strip away the fame, because **any one of us could be Russell Brand**. Someone you dated, worked with or met once at a party in 2003 can walk into a police station tomorrow. After twenty years there's no forensic trail, no texts on a phone you threw out a decade ago, and no witness who remembers an ordinary night. You'll have exactly one defence: "I didn't do it." And a jury is free to decide that isn't enough.

That's not a loophole. It's the law. Britain stopped requiring judges to warn juries about convicting on a complainant's uncorroborated word in sexual cases in 1994. Convicting someone with nothing to back up the accusation should be rare. Instead, **it's an indictment of a justice system** that lets a sincere-sounding story stand in for proof.

Britain has already seen where that leads. In Operation Midland, police publicly called Carl Beech's accusations of a VIP abuse ring "credible and true" and raided the homes of innocent men, including a former home secretary and a D-Day veteran. Beech had made it all up. In 2019, he was sentenced to 18 years.

Now compare how British courts handled fresh cases.

Hadush Kebatu, an Ethiopian asylum seeker, sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl and a woman in Epping just days after arriving on a small boat. Convicted on five charges, **he got 12 months**. Then the prison service released him by mistake, before he was rearrested and deported.

Qais Al-Aswad, a Syrian asylum seeker who arrived in 2024, was convicted of sexually assaulting three women in Horley. His sentence: six months, suspended, plus unpaid work. No prison.

Yes, r*pe carries a far heavier sentence than sexual assault, so these aren't identical. But the pattern is hard to miss: **the system threw the book at the old**, **thin case and went easy on the fresh**, **proven ones**.

Today it's Brand. **Tomorrow it's anyone with an accuser**.

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PS2 **Russell Brand in an episode of Real Time on the Bill Maher show, comments about the current system.**

"If you have an economic system in which pharmaceutical companies benefit hugely from medical emergencies - where military industrial complex benefits from war - where energy companies benefit from energy crises you are going to generate states of Perpetual crisis for the interests of Ordinary People - yes and separate from the interests of the elite."

Full clip **WORLD POLITICS [2b].**

So, that's my current thinking and opinion on this subject today – but I wonder - what are your thoughts?

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