



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APOLOGIZE

Perhaps Democrats Should Spend More Time Demanding Apologies From Members Of Their Own Party

RNC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL STEELE: *"In another stunning example of hypocrisy, congressional Democrats are wasting taxpayers' time and resources on a legislative measure to censure Congressman Joe Wilson so they don't have to talk about their exceedingly unpopular health care plan. Without question, Joe Wilson made a terrible error in judgment and has wasted no time in extending a personal apology to the president. The president has accepted his apology. If we are going to march Members down to the well of the house to apologize, Joe Wilson is going to have to get in line behind Nancy Pelosi, who attacked the intelligence community who protects us, Charlie Rangel who cheated on his taxes, Jack Murtha – a walking scandal, and we all know how the Democratic leadership tried to protect William Jefferson. Democrats don't want an apology. They want a side show – something to shift the focus away from their government-run experiment on health care."*

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? PELOSI: CIA IS A BUNCH OF LIARS

Pelosi Accused The CIA Of Lying To Her In September 2002. Reporter: "Madam Speaker, just to be clear, you're accusing the CIA of lying to you in September of 2002?" Pelosi: "Yes, misleading the Congress of the United States, misleading the Congress of the United States. I am." (Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Press Conference, Washington, DC, 5/14/09)

Pelosi Admits That She Was Briefed On The Legality Of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques In September 2002. Pelosi: "The CIA briefed me only once on enhanced interrogation techniques in September 2002 in my capacity as ranking member of the Intelligence Committee. I was informed then that the Department of Justice opinions had concluded that the use of enhanced interrogation techniques were legal." (Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Press Conference, Washington, DC, 5/14/09)

- **Pelosi Claims The Only Time Waterboarding Was Mentioned, Was To Assure Her That It Was Not Being Used.** Pelosi: "The only mention of waterboarding at that briefing was that it was not being employed." (Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Press Conference, Washington, DC, 5/14/09)

But An Intelligence Report Indicates That Pelosi Was Briefed On The Use Of Harsh Interrogation Tactics In 2002; Contradicting Her Previous Statements. "Intelligence officials released documents yesterday saying that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) was briefed in September 2002 about the use of harsh interrogation tactics against al-Qaeda suspects, seeming to contradict her repeated statements that she was never told the techniques were actually being used." (Paul Kane, "Memo Says Pelosi Knew About Use Of Harsh Tactics," [The Washington Post](#), 5/8/09)

September 4, 2002: Reps. Pelosi And Porter Goss (R-FL) Were Briefed On Harsh Interrogation Tactics. "In a 10-page memo outlining an almost seven-year history of classified briefings, intelligence officials said that Pelosi and then-Rep. Porter J. Goss (R-Fla.) were the first two members of Congress briefed on the tactics. Then the ranking member and chairman of the House intelligence committee, respectively, Pelosi and Goss were briefed Sept. 4, 2002, one week before the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001." (Paul Kane, "Memo Says Pelosi Knew About Use Of Harsh Tactics," [The Washington Post](#), 5/8/09)

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? RANGEL FAILED TO REPORT ASSETS AND PAY TAXES

Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY) Failed To Report More Than \$660,000 In Assets During 2007. “In late August, the slowest news period of the year, Rangel filed updated financial disclosure reports showing he failed to report more than \$660,000 in assets during 2007, a potential violation of House ethics rules.” (Glenn Thrush, “Pelosi Loath To Drop Hammer On Rangel,” [The Politico](#), 9/5/09)

Rangel Is Already Under Investigation For Misusing Rent-Controlled Apartments, Avoiding Taxes, And Using Government Letterhead To Raise Money. “The ethics panel has already spent a year peering into Rangel’s use of several rent-stabilized apartments in a luxury Harlem apartment complex, his failure to pay all taxes on a Dominican Republic vacation villa, and his use of Congressional letterhead to raise funds for the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service at City College in New York City.” (Glenn Thrush, “Pelosi Loath To Drop Hammer On Rangel,” [The Politico](#), 9/5/09)

The House Ethics Committee Is Also Investigating Rangel’s Trips To The Caribbean. “The committee recently broadened the investigation to include Caribbean trips taken by Rangel and four other lawmakers to determine if they complied with a ban on corporate-funded travel.” (Glenn Thrush, “Pelosi Loath To Drop Hammer On Rangel,” [The Politico](#), 9/5/09)

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? MURTHA AND VISCLOSKY DOLING GOV MONEY FOR CAMPAIGN CASH

Reps. John Murtha (D-PA) And Peter Visclosky (D-IN) Have Been Linked To Lobbying Firm PMA, Which Has Been Raided Twice By FBI Agents. “Murtha and Visclosky have both been linked to the lobbying firm PMA, which was twice raided by federal agents in recent months.” (Jay Newton-Small, “Key Dems’ Ethical Clouds Could Haunt Pelosi,” [Time](#), 8/22/09)

