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## Enough is enough, Silicon Valley must end its elitism and arrogance

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A storm is brewing over Silicon Valley. The world expects better behavior from its tech titans. (Jeff Chiu/AP)

When computers were just for nerds and large corporations, Silicon Valley's elite could get away with arrogance, insularity and sexism. They were building products for people that looked just like them. The child geniuses inspired so much awe that their frat-boy behavior was a topic of amusement.

Now technology is everywhere. It is being used by everyone. Grandma downloads apps and communicates with junior over Facebook. Women are [dominating](#) social media and African Americans are becoming Twitter's fastest-growing demographic group.

The public is investing billions of dollars in tech companies and expects professionalism, maturity, and corporate social responsibility. It is losing its tolerance for elitism and arrogance.

Note what just happened when Silicon Valley luminary Tom Perkins [wrote to the Wall Street Journal](#) to complain of public criticism of the Bay Area elite and his ex-wife Danielle Steel. He said "Writing from the epicenter of progressive thought, San Francisco, I would call attention to the parallels of fascist Nazi Germany to its war on its 'one percent,' namely its Jews, to the progressive war on the American one percent, namely the 'rich.'"

There was such an outpouring of anger on social media over the comparison to the Nazi genocide that the venture capital firm Perkins founded, [Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers](#), [disavowed](#) its association with him. Tech blogs and newspapers lashed out. Silicon Valley heavyweights such as [Marc Andreessen](#) and [Marc Benioff](#) expressed their disapproval. It is a rare thing in Silicon Valley for any venture capitalist or CEO to speak up against a tech luminary — no matter how much out of line he may be. So this was a surprise.

The Perkins controversy is the tip of the iceberg. Kleiner Perkins is itself embroiled in a sexual-harassment scandal that it chose to litigate rather [than settle](#). When Twitter filed for an IPO with an all-male board, the *New York Times* [slammed](#) it for being an old boys' club. Rather than admitting that his company may have erred, Twitter CEO Dick Costolo chose to lash out publicly against a critic—me—for expressing outrage in the article. A few weeks later, Twitter [gave in](#) to the growing backlash and announced a woman director. There was no apology or humility, however.

In most industries, discriminating on the basis of gender, race, or age would be considered illegal. Yet in the tech industry, venture capitalists routinely show off about their "pattern recognition" capabilities. They say they can recognize a successful entrepreneur, engineer, or business executive when they see one. The pattern always resembles Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, or them: a nerdy male. Women, blacks, and Latinos are at a disadvantage as are older entrepreneurs. VCs openly admit that they only [fund young](#) entrepreneurs and claim that older people [can't innovate](#).

It isn't just venture capitalists who are insensitive to federal employment-discrimination laws. Most tech companies [refuse to release](#) gender, race, or age data. They claim this information is a trade secret. Whatever [data](#) are available reveal a strong bias towards young males.

In his letter to *Wall Street Journal*, Tom Perkins complained of the outraged public reaction to Google buses carrying technology workers and to rising real-estate prices. But these are genuine grievances. Long-time residents of San Francisco are being displaced because of skyrocketing rents. Bus stops are being clogged with fleets of luxury buses. The tech industry is taking advantage of the investment that taxpayers made in public infrastructure, the Internet, and education—without giving much back or even acknowledging its debts to society.

Silicon Valley's tech companies are also disconnected from the communities in which they live. They remain aloof about the problems that the poor face. Very few help set up soup kitchens, build houses for the homeless, or provide scholarships for disadvantaged children. Tech moguls such as Peter Thiel go as far as admonishing the value of higher education itself—and paying children \$100,000 to drop out of college. Most startups focus on building senseless social media-type apps or solving the problems of the rich—and that is what venture capitalists typically fund.

Silicon Valley has an important role to play in solving the world's problems. It is the epicenter of innovation. Most technologists I know have a social conscience and want to do whatever they can to make the world a better place. Yet the power brokers—most venture capitalists, super-rich angel investors, and CEOs consistently show a disregard for social causes. They display a high level of arrogance, demand tax cuts for themselves, and have a don't-care attitude. As demonstrated by the Perkins letter, this sends the wrong message to the world and holds Silicon Valley back.

