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(Left to right) Speaker Gingrich, Rep. Tom DeLay (R-TX) and Rep. Dick "Subliminal Guy" Armey (R-TX) appear to greet premiere of NewtWatch.

Your Source for Information on Newt Gingrich

NewtWatch is a web service designed to be your resource on Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Curious about Newt's Congressional voting record? Interested about what's behind those ethics complaints you've heard about? Wondering who in your Zip Code contributed to Newt? How much honoraria he earned before the practice was banned? How about Newt's co-sponsored "commemorative" bills before those were banned? It's all here -- and more -- with more to come.

Though this is only the introduction, we hope to keep *NewtWatch* current, informative and entertaining. We've also provided some interactive features so you can get involved, too. So read on and respond. And thanks for checking out our Web Page.

Newt Stuff...

The Cases Against Newt

You've read about them. Now you can read the full text of all three complaints currently pending against Newt before the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct ("The Ethics Committee"). Complete with a quick overview, citations of alleged illegalities, Newt's reactions and "Best Fightin' Words," you can also link to information about the House Ethics Committee if you want to call or write. And as an added bonus, you can read the lawsuit the Federal Election Commission filed against GOPAC -- the shadowy PAC and/or non-profit and/or "educational institution" that funds Newt's activities.

Newt's Record on the Issues

With research and construction on this area ongoing, we've included selected votes from Newt's voting record back to the 97th Congress (starting January, 1981) on such issue topics as reproductive rights, gun-control and Congressional reform. Also included are handy links to affiliated special interest contributors. Though more is to come, let us know other issue topics you'd like to see us cover in future updates.

Newt's PAC Contributors

Since 1979, Newt's campaign committee has received more than \$2.4 million in campaign contributions from Political Action Committees (PACs). Organized here by special interest category, see all Newt's PAC contributions from January 1, 1979 through the Federal Election Commission report period ending June 30, 1994.

Newt's Individual Contributors

Think you know someone who contributed to Newt? Want to see if anyone in your area did? Organized alphabetically and by Zip Code, we've included all reported individual contributors to Rep. Newt Gingrich from

January 1, 1979 to the Federal Election Commission reporting period ending June 30, 1994.

Newt's Personal Finances

Each May, members of Congress are required to file Financial Disclosure Statements with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. Available publicly at the House Office of Records and Registration, we've made Newt's most recent report available to you here for your scrutiny (along with helpful references about reporting requirements).

Newt's Special Interest Honoraria

Before the practice was banned in 1991, Newt accepted thousands of dollars in honoraria for speaking engagements and articles. Organized alphabetically and chronologically, we've included all reported honoraria income for Newt from the years 1986 through 1990.

Newt's "Commemorative" Co-Sponsorships

National Good Teen Day? National Sewing Month? National Convenience Store Appreciation Week? So this is renewing American civilization. Before the practice was eliminated on the opening day of the current Congress as wasteful and self-indulgent, Newt co-sponsored hundreds of commemorative bills: some worthy, some bizarre, all unheeded by the rest of America.

Newt on Male Behavior: An Informal Poll

Finding its way around the Internet, check out the results of this somewhat less-than-scientific but very funny poll by *The Fresno Bee*'s John Scalzi about Newt's views on male behavior.

Interactive Stuff...

You Can Help NewtWatch: Participate, Comment, Contribute!

We welcome your participation in helping NewtWatch remain a vibrant and participatory Web site that's more than just a resource, but a forum for ideas, information and humor. You can also contribute (by mail or on-line) to help keep NewtWatch up and current for the duration of the Newt-led interregnum.

You Can Fact-Check Newt!

Hundreds of babies left in Dumpsters in Washington, DC...A \$200-per-person, per-night federal homeless shelter in Denver...U.S. distribution of a life-saving heart pump stymied by government bureaucrats...a ten-year-old in St. Louis prosecuted for saying grace in a public school: It's all so outrageous, thank God none of it's true. Still, that hasn't stopped Newt from saying this and other things to further his point. Help *NewtWatch* fact-check Newt with our easy-to-reply input form.

You Can Write to Newt!

Don't just read this stuff -- respond to the Speaker himself using our special pre-formatted e-mail letter with personalized peeves.

Elsewhere...



And -- just to be fair about all this -- you can connect to other

Newt-related links from here, both anti-Newt and pro-Newt.

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NewtWatch has no plans or intentions to make contributions to other candidates for public office or to engage in independent expenditures other than for that of the NewtWatch Web page itself.

With <u>your contribution</u> we can expand our coverage to include added vote analysis; contributors prior to 1979; staff and office expenditures for the House Speaker's office; further House Ethics Committee complaints; biographical research -- all sorts of information. Your contribution will also help us meet expenses to stay on-line, gain multi-media capabilities and get the word out about *NewtWatch*.

