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[YouTube's Susan Wojcicki explains why the 'Google memo' author had to be fired](#)

On the latest Recode Decode, the CEO reflects on how the diversity debate sparked by James Damore's memo affected her personally.

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YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki was on vacation when Silicon Valley suddenly plunged into a bitter debate over sexism.

The now-infamous "Google memo," written by engineer James Damore, argued against diversity initiatives at Google and said that female engineers were less capable of

leading others.

Wojcicki, who was part of the team at Google that decided to fire Damore, recalled talking about it over dinner with her children, to whom she had always tried to promote diversity and equality.

Well, not equality in the sense of mom not having a net worth of [\\$300 million](#) because she rented her garage to Larry and Sergey in 1999 and then Aunt Anne was married to Sergey until that gold-digging strumpet got between them and then Aunt Anne was with Uncle Alex, but Alex Rodriguez turned out to be a meathead baseball player, but otherwise ... Go Equality!

"The first question they had about it [was], 'Is that true?'" Wojcicki said on the latest Recode Decode, hosted by Kara Swisher. "That really, really surprised me, because here I am — I've spent so much time, so much of my career, to try to overcome stereotypes, and then here was this letter that was somehow convincing my kids and many other women in the industry and men in the industry

the industry, and men in the industry,
convincing them that they were less
capable. That really upset me.”

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