Liam Neeson: Hollywood sex claims have started a 'witch hunt'

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**Liam Neeson has called the Hollywood sex scandal involving Dustin Hoffman and other actors "a bit of a witch hunt".**

Speaking to Irish broadcaster RTE, the 65-year-old action star was asked about recent accusations directed at Harvey Weinstein, Kevin Spacey and Dustin Hoffman.

"There is a bit of a witch hunt happening," he said.

"There's some people, famous people, being suddenly accused of touching some girl's knee or something and suddenly they're being dropped from their programme."

Neeson was quick to separate disgraced mogul Harvey Weinstein from other names involved, specifically casting his doubts on accusations made against Dustin Hoffman.

Hoffman was [**accused of groping and making inappropriate comments**](https://news.sky.com/story/actor-dustin-hoffman-faces-more-sexual-misconduct-allegations-11171413)at a 17-year-old intern on the set of the 1985 movieDeath Of A Salesman.

Hoffman denied the accusations, saying they are not "reflective of who I am".

Neeson said he was "on the fence" when it comes to his fellow actor.

"When you're doing a play and you're with your family, other actors and technicians, you do silly things," he said.

"You do silly things and it becomes superstitious. If you don't do it every night you think it's going to jinx the show.

"I think Dustin Hoffman... I'm not saying I've done similar things like what he did. Apparently he touched a girl's breast and stuff, but it's childhood stuff."

He also defended US radio presenter and writer Garrison Keillor, who was dropped by Minnesota Public Radio last year over an allegation of "inappropriate behaviour".

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**GLOBAL COMPREHENSION**  
  
***1/ What is the nature of the document?***

***2/ a/ Who is Liam Neeson ?***  
***b/ Who is Harvey Weinstein?   
c/ What kind of accusations were made ? Against whom?***

**DETAILED COMPREHENSION:**

***1/ True or False? Answer the questions by justifying your answers, without forgetting to tell the lines.***  
a) Neeson revealed his point of view on his Twitter account.

b) Before today’s scandals, Dustin Hoffman had never been charged of sexual molestation.  
c) Dustin Hoffman confessed he had an inappropriate behaviour.  
d) Liam Neeson finds that the accusations made against Hoffman are puerile, not worth an accusation.

***2/Whom are the following segments referring to?***  
“the 65-year-old action star” (l.3)  
“his fellow actor” (l.13)  
“when you’re doing a play and you’re doing it with….” (l.14)  
 ***3/ Explain in your own words the following sentence.***  
"There's some people, famous people, being suddenly accused of touching some girl's knee or something and suddenly they're being dropped from their programme."

***4/ Find in the text the equivalent for:***  
- a magnate, a tycoon, a wealthy, powerful person in business or industry:  
- be undecided, not to express one’s opinion:  
- bring bad luck, cast an evil spell on:  
  
***5/*** ‘There is a bit of a witch hunt happening’  
***Why does Liam Neeson call this scandal a witch-hunt ? Explain in your own words. (50 words).***