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## Comedian Bill Cosby defends silence on sex abuse allegations

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**USPA News** - Legendary comedian Bill Cosby has defended his silence amid a series of sex abuse allegations that has tarnished the reputation of one of America's most beloved comedians, telling a Florida newspaper he has no obligation to answer to "innuendos." Cosby, 77, made the comments on late Friday in a one-on-one interview with the Florida Today newspaper.

The comments came on the same night as his sold-out performance at the Maxwell C. King Center in Melbourne, Florida, where he was welcomed by an adoring audience despite the high-profile allegations against him. "I know people are tired of me not saying anything, but a guy doesn't have to answer to innuendos. People should fact check. People shouldn't have to go through that and shouldn't answer to innuendos," Cosby told the newspaper, his first public comments that directly address the recent allegations. While Friday night's show took place without incident, the comedian also condemned calls by a radio host who offered prizes and money to anyone who disrupted the performance. "These people are prodding and pushing people and asking people to have a frat house mentality," he said. "Now suppose someone brings a weapon or decided to do more foolishness. ... That's not good for anyone." The high-profile allegations have prompted some companies to cancel upcoming performances by Cosby, even though the comedian has never been convicted - or charged - for any alleged wrongdoing.

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