Murtha And Visclosky Have Received \$3.5 Million For Steering Money To PMA Clients. “Over the last decade firms that PMA helped get hundreds of millions of dollars worth of earmarked projects - pet projects inserted into the appropriations process by lawmakers — have given Murtha and Visclosky more than \$3.5 million in campaign contributions.” (Jay Newton-Small, “Key Dems’ Ethical Clouds Could Haunt Pelosi,” [Time](#), 8/22/09)

Visclosky Was Forced To Give Up Control Of His Appropriations Subcommittee After Being Subpoenaed In The PMA Investigation. “But, Visclosky was forced to resign his chairmanship of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee after he was subpoenaed in relation to the PMA investigation.” (Jay Newton-Small, “Key Dems’ Ethical Clouds Could Haunt Pelosi,” [Time](#), 8/22/09)

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? MORAN TAKEN MORE THAN \$100,000 IN PMA-CONNECTED DONATIONS

Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA) Received \$53,100 In Campaign Cash That Was Tied Directly To PMA On A Single Day In 2006. “Moran’s total take for June 6, 2006, shows how PMA’s bundling increased its presence. On that day, Moran’s campaign took in \$57,000, according to FEC records. Of that total, \$19,650 came from employees of Planning Systems, ProLogic and FiberGate. But another \$15,500 came from PMA employees and another \$7,750 from other PMA clients. Counting donations of spouses and other relatives of PMA clients, the lobbying firm was connected to \$53,100 of the \$57,000 total that Moran collected that day.” (Paul Singer, “PMA, Clients Shared Deep Ties,” [Roll Call](#), 3/17/09)

From 2003 To 2005, Moran Received At Least \$60,685 From A Group Of Companies With PMA Ties. “Rep. Jim Moran (D-Va.) received cash infusions from this same group regularly. In June 2003, Moran’s campaign banked \$22,685 from employees of the four companies. Over a week in June 2004, he received \$19,250. On one day in June 2005, he received \$18,750 from members of this group.” (Paul Singer, “PMA, Clients Shared Deep Ties,” [Roll Call](#), 3/17/09)

- **Cryptek, FiberGate, And Planning Systems Have Contributed To Members Of Congress In Bunches.** “Employees of Cryptek, FiberGate, Planning Systems and ProLogic have tended over the years to generate campaign donations to Members of Congress in bunches, suggesting that the check writing was an organized activity, not random donations.” (Paul Singer, “PMA, Clients Shared Deep Ties,” [Roll Call](#), 3/17/09)

- **Three PMA Directors Are Listed As “Equity Security Holders” For Cyrptek.** “In bankruptcy filings submitted in a Virginia court in November, Cryptek listed three PMA directors among its ‘equity security holders’ — Paul Magliocchetti, Mark Magliocchetti and John Lynch.” (Paul Singer, “PMA, Clients Shared Deep Ties,” [Roll Call](#), 3/17/09)
- **Louis Brown, A PMA Director, Is A Director At FiberGate And The Son Of PMA Founder Paul Magliocchetti Was Once Employed At FiberGate.** “One of PMA’s clients is an Alexandria, Va., fiber optic company called FiberGate. According to Virginia corporate records, one of three directors of the firm is Louis M. Brown Jr. Brown has also been a director at PMA since 2005. Mark Magliocchetti, son of PMA founder Paul Magliocchetti, was also once employed at FiberGate.” (Paul Singer, “PMA, Clients Shared Deep Ties,” [Roll Call](#), 3/17/09)
- **Brown, A PMA Director, Was Listed As A Director At Planning Systems Until 2008.** “Until 2008, Brown was also listed as a director of Planning Systems Inc., an information technology firm that was a PMA client and received millions of dollars worth of earmarks.” (Paul Singer, “PMA, Clients Shared Deep Ties,” [Roll Call](#), 3/17/09)

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? TOWNS HAS BEEN IMPEDING COUNTRYWIDE INVESTIGATION; HE RECEIVED LOANS TOO

Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY) Has Refused To Subpoena Countrywide Mortgage Documents To Investigate Possible Sweetheart Loans; Towns Received Two Loans From Countrywide. “A powerful House Democrat who has turned down a Republican’s call to subpoena records of a mortgage program at Countrywide Financial Corp. received two home loans from the lender. Some information in the lawmaker’s mortgage documents raises the possibility they were made through the program, which provided loans to public figures and other favored borrowers often at lower interest rates or with lower origination fees than were available to the general public. The loans were made to Rep. Edolphus Towns of New York, who heads the House Oversight and Government Reform committee.” (John R. Emshwiller, “Key Lawmaker Received Countrywide Loans,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 8/7/09)

The Interest Rates On Towns’ Loans Were Lower Than The National Average At The Time. “The initial interest rates on two five-year, adjustable-rate Countrywide loans Mr. Towns and his wife took in September 2003 were 4.5% and 4.625%, according to the mortgage documents. Around the time of those loans, the average rates nationally on such loans ranged from about 4.7% to about 5.3%, according to HSH Associates, a Pompton Plains, N.J., publisher of mortgage-rate data.” (John R. Emshwiller, “Key Lawmaker Received Countrywide Loans,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 8/7/09)

