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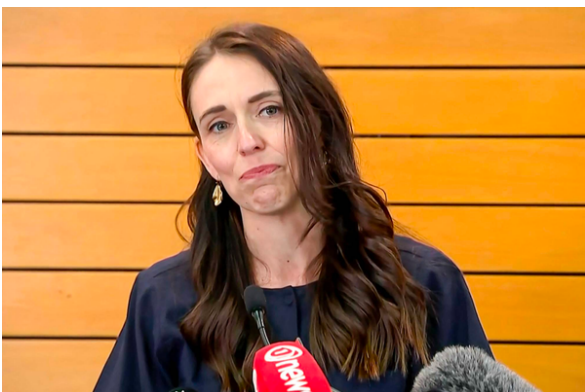
New Zealand Prime Minister's resignation sparks controversy

On the 19th of January, New Zealand's prime minister Jacinda Ardern resigned in a shocking turn of events. Ardern stated that she was leaving "because with such a privileged role comes responsibility – the responsibility to know when you are the right person to lead and also when you are not. I know what this job takes. And I know that I no longer have enough in the tank to do it justice. It's that simple" (The Guardian). After resigning, Arden states she just plans on spending more time with her family.

Throughout her 5 years as prime minister Arden has been widely recognized as a leader who brought a compassionate and fresh perspective to her job. Additionally, she was the youngest female head of government, and often spoke out against issues of gender equality- and so was seen as a kind of trailblazer for women. After previously denying that she would be resigning, this announcement was unprecedented, and frankly disappointing for many of her supporters around the world.

Furthermore, as Arden was such an influential figure in terms of representing women, many have taken her resignation as an opportunity to question the capacity of women to be politicians. Just a few days ago, the BBC released an article titled "Can women have it all?", which many found a disturbingly sexist take. Since then, the BBC have apologized, and changed the headline to "Departure reveals unique pressures on PM".

Unfortunately, this is not the only case of the media turning Arden's departure into a statement about all women leaders. Therefore, it seems impertinent that throughout this time, people continue to dispute news of this type, and continue to ask essential questions such as; if Arden were a man, would the news coverage be the same?



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Italian Mobster arrested after 30 years on the run

After 30 years of eluding the authorities, mafia boss Matteo Messina Denaro was arrested on the 16th of January at the age of 60. At the time of conviction, Messina Denaro was the head of the Sicilian Mafia, also known as Cosa Nostra.

In 1992, Messina Denaro was sentenced in absentia to life in prison. He was convicted of Mafia association and multiple murders. On the 16th, Messina Denaro was taken into custody and will begin serving his life sentence.

While serving as the head of Cosa Nostra, Messina Denaro handled illegal garbage disposal, organized criminal activity, laundered money, and trafficked drugs. He is also known for his alleged involvement in fatal bombings in Rome, Florence, and Milan in the 1990s.



(New York Times)

In 1992, Messina Denaro was accused of the murder of two anti-Mafia judges and strangling the pregnant partner of a rival mafia boss.

In addition to this, he also allegedly abducted the 12-year-old son of a man testifying against him and held the boy prisoner for two years before strangling him and dissolving the body in acid as a last act to prevent the family from burying him.

"Obviously, the mafia is not defeated," said Palermo's chief Prosecutor, Maurizio De Lucia. "It would be a big mistake to think that the game is over."

A comic by Alisa Krotov

Singles on Valentine's Day: 2 types



Astronomical Survey of the Milky Way has revealed 3.3 billion celestial objects

A new survey of the Milky Way's galactic plane has unveiled 3.3 billion celestial objects in great detail.

Our galaxy is full of billions of stars, dark pillars of dust and gas, and shining star-forming regions where stars are born. With the Dark Energy Camera, astronomers have managed to capture these space miracles in unprecedented detail.



This image, showing stars and dust clouds is only a tiny part of the full Dark Energy Camera Survey of our Milky Way.

A new image was released recently, displaying the objects documented by the survey, including stars and dust across the galactic disc of the Milky Way, where space bodies are circularly distributed. The galaxy's spiral arms (centers in which young stars are developed) also lie on this disc.

This makes it difficult to observe the galactic plane (centerline of the galaxy's spinning disk of stars) as the galactic disc and spiral arms, together, are extremely bright. Dark streaks of dust cover starlight, while the gleam of star-forming regions obscures the individual brightness of a Milky Way object.

With the use of the Dark Energy Camera, astronomers looked through the dust of the galactic plane with the help of near-infrared light. They were also able to lighten the effects of the star-forming regions by applying a data-processing method.

"One of the main reasons for the success of DECaPS2 is that we simply pointed at a region with an extraordinarily high density of stars and were careful about identifying sources that appear nearly on top of each other," claims the lead study author Andrew Saydjari, a doctoral student at Harvard University and researcher at the Center for Astrophysics.

"Doing so allowed us to produce the largest such catalog ever from a single camera, in terms of the number of objects observed."

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