

# Roger Ailes made Fox 5 reporter stand, twirl at interview: suit

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Fox News chairman Roger Ailes walks with his wife Elizabeth Tilson as they leave the News Corp building July 19, shortly before he stepped down as CEO.

The news continues to be bad for ousted Fox News exec Roger Ailes.

A Fox 5 reporter claims in a new lawsuit against the company that Ailes harassed her and asked her during a job interview to stand and turn around so he could “see her from behind.”

*(Drew Angerer)*

“I like what I see,” Ailes told Lidia Curanaj, according to the lawsuit. But when he learned from a mutual contact that Curanaj was a “very nice girl” who would not “put out” sexually, she did not get the job, the court papers say.

The good news for Ailes is that he wasn’t named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

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Curanaj lays out the “misogynistic culture” at Fox in a lawsuit that echoes the claims of several other women who have sued the company and Ailes.

Ailes’ house of cards collapsed over the summer after former Fox anchor Gretchen Carlson [filed a lawsuit](#) alleging sexual harassment and retaliation.

What followed was a pulled back curtain that revealed a god-like Ailes, whose billion-dollar earning power allowed him to reign over a culture of objectification of women in an atmosphere where no one stood up to their superiors.

“To date, the stories of approximately 24 women, whose professional interactions with Ailes spanned two decades, shockingly reveal that Ailes regularly used his position of power to threaten and control women in junior positions through sexual conduct,” the latest suit claims.

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Fox 5 News reporter Lidia Curanaj calls out a culture of misogyny at the network in her lawsuit.

Curanaj said the Ailes culture trickled down to a Fox 5 News director, Bryon Harmon, who reduced the number of Curanaj’s shifts and created an even more hostile work environment when she became pregnant.

Even though she is from Montenegro, she claimed Harmon often called her “Ms. Albania,” despite saying she wasn’t attractive enough for TV, the lawsuit says.

“Despite Harmon’s opinion of her looks, Ms. Curanaj was attractive enough for Ailes to give her a private interview, during which he had her stand up and twirl around for him,” the lawsuit says of her 2011 interview.

*(Fox 5)*

She said that during the interview, Ailes “launched into a tirade about President Barack Obama,” insisting that President Obama is a Muslim who had “ulterior motives” and was “working with the terrorists.”

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“We do not think the plaintiff’s claims have merit, and we intend to defend vigorously,” Fox Television Stations said in a statement.