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Last week Nicky revealed how she was treated by Meg Whitman when she was employed by her as her housekeeper for 9 years.

Since then there have been many assertions by Meg Whitman that Nicky is being “manipulated.”

Ms. Whitman has also gone on record as stating that Nicky was her friend, a member of her extended family and part of her family.

We are here today to respond to these statements.

Ms. Whitman has stated publicly over the past week that Nicky was "a part of our extended family".

The truth is that Nicky never asked or expected to be part of Ms. Whitman's family. She expected nothing other than to be treated as an

employee, to be treated fairly, to be paid for the hours that she worked in accordance with California law and she certainly did not expect to be kicked to the curb and thrown out like yesterday's garbage when Ms. Whitman decided to run for political office.

Ms. Whitman, desperate to save her political campaign, has now compounded her mistreatment of Nicky by lying about their relationship. A member of her extended family -- really? Nicky was never invited to any family events or even to share a meal with any member of Ms. Whitman's family. Even when Nicky was pregnant Ms. Whitman never offered her so much as a sandwich or a glass of water.

Ms. Whitman goes on to say in one of her public statements that she saw Nicky as "part of our family" The truth is that she never really saw Nicky at all. Where was Ms. Whitman when Nicky gave birth to her child? A visit to the hospital, a card or a phone call would have been nice but Ms. Whitman did none of these for the person that she said was part of her family. Also, during the 8 months that Nicky was home with the baby following the birth Ms. Whitman never called even once to find out how Nicky and the baby were doing, and when Nicky

returned to work Ms. Whitman never inquired about the baby or bought the baby a gift. This is the reality.

Perhaps Ms. Whitman should look up the definition of family and what it means before she starts throwing these words around as part of her political campaign. She should learn that family means being there in good times and bad and showing compassion.

Let's be very clear -- Ms. Whitman and Nicky never had the type of relationship that Ms. Whitman claims they had. Nicky was invisible to Ms. Whitman. Nicky was there to take out the trash, make the beds, clean the toilets, and do whatever else needed to be done. Now Nicky has to listen to Ms. Whitman talk about the close relationship they had and how they were friends and that Nicky was part of her extended family. When you have been treated the way that Nicky has been (fired, given no severance, told to pretend that you never met or worked for the Whitmans) it is hard to listen to these lies and hypocrisy.

It was especially hard for Nicky to listen to Meg Whitman suggest that the reason that Meg Whitman and her husband might not know about the 2003 Social Security letter, which they at first denied receiving, was because Nicky might have intercepted (and by implication stolen) it.

Even though we later revealed that it was in fact received at the Whitman household and that Dr. Harsh's handwriting was on it and that he gave it to Nicky, Meg Whitman has never apologized to Nicky for the defamatory and false statements she made about Nicky's character.

This morning, Jill Armstrong, a former nanny in the Meg Whitman household spoke out publicly (in the San Francisco Chronicle P.8). Ms. Armstrong stated, "I totally believe" (Nicky Diaz). She told the reporter, Carla Marinucci, "I know the family, I know what it was like."

As for me, all I can say is if what it means to be part of Meg Whitman's extended family is to be her servant for nine years and then be discarded like an old shoe in the name of political expediency without any severance then count me out- I would like to go on record right now that under no circumstances do I wish to be a part of Ms. Whitman's extended family.

Ms. Whitman should tell the truth and not hide behind these false characterizations. She did not care about Nicky while Nicky worked for her. She did not care about Nicky when she fired her, and she did not care about Nicky after she was fired.

And she does not care about Nicky now.

Ms. Whitman has stated that “After Nov 2, no one’s going to be watching out for Nicky Diaz.” I guess that means that after November 2nd Nicky will no longer be considered a member of Whitman’s extended family and their friendship will come to an end. Can we assume that after that date the Meg Whitman will reveal her true feelings about her former housekeeper and Ms. Whitman will no longer have to pretend that she cares one bit about Nicky Diaz?

Meg Whitman is wrong. Many people care about Nicky and will continue to do so long after November 2. It is unfortunate that Meg Whitman will not be one of them.

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