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? MOLLOHAN FUNNELED MONEY TO ASSOCIATES AND FORMER AIDES

Rep. Alan Mollohan (D-WV) Was Forced To Step Down From Ranking Member On Ethics Committee After Accusations That He Funneled Money Into His State And Might Have Used His Position For Personal Gain. “Rep. Alan B. Mollohan (W.Va.) stepped down temporarily from his post as ranking Democrat on the House ethics committee, amid accusations that he used his congressional position to funnel money to his own home-state foundations, possibly enriching himself in the process.” (Jonathan Weisman, “Democrat Leaves Ethics Panel,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/22/09)

Mollohan Secured Appropriations That Funded Salaries For Mollohan Associates And Former Aides And Which Led To Generous Campaign Contributions To Mollohan. “Even some Democratic leadership aides said he has not fully answered questions surrounding the appropriations he obtained, which funded generous salaries for Mollohan associates and former aides. One of them, the Institute for Scientific Research, paid its three top executives a total of \$777,000 in 2004. Employees of those nonprofit groups and associated contractors, in turn, contributed generously to Mollohan’s campaign committees and a Mollohan family foundation.” (Jonathan Weisman, “Democrat Leaves Ethics Panel,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/22/09)

Mollohan Directed More Than \$150 Million To Five Nonprofits In His District; One Is Run By His Former Aide With Whom Mollohan Bought \$2 Million In Property. “During the same period, Mollohan used his position on the House Appropriations Committee to secure more than \$150 million in appropriations for five nonprofit entities that he helped establish in his congressional district. One of the groups is headed by a former appropriations aide, Laura Kurtz Kuhns, with whom Mollohan bought \$2 million worth of property on Bald Head Island, N.C.” (Jonathan Weisman, “Democrat Leaves Ethics Panel,” [The](#)

Mollohan's Real Estate Holdings And Assets Increased From \$562,000 In 2000 To \$6.3 Million In 2004. "Mollohan's real estate holdings and other assets jumped in value from \$562,000 in 2000 to at least \$6.3 million in 2004, said Ken Boehm, chairman of the legal center." (Jonathan Weisman, "Democrat Leaves Ethics Panel," [The Washington Post](#), 4/22/09)

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? CONYERS USED STAFF FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS; CLAIMED FAILURE IN COMMUNICATION

After Forcing Staff To Work On Political Campaigns, Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) Merely Acknowledged A "Lack Of Clarity" In Communicating With Staff. "In 2006, the House ethics committee struck a deal with Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) after investigating allegations that he ordered his legislative staffers to work on political campaigns, baby-sit for him and pick up his dry cleaning. The committee announced that Conyers acknowledged a 'lack of clarity' in his communication with staff members regarding their official duties and responsibilities, according to a statement released at the time." (Carrie Johnson and Paul Kane, "Lawmakers Accused Of Flouting Rules On Use Of Staff," [The Washington Post](#), 5/8/08)

"Two Former Aides To Rep. John Conyers Have Alleged That He Repeatedly Violated House Ethics Rules." (Jonathan E. Kaplan, "Former Conyers Aides Press Ethics Complaints," [The Hill](#), 3/1/06)

Conyers' Former Deputy Chief Of Staff Alleged That Conyers Forced Aides To Work On Campaigns And Perform Personal Tasks. "Deanna Maher, a former deputy chief of staff in Conyers's [sic] Detroit office, and Sydney Rooks, a former legal counsel in the district office, provided evidence for the allegations by sharing numerous letters, memorandums and copies of e-mails, handwritten notes and expense reports with The Hill. In letters sent separately by each woman to the House ethics committee, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office, they allege that Conyers demanded that aides work on several local and state campaigns and forced them to baby-sit and chauffeur his children. They also charge that some aides illegally used Conyers's [sic] congressional offices to enrich themselves." (Jonathan E. Kaplan, "Former Conyers Aides Press Ethics Complaints," [The Hill](#), 3/1/06)

Conyers Forced Aides To Work On "Several Local And State Campaigns Including His Wife's Failed Bid For A Seat In The State Senate." "The crux of the allegations involves complaints that Conyers used his staff to work on several local and state campaigns including his wife's failed bid for a seat in the state Senate. In 2003, the Detroit Free Press reported about the allegations that Conyers repeatedly violated House rules by forcing staffers to work on campaigns without taking leave." (Jonathan E. Kaplan, "Former Conyers Aides Press Ethics Complaints," [The Hill](#), 3/1/06)

WHERE IS THE APOLOGY? MCMAHON REFUSES TO RETURN TAINTED RANGEL MONEY

Rep. Michael McMahon (D-NY) Refuses To Return Campaign Contributions From Rangel, Who Is Under Investigation For Multiple Ethics Violations. "Despite calls from Republicans, Rep. Michael McMahon (D-Staten Island/Brooklyn) is not planning to return \$15,000 in campaign contributions from embattled Rep. Charles Rangel (D-Manhattan), who is facing a widening ethics investigation." (Staten Island Advance, "Rep. McMahon Says He Won't Return Money From Embattled Congressman," [Staten Island Advance](#), 9/4/09)