It is time for the Silicon Valley elite to smell the coffee and realize that the world has changed—and that they must too. It is time for tech entrepreneurs to focus on solving big problems and giving back to the world.



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Women have come a long, long way in the corporate world over the past few decades but one particular area where we are still the severe minority is in founder and executive ranks in **Silicon Valley** companies. Click here to view charts of how tough it is for women in **Silicon Valley** via Business Insider

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At Pinterest, the online bulletin board service that is valued near \$3.8 billion, some 70 percent of the users are female. But the company's board of directors is 100 percent male. Male-heavy boards dominate in the start-up mecca of **Silicon Valley**, which prides itself on progressive thinking and

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Twitter proved this week a point that I have long been making: that **Silicon Valley** is a **boys club** — a fraternity of the worst kind — stacking the deck against women, overlooking blacks and Hispanics, and providing unfair advantage to an elite connected few who have learnt the ...

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"Men invented the Internet," declared the opening sentence of a New York Times article on Sunday, the beginning of a story on Ellen Pao and her lawsuit against former employers **Kleiner Perkins** Caufield & Byers, the venture capital firm she's accusing of sexual discrimination.

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... but the culture is dominated at least as much by mercenary finance sharks -- **frat-boy** types, ... after all, concerns allegations of sexual harassment at **Kleiner Perkins** Caufield & Byers, the storied venture capital firm. Some VCs are tech savvy, usually just savvy enough to make ...

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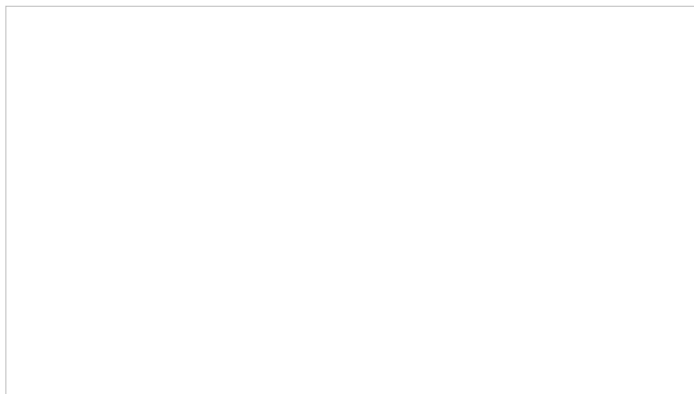
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## Almost half of Silicon Valley's top companies have no women board members

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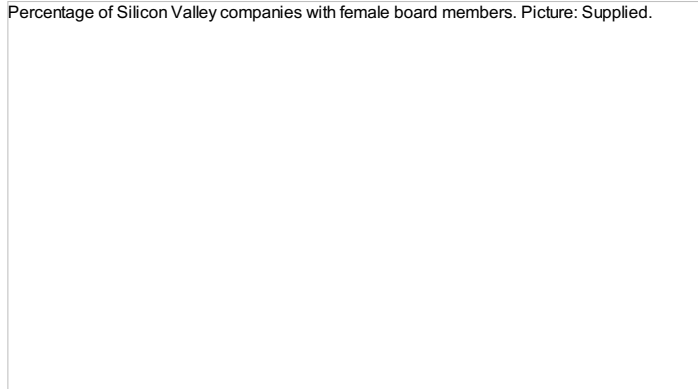
Women board members and executives are severely lacking in Silicon Valley. Picture: ThinkStock. *Source:* News Limited

IT'S pretty obvious by now that Silicon Valley is a cesspool of sexism, thanks to episodes like [this](#), [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#). But this is not just about programmers being programmers: The sexism reaches to the very top of the corporate structure.

Women have shamefully little representation in the executive suites and corporate boards of Silicon Valley's biggest companies, according to a new study by law firm Fenwick & West. Such gender bias is a longstanding problem for Corporate America generally, but Silicon Valley makes other companies look almost progressive in comparison.