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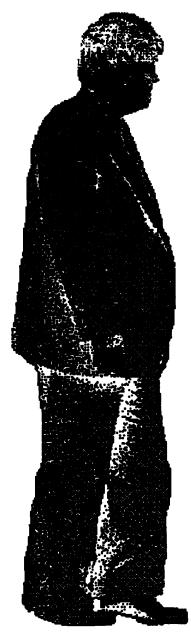


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The Cases Against Newt

Newt's Ethics Problems Index



The Ben Jones Ethics Complaint

Ben Jones is a former Congressman who ran against Newt in 1994. Jones is also noted for playing "Cooter" on the TV Series "The Dukes of Hazzard." Jones's complaint against Newt runs the gamut of alleged improprieties. You can also look at the full text and summary of Jones's complaint to the FEC against GOPAC -- the shadowy PAC and/or non-profit and/or "educational institution" that funds Newt's activities.

The Schroeder/Johnston/McKinney Ethics Complaint

Filed by Reps. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO), Harry Johnston (D-FL) and Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), this complaint alleges improprieties stemming from a gift Newt accepted of free time on cable TV to broadcast his lectures. The value of the TV time is estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000. House Rules say no gifts exceeding \$250. Oops!

The Congressional Accountability Project Ethics Complaint

Filed by the Congressional Accountability
Project, a good-government watchdog group
affiliated with Ralph Nader, this complaint
alleges possible violations of federal law and
House ethics rules about Newt's principal
advisor, Joseph Gaylord. Gaylord has reportedly

been throwing his weight around like Newt's Congressional "super chief-of-staff." But he's on GOPAC's payroll -- not the taxpayers'.

PLUS! The Federal Election Commission Lawsuit

The Federal Election Commission filed this suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in April, 1994 against GOPAC, the political action committee Gingrich controls. The FEC alleges Newt's PAC violated federal laws for failing to register as a PAC, failing to file reports and failing to identify itself in solicitation letters.

The Members of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct



Here's the folks who will be reading this stuff, too. Only they decide what to do about it. Included are addresses, phone numbers (and one e-mail address) for members of the House Ethics Committee. And if you have trouble following all of Newt's alleged ethical improprieties, you're not alone. As Committee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson (R-Connecticut) told *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution* (February 24, 1995), "It's complicated. You're not going to get it all at once."



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Newt's Ethics Problems: Federal Election Commission Law Suit

Overview

GOPAC is the political action committee Newt has controlled since 1986. Founded by former Delaware Gov. Pierre S. "Pete" DuPont IV in 1979 to fund a Republican "farm team" of candidates for state and local offices, GOPAC expanded its mission under Newt's leadership to help elect Republican candidates to the U.S. Congress. Since 1989 GOPAC has existed as a non-profit corporation.

GOPAC, however, didn't register as a political action committee with the Federal Election Commission until May of 1991 -- after an FEC complaint from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee charging that GOPAC's involvement in federal campaigns necessitated its registration as a federal PAC.

Since then, GOPAC has clashed repeatedly with the FEC over exactly what it needs to report for public scrutiny. The FEC has maintained that GOPAC should have registered as a federal committee after it began mailing fundraising letters in June of 1989 "advocating the defeat of Democratic incumbents in the United States House of Representatives and advocating the election of Republican candidates to the United States House of Representatives during the 1990 and 1992 elections."

GOPAC attorney Robert Dahl, however, has maintained that GOPAC did not make any federal contributions and did not urge defeat of any specific candidates. "Like any other group," Dahl told Roll Call, "GOPAC has First Amendment rights to talk about abuse of power by Congress, and not every discussion of issues affecting Congress or federal politics is within FEC jurisdiction," he said (May 5, 1994).

Interestingly, according to a report in *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution* (May 10, 1994), Newt was unequivocal in solicitation letters he signed that GOPAC "can give direct cash contributions to congressional candidates." According to the same report, however, Newt "said that none of the money was

ever donated to candidates."

Newt described GOPAC to the Washington-based *The National Journal* (October 1, 1994) as "the most misunderstood institution in this city," insisting that GOPAC "is not a political action committee. It's an educational institution." In fact, despite Newt's insistence to the contrary, "GOPAC, Incorporated" filed its Statement of Organization as a political committee with the FEC on May 8, 1991, according to FEC records.

After extensive research NewtWatch has also learned that the last three letters of GOPAC are P-A-C. Assembled sequentially, these letters spell "PAC" -- an acronym in general American usage meaning "political action committee."

Anyway, on April 14, 1994 the Federal Election Commission filed suit against GOPAC in U.S. District Court, alleging that GOPAC was in violation of federal election law. Both the <u>full text</u> and the <u>NewtWatch Recap</u> follow below.



