

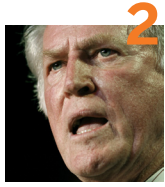
# AMERICA'S TOP 53 POLITICAL SEX SCANDALS

Just remember that our list is purely subjective. As always, we welcome your comments at editor@politicker.com



**1 Bill Clinton**  
President of the United States

The 42<sup>nd</sup> President was impeached following a sexual relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. As Governor of Arkansas, he had alleged relationships with Jennifer Flowers and Paula Jones.



**2 Gary Hart**  
U.S. Senator; presidential candidate

The Colorado Senator was a major candidate for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination, but his campaign ended after being photographed cavorting with Donna Rice on a boat called *Monkey Business*.



**3 James E. McGreevey**  
Governor of New Jersey

The married Governor resigned after admitting to an affair with another man – his Homeland Security advisor.



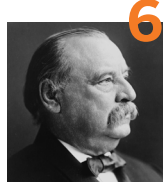
**4 Wilbur Mills**  
U.S. Congressman; presidential candidate

The Arkansas Democrat was the powerful House Ways & Means Committee Chairman when he was caught, intoxicated, driving into the Tidal Basin with stripper Fanne Fox.



**5 Bob Packwood**  
U.S. Senator

The Oregon Republican, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, had to resign amidst multiple allegations of sexual harassment.



**6 Grover Cleveland**  
President of the United States

He fathered an illegitimate child before running for President – a campaign issue that didn't stick. "Ma, Ma, where's my Pa? Gone to the White House. Ha, ha, ha."



**7 Gary Condit**  
U.S. Congressman

The California Democrat's former Intern, Chandra Levy, was found dead in a Washington, D.C. park, and questions about their relationship – and his poor handling of the media frenzy that followed – led to Condit's defeat.



**8 Mel Reynolds**  
U.S. Congressman

The Illinois Democrat resigned during his first term after having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old campaign worker. He later went to prison.



**9 Neil Goldschmidt**  
Governor of Oregon

As Mayor of Portland, Goldschmidt had a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old babysitter.



**10 Brock Adams**  
U.S. Senator

The Washington Democrat didn't seek re-election to the Senate after eight women alleged misconduct that included harassment, sexual assault and rape.



**11 Mark Foley**  
U.S. Congressman

The six-term Florida Republican resigned after reports that he sent sexually explicit text messages to a young male House Page.



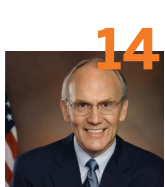
**12 Bob Livingston**  
U.S. Congressman

The Louisiana Republican was set to become Speaker of the House when reports of an extramarital affair forced him to resign from Congress.



**13 Jim West**  
Mayor of Spokane, WA

The anti-gay rights Republican, a former State Senate Majority Leader, allegedly molested two young boys while serving as a law enforcement officer and scoutmaster, and sought to meet men on the Internet.



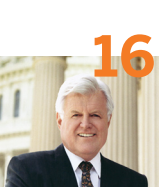
**14 Larry Craig**  
U.S. Senator

The Republican Senator from Idaho continues to deny he is gay, but decided not to seek re-election after pleading guilty to lewd conduct in an airport men's room.



**15 Wayne Hays**  
U.S. Congressman

The Ohio Democrat, Chairman of the powerful House Administration Committee, put his mistress on the House payroll. He was forced to resign after 28 years in Congress. *Comeback: won election to Ohio State Legislature.*



**16 Ted Kennedy**  
U.S. Senator; presidential candidate

The Massachusetts Democrat has remained a major national political figure despite the Chappaquiddick incident, where his late brother's 29-year-old ex-staffer, Mary Jo Kopechne, drowned when a car Kennedy was driving went off a bridge. Kennedy pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident; he received a two month suspended sentence.



**17 Arthur Brown**  
U.S. Senator

The Utah Republican served in the Senate 1896 until his Washington, D.C. mistress shot and killed him in 1897.



**18 Eliot Spitzer**  
Governor of New York

The Democratic Governor is allegedly John #9 in a scandal involving high priced call girls and a prostitution ring. He resigned after just 14 months in office.



**19 Jerry Springer**  
Mayor of Cincinnati, OH

Before he was a television celebrity, Springer was a Mayor whose campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Ohio was derailed by reports that he paid for a hooker using a personal check.



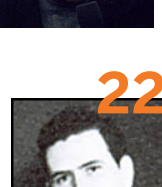
**20 Thomas Jefferson**  
President of the United States

The third President – the author of the Declaration of Independence – fathered a child with Sally Hemmings, his 17-year-old slave.



**21 Marilyn Monroe**  
Actress

America may never know the truth about her relationships with some of the nation's most powerful political leaders, allegedly including President John F. Kennedy and his brother, Attorney General/Senator Robert F. Kennedy.



**22 Walter Jenkins**  
White House Staff

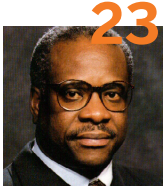
Lyndon Johnson's longtime aide was forced to resign after being caught having sex with another man in a YMCA bathroom just before the 1964 presidential election.

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**Clarence Thomas**  
Associates Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

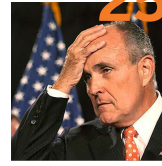
During his Supreme Court confirmation hearing, he was accused of sexual harassment by law professor Anita Hill.