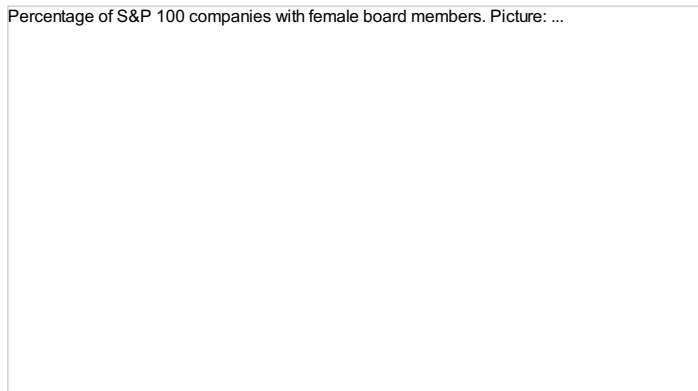
Here's a look at the distribution of women on the boards of directors at companies in the Silicon Valley 150 (the Valley's biggest companies by sales), compared to the boards of the 100 biggest public companies in the U.S., known as the Standard & Poor's 100:

Percentage of Silicon Valley companies with female board members. Picture: Supplied.



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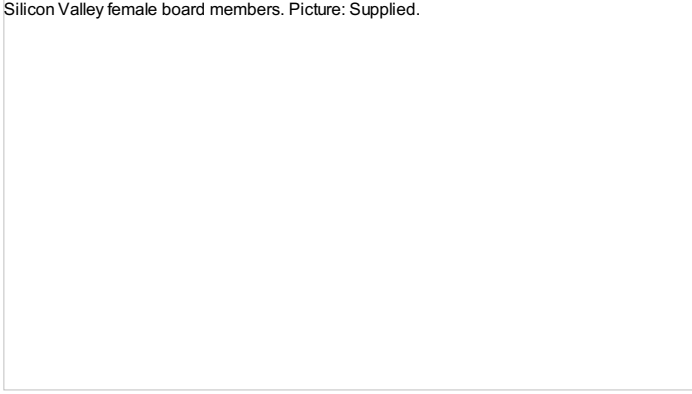
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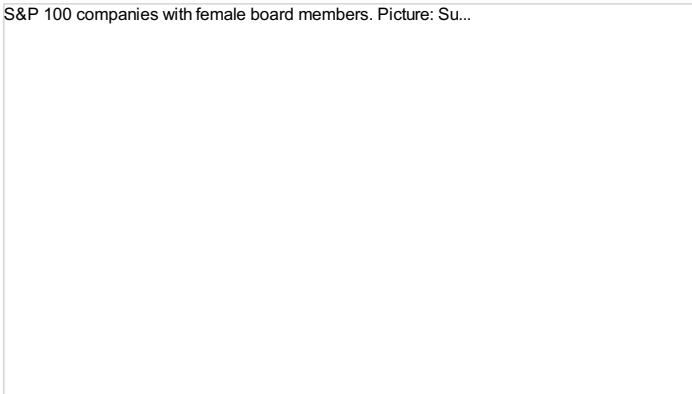
As you can see from the charts, a plurality of SV 150 companies have no women on their boards, while nearly half of the S&P 100 companies have at least two women. Two women is still a low number, but mathematics reminds us that two women is at least more than zero women. Virtually all S&P 100 companies have at least one woman on their board, while barely more than half of SV 150 even reach that bare minimum. And here's a look at how well women are represented in the executive suite:

Silicon Valley female board members. Picture: Supplied.



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Please first take note of the breathtaking lack of women in executive positions across the entire corporate universe. But then look at just how much worse things are in Silicon Valley: Nearly half of the SV 150 companies have no female executives at all, while 84 per cent of the S&P 500 manages to have at least one. That is an astounding number. As Fenwick points out, women account for about half of the U.S. labour force and more than half of the workers in management and other professional jobs. And yet very few women make it through the door to the executive suite - unless they work in Silicon Valley, where they'll probably never even see the door.

This dearth of women in tech means sexist culture perpetuates itself more easily. Maybe it also means our technology is not nearly as good as it could be.

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