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Hi everyone.

I'm writing to apologize for a lack of sensitivity on my part yesterday during our discussion on empathy and Harvey Weinstein. I appreciate the effort of students in helping me see my blind spot on this issue, as survivors and friends of victims felt pain and surprise at some things I said. In particular, while this guy's life is certainly in shambles, my implication that his life is likely worse than that of his accusers completely overlooks the lasting anguish that his actions had on his victims. I can recount feeling violated but understand that I don't have the ability to fathom this level of pain, anger, anguish. Here is an opportunity for an empathetic effort on my part. Again, thank you all for your participation, and your efforts to communicate with me. Feel invited to continue this discussion with me if you like.

Sincerely,

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