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**Jon Grunseth**  
Minnesota gubernatorial candidate

The GOP candidate for Governor of Minnesota in 1990 had to quit the race just weeks before Election Day after allegations that he had swum nude with a group 13-year-old girls during a swim party at his home.



25

**Rudy Giuliani**  
Mayor of New York, NY; presidential candidate

Details of an extramarital affair with his current wife helped derail his 2008 campaign for the GOP presidential nomination.

26

**David Vitter** ?  
U.S. Senator

The Louisiana Republican has until 2010 to rehabilitate himself with voters after being listed as a client of call girl services in Washington and Louisiana.

27

**Tom Evans**  
U.S. Congressman

The Delaware Republican was involved in a scandal involving lobbyist Paula Parkinson trading sex for political influence. Eventually lost re-election.

28

**Gerry Studds**  
U.S. Congressman

The Massachusetts Democrat was censured by the House for engaging in a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old male House Page. He continued to win re-election.



29

**Barney Frank**  
U.S. Congressman

The Massachusetts Democrat was reprimanded by the House after his partner ran an escort service out of the Congressman's home.



30

**Allen Howe**  
U.S. Congressman

The Utah Democrat was a one-term Congressman after he was arrested for soliciting two prostitutes – actually, both cops – in his home town of Salt Lake City.

31

**Buz Lukens**  
U.S. Congressman

The Ohio Republican served in jail after admitting to a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old girl.



32

**Sol Wachtler**  
Chief Justice, New York Court of Appeals

New York's top Judge served jail time after making threatening phone calls to his former mistress and mailing a condom to her 16-year-old daughter.

33

**Jack Ryan**  
U.S. Senate candidate

The millionaire investment banker's U.S. Senate campaign against Barack Obama ended when his ex-wife, actress Jeri Ryan, alleged that he used to take her to sex clubs and urged that they have sex in public.

34

**Alexander Hamilton**  
U.S. Secretary of the Treasury

The founding father had a long-term extramarital affair with Maria Reynolds, and was blackmailed by Reynolds' estranged husband.



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**Charles Boutin**  
Maryland House of Delegates

The former Maryland Public Service Commissioner resigned amidst reports that he solicited prostitutes online while serving in the Legislature.



36

**Fred Richmond**  
U.S. Congressman

The New York Democrat was charged with soliciting sex from a 16-year-old boy. He was re-elected two years later.



37

**Paul Patton**  
Governor of Kentucky

The Democratic Governor had an extramarital affair with a nursing home operator; after she broke it off, the state cited the nursing home with a bunch of violations.

38

**Bob Allen**  
Florida State Representative

The GOP state legislator was arrested for soliciting oral sex from a male undercover policeman. His defense: the cop was a "stocky black guy" and he gave him \$20 out of fear.

39

**Kwame Kilpatrick** ?  
Mayor of Detroit, MI

The Mayor of Detroit faces a possible criminal probe and recall over his relationship with his ex-Chief of Staff that included sexually explicit text messages.



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**Bob Bauman**  
U.S. Congressman

The Maryland Republican lost re-election after being charged with soliciting sex from a 16-year-old boy.



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**Chuck Robb**  
U.S. Senator; Governor of Virginia

The Virginia Democrats admitted to spending time with former Miss Virginia/Playboy model Tai Collins and to getting a nude massage. He won re-election three years later.



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**Dan Crane**  
U.S. Congressman

The Illinois Republican was censured by the House for having a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old female page. He lost his next election.



43

**Bob Wise**  
Governor of West Virginia

The West Virginia Democrat did not seek a second term as Governor after disclosure that he had an affair with a state employee.

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**Jon Hinson**  
U.S. Congressman

The Mississippi Republican was arrested for having oral sex in a House Men's Room. He admitted to a prior arrest for exposing himself to an undercover policeman at the Iowa Jima Memorial.

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**Silvio Failla**  
New Jersey State Assemblyman

The Democratic Assemblyman from Hudson County was shot and killed when a prostitute he had solicited tried to rob him, with the help of her pimps.

46

**Ken Calvert**  
U.S. Congressman

The California Republican was arrested for soliciting a prostitute during his first year in Congress. He's now in his 8<sup>th</sup> term.



47

**Don Sherwood**  
U.S. Congressman

The Pennsylvania Republican lost his safe House seat last year after allegations of extra marital affairs and abuse.

48

**Gavin Newsom** ?  
Mayor of San Francisco, CA

The Mayor of San Francisco had an affair with the wife of his friend and campaign manager.

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**Newt Gingrich**  
Speaker of the House

The Georgia Republican admitted to an extramarital affair with a staffer.

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**Antonio Villaraigosa** ?  
Mayor of Los Angeles, CA

The Mayor of Los Angeles announced last year that he was leaving his wife and was in a relationship with a TV News reporter who covered him.



51

**Strom Thurmond**  
U.S. Senator; former presidential candidate

After his death at age 100, it was disclosed that the one-time South Carolina segregationist fathered a daughter out of wedlock with the 16-year-old African-American maid who worked in his family home.



52

**Donald DiFrancesco**  
Governor of New Jersey

The former Governor of New Jersey is currently facing a lawsuit filed by an attorney in his law firm alleging that he sexually harassed her for several years.

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**Warren Harding**  
President of the United States

Rumors of extramarital affairs – and illegitimate children – didn't stop the GOP from nominating the Senator from Ohio for President in 1920.



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