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## Report: Beast Editor Knew About Lincoln Project Founder's Twitter Stalking. So Did Group's Leaders.

A top editor at the online site Daily Beast and the Lincoln Project's leaders knew about the online stalking of Lincoln Project founder John Weaver long before [Ryan Girdusky broke](#) the story in *The American Conservative*. (The Lincoln Project is made of establishment GOP members who have a globalist ideology and work to undermine Trump and any Republican who puts this country first.)

That editor, Girdusky tweeted on Sunday, is [Molly Jong-Fast](#), the daughter of feminist and sexual libertine [Erica Jong](#). But Girdusky says Weaver's pals at the Lincoln Project also knew about his deviant activities.



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On Sunday, the [New York Times reported](#) that nearly two dozen men say Weaver harassed or stalked them online. And Lincoln Project leaders, the newspaper reported, at least knew he was involved with men.

[Weaver admitted](#) that he is a homosexual and stalked the men after Girdusky broke the story.

### What They Knew

Girdusky revealed the truth about Jong-Fast and her fast friends at the Lincoln Project in two tweets on Sunday after the *Times* published its account of Weaver's perversions, [an open-secret](#) in GOP circles for three decades.

"There is only one problem with this story about John Weaver," the conservative writer tweeted. "Members of the Lincoln Project absolutely knew about his predatory behavior."

They knew because a young fellow Weaver had talked to them, Girdusky claims:

One young man claimed he reached out to @madrid\_mike and @keithedwards about Weaver and they never responded to his accusations. He said he also spoke to @SarahMLenti and admitted to knowing and brushed it off

Girdusky tweeted two screenshots of the young man's tweets about his encounter with Lincoln Project leaders.

They "never reached out to me or apologized on his behalf.... They made me feel like a fool for thinking I'd have their support."

Those Lincoln Project leaders were [Keith Edwards](#) and [Mike Madrid](#), the young man alleged.



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The young man alleged that he called and spoke to another Lincoln Project “leader,” [Sarah Lenti](#), who “knew as well and brushed it off.”

Lenti is the blacklist outfit’s executive director.

Then Girdusky added this news:

According to several mutual friends, [@MollyJongFast](#) heard I had this story back in the early summer. And that it was circulating several outlets.

### **LP Leader: Nothing to See Here**

What Girdusky revealed about Weaver was bad enough. But the [Times detailed](#) a particularly demented come-on from Weaver to a kid interested in politics:

Cole Trickle Miele was 14 when he followed Mr. Weaver on Twitter in 2015 and quickly received a direct message from him. At first, he did not think anything was amiss.

“I remember being a 14-year-old kid interested in politics and being semi-starstruck by John Weaver engaging in a conversation with me,” said Mr. Trickle Miele, now 19. At the time, he supported the Republican Party and was a fan of Mr. Kasich, the Ohio governor whom Mr. Weaver was helping prepare to join the presidential race.

But as the messages kept coming, he became uncomfortable.

In June 2018, Mr. Weaver asked, “Are you in HS still?” — referring to high school — and Mr. Trickle Miele said that he was, and that he would be 18 the next spring. “You look older,” Mr. Weaver replied. “You’ve gotten taller.”

In March 2020, when Mr. Trickle Miele was 18, Mr. Weaver wrote, “I want to come to Vegas and take you to dinner and drinks and spoil you!!,” and in a follow-up message used a term that in sexual banter refers to one’s body: “Hey my boy! resend me your stats! or I can guess! if that is easier or more fun!”

Amusingly, or perhaps disturbingly, Lincoln Project leaders saw nothing wrong with Weaver’s social-media predation, the *Times* reported:

Steve Schmidt, a co-founder of the group, said its leaders had learned last summer from social media posts that Mr. Weaver, who has a wife and two children, might be involved in relationships with men, but emphasized, “There was no awareness or insinuations of any type of inappropriate behavior when we became aware of the chatter at the time.” Mr. Weaver denied the claims, Mr. Schmidt said in an interview.

In other words, a founder of Lincoln Project saw nothing “inappropriate” in Weaver’s homosexual “chatter” even though Weaver has a wife and two kids.

Lincoln Project [has removed](#) the page at its website that provides a list of founders.

### **Republicans Knew**

As [The New American reported](#) when Girdusky broke the story, the leftist media knew about Weaver’s



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perversions.

So did top Republicans.

“I’ve actually known about this pattern of behavior since 1988,” GOP strategist [Karl Rove told \*Newsweek\*](#). “All I want to say is that those 21 statements from those 21 young men who talked about how they’ve been approached by Mr. Weaver, that statement speaks for itself and I don’t have anything to add to it. It’s a sad, sad chapter.”

If Rove knew about Weaver, other Republicans had to have known, too. Yet Weaver was a top advisor to failed Republican presidential candidates John McCain and John Kasich.

In 2009, the leftist *New Republic* called Rove a “gay-baiter” who peddled a “nearly two-decades-old lie.” As for Jong-Fast, the [confessed former alcoholic and drug addict](#) has blocked Girdusky on Twitter.

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