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The NewtWatch Recap



Laws Allegedly Violated:

- 2 U.S.C. section 433(a) -- "failing to register as a political committee with the Commission in a timely manner."
- 2 U.S.C. section 434(a) -- "failing to file for periodic reports of its receipts and disbursements ... with the Commission in a timely manner."
- 2 U.S.C. section 441d -- "failing to state that it paid for ... solicitation letters."

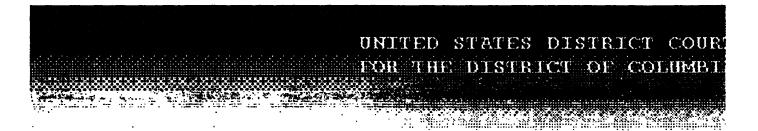


 The FEC prayed for the Court to "Access a civil penalty against defendant GOPAC for each violation, in the amount of the greater of \$5,000 or 100 percent of the amount involved in that violation."



 Newt called the FEC's lawsuit "an outrageous power grab" (The Washington Times, May 11, 1994).

Full Text of Complaint, FEC v. GOPAC:



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463 (202) 219-3400 Plaintiff,

v.

GOPAC, Inc.
440 First Street, N.W.
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 484-2282
Defendant.

APRIL 14, 1994

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94 0828 COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY, INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF

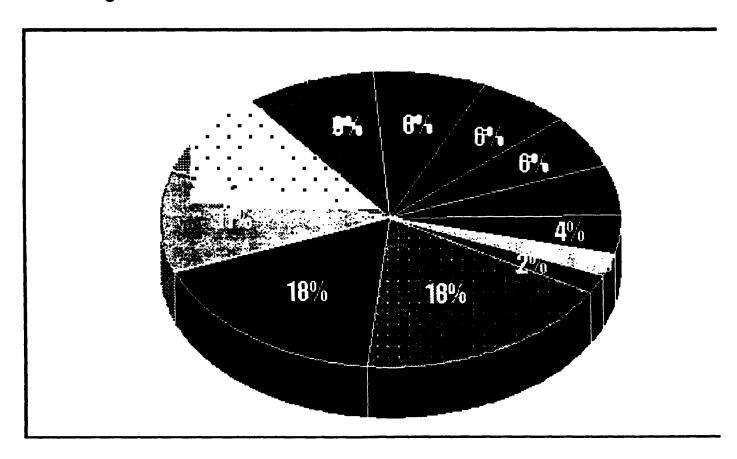
Newt's PAC Money

Since January 1, 1979 through June 30, 1994, Rep. Newt Gingrich has accepted nearly \$2.4 million in campaign contributions from Political Action Committees (PACs) to his Congressional campaign.

On file with the U.S. Federal Election Commission, these contributions have been categorized by special interest sector and industry by the National Library on Money and Politics, a project of the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington, DC. The Library -- one of the best resources on campaign finance and related information for journalists, researchers and students of American politics -- is a non-profit, non-partisan research organization and is not affiliated with NewtWatch or its authors.

NOTE: While FEC data is public information, use of this data for fundraising purposes is prohibited by federal law.

The following is Newt's PAC contribution breakdown according to special interest sector. You can search Newt's PAC contributions by **selecting a pie chart segment...**



...or you can select a special interest sector below.

Finance. Insurance & Real Estate: \$434,334

Misc. Business: \$417,043 Transportation: \$264,520

Ideological/Single Issue: \$220,543

Agriculture: \$219,424

Health: \$193,334

Communications & Electronics: \$148,845 Energy & Natural Resources: \$137,850 Construction & Public Works: \$132,250

Defense: \$97,925

Labor Unions: \$60,550

Lawvers & Lobbvists: \$44,154

Other: \$2,750



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Newt's Individual Contributors: West

The following are reported contributors to Rep. Newt Gingrich whose listed zip codes are in the western states from January 1, 1979 to the FEC reporting period ending June 30, 1994.

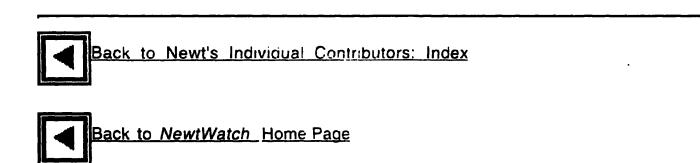
The Federal Election Commission requires candidate committees to report all contributions which aggregate to \$200 or greater per election. Contributors are listed in state and zip code order along with the date and amount of the contribution. Where reported, the contributor's employer is listed as well.

The letter "P" indicates that the contribution was made for a primary election while the letter "G" indicates the amount was for a general election.

NOTE: While FEC data is public information, use of this data for fundraising purposes is prohibited by federal law.

