

# June Cleaver meets Fortune 500

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Spurred by the removal Carly Fiorina as CEO of Hewlett-Packard, Amy Joyce of the Washington Post discusses the double standard women in business face. Barbara Gault states, "Women face a double standard in that if they are too accommodating and feminine, they are seen as weak. Too aggressive, it brings up negative associations for a lot of people..."

Sure Fiorina may have run HP into the ground but why is her gender called into the spotlight. Men destroy companies everyday and in higher numbers and no one mentions their sex as a factor. Fiorina was a salesperson, knew little of computer operations and made mistake after mistake. Her Compaq merger deal cost 30000 jobs and HP stock plummeted. Is this because she was female? Nooo, it was because she was inexperienced and perhaps just plain dumb. I don't know about yaw out there, but I get so weary of allowances, consideration, attention, and scrutinization made for or based on race and gender. Anyway, read the full article [here](#) [2].

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