

Dear Chris, Chris + Pat,

On behalf of all survivors of Justin Geever, we thank you for joining the conversation. We echo you in saying “fuck you” to Justin, but have a message of increasing urgency for you three as well. To you, and all the other men in music who had power and opportunity to stop a predator long before he harmed so many, fuck you guys too.

For many of the survivors, and your friends, fans, colleagues, staff and family members who have contacted The Punk Rock Therapist so far, Anti-Flag represented hope and refuge. You presented yourselves as our greatest allies. We held you to the highest standard. Yet for more than three decades you enabled Justin to groom and assault fans around the globe. In a way, your band was grooming us too. You watched your singer lure excited children and vulnerable fans into your orbit using Anti-Flag’s pro-feminist stance, while later brutalizing some of them behind closed doors. You saw us cry and ignored us. You received our messages of pain and concern for others after our encounters, and left us on read.

We trusted all of you when you said, “Silence = Violence.” We believed you genuinely had our backs. We bought into your band and your brand both emotionally and financially. Some of us got Anti-Flag tattoos. Punks, survivors, empaths, activists— we each looked up to you as models of what powerful, vocal, influential men in America could stand for. Your own stories of surviving sexual abuse made us feel seen and safe. But you betrayed us. Your silence enabled your leader’s violence.

We know better now... you are no longer our idols. As a result, we are healing our younger selves, helping our future selves, and educating our daughters and sons and all who come next to do better. To do what we couldn’t and you didn’t. But we too “still have far more questions than answers.” For example, what level of cognitive dissonance did you experience when you watched your 35 year-old singer whisk a 15 year-old fan away to an upstairs bathroom after a show? Why was it ever acceptable for him to bring minors backstage or across state lines on your tour bus? Speaking of age, why did the official Anti-Flag website list all of your ages as 19 from 2001 to 2020? Was Justin the only one lying to children and their parents about how old he was?

Maybe you didn’t want to believe it was true. We didn’t either. Yet we haven’t had the luxury of denial—we’ve spent years trying to make sense of the mental and physical wounds your singer inflicted. We want to believe you didn’t know; we all agree that trained predators can be masters of disguise and manipulation. But many of our new survivor-sisters have time-stamped accounts of bringing Justin’s criminal behavior to your attention throughout the last several years. Why did you ignore them?

This brings us back to your recent statements. We would love to believe that you immediately disbanded and scrubbed your internet presence on July 19, 2023 in order to “protect Kristina.” If that was your intention, why have you not reached out to her or any other survivor in the two months since? Direct care traditionally involves the person being “cared for.” Your actions since the day the **enough** podcast was released lead us to believe what other survivors have insisted—Kristina was not Justin’s first victim. She was just the first to publicly sound the alarm.

If you truly would like to “make this right” (as your inner circle has expressed to many of us), we encourage you to start by connecting with Justin’s survivors through [info@thepunkrocktherapist.org](mailto:info@thepunkrocktherapist.org). Since Rolling Stone shared “**The Punk-Rock Predator**” a week ago, more and more survivors of your singer’s terror have opened up to us. We are now providing direct care to your fans and community in your absence. Most are in critical need of help processing the magnitude of this betrayal. But many just want to help in any way they can.

Together, we have opened a dialogue about accountability and action. If you three are willing to recognize your complicity, we welcome you to join. Our intention, moving forward, is to end the normalization of rape culture and misogyny in our music scene. The acceptance of men with microphones exploiting fans for sex, the disregard for inappropriate/illegal age gaps, the complete lack of education around consent, safe spaces, and predatory behavior—these are systemic problems whose dismantling require all of us to participate.

We understand that you three, along with so many others you love, have been hurt too. We have all survived Justin’s lies and manipulation, and we are all responding to this trauma in different ways. So on behalf of The Punk Rock Therapist team and the survivors we’ve bonded with so far, we invite you, Chris, Chris + Pat, to join one of our private Saturday zoom sessions. Some of us would like to say “fuck you” to your faces, but most are requesting your help as we figure out how to right these massive wrongs. We (your former fans, your former Patrons, your staff, your friends, your peers in other touring bands, survivors of Justin’s and of other predators) have started the uncomfortable but crucial conversations about the future of punk, and of music as a whole.

It’s tempting to want to build a new “New Kind of Army.” But that metaphor is as tired as the internalized-patriarchy that bred it. It might be time for the Matriarchy, to kick over the pedestal, turn on the house lights and pass the microphone. Listen to your fans. Listen to the women around the world who are in pain and crying for change. Their words are shared with their permission on our website: [www.thepunkrocktherapist.org/statements](http://www.thepunkrocktherapist.org/statements)

*These* are what real feminists sound like...

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