Western States with Contributors to Newt

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Nevada
- Texas



(In Zip Code order)

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MILLS, DAVID W MR, RETIRED, DENNISON, TX, 75020, P, 12/31/93, $300
DOBBS, DOUGLAS J MR, PROSTAFF TEMP CO, IRVING, TX, 75039, P, 11/19/93,
HSUEH, ROBERT W, RICHARDSON, TX, 75082, G, 11/2/90, $500
GIBSON, LOUIS E DR MD, MEDICAL ARTS CLINIC, CORSICANA, TX, 75151, G, 10/29/92,
GIBSON, LOUIS E MD, MEDICAL ARTS CLINIC, CORSICANA, TX, 75151, P, 3/1/94, $250
COOK, DANIEL W III, DALLAS, TX, 75201, G, 11/8/90, $1,000
PICKENS, T BOONE, SELF INVESTOR, DALLAS, TX, 75201, P, 7/6/90,
GALEN, RICHARD A, DALLAS, TX, 75205, P, 7/1/92, $1,000
GALEN, RICHARD A, DALLAS, TX, 75205, P, 7/1/92,
GALEN, RICHARD A, DALLAS, TX, 75205, P, 7/1/92,
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GALEN, RICHARD A MRS, DALLAS, TX, 75205, P, 7/1/92, $1,000
CRAIN, NATHAN E, DALLAS, TX, 75206, P, 8/11/92, $1,000
PARROTT, G N MR, PARROTT OIL, DALLAS, TX, 75207, P, 5/31/88,
NOBLE, BEN E, DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT, DALLAS, TX, 75209, G, 8/20/92, NOBLE, BEN E, DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT, DALLAS, TX, 75209, G, 9/21/92,
                                                                         $500
NOBLE, BEN E, DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT, DALLAS, TX, 75209, P, 5/5/94,
PARROTT, G N MR, DALLAS, TX, 75209, G, 10/31/90, $250
ESTESS, B H JR, PHYSICIAN, DALLAS, TX, 75220, P, 2/24/94,
                                                            $250
GUNBY, ROBERT T JR, TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIAT, DALLAS, TX, 75225, P, 3/1/94,
                                                                               $250
LUPTON, TAV C III, INVESTOR, DALLAS, TX, 75225, P, 1/3/91, $500
LUPTON, TAV C III MR, INVESTOR, DALLAS, TX, 75225, G, 9/28/92, $500
SHULKIN, ALLAN N DR, PHYSICIAN, DALLAS, TX, 75230, P, 11/3/93, $1,000
COOK, DANIEL W III, INVESTMENT BANKER, DALLAS, TX, 75248, G, 10/3/90,
DEDMAN, ROBERT H, CLUBCORP, DALLAS, TX, 75381, G, 8/19/92, $1,000
MIZE, WALTER, LUST EFFORT, CLEBURNE, TX, 76031, G, 2/18/87, $1,000
ARMSTRONG, ELIZABETH M, HOUSEWIFE, FORT WORTH, TX, 76109, G, 9/24/90,
PRIDDY, ROBERT T MR, ATTORNEY, WICHITA FALLS, TX, 76301, P, 7/30/86,
PRIDDY, ROBERT T MR, ATTORNEY, WICHITA FALLS, TX, 76301, P, 3/28/88,
ARNETT, BRENDA F, RETIRED, HOUSTON, TX, 77007, P, 6/18/93, $1,000
HILL, JAMES MARTIN JR, HOUSTON, TX, 77019, G, 11/19/90, $500
SHELTON, JOHN T JR, CHEM ENGINEER, HOUSTON, TX, 77024, P, 8/28/92,
ODEN, DAVID K, HOUSTON, TX, 77027, P, 7/31/92, $500
DOW, MELVIN A, DOW COGBURN & FRIEDMA, GREENWAY PLAZA, TX, 77046, P, 6/14/94,
POLLAND, GARY M. POLLAND & COOK, HOUSTON, TX, 77046, G, 10/31/90, $250
MCCORMACK, JOHN M, HOUSTON, TX, 77055, P, 7/13/92, $1,000
MCCORMACK, MARYANNE, HOUSTON, TX, 77055, G, 10/8/92, $1,000
MCCORMACK, MARYANNE, HOUSTON, TX, 77055, P, 7/13/92, $3
FRYE, CAMERON E, HOUSTON, TX, 77057, G, 11/10/92, $500
                                                         $1,000
MANNING, BRYANT L, LIFE INSURANCE, HOUSTON, TX, 77256, P, 5/24/94, $700
ROSS, WILLIAM MR, HOUSTON, TX, 77258, G, 9/7/88, $1,000
FINGER, JERRY E, HOUSTON, TX, 77292, G, 10/16/90, $250
ROGERS, VICTOR J, ROGERS BROTHERS, BEAUMONT, TX, 77701, G, 10/27/92,
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OGDEN, EMIL, COLLEGE STATION, TX, 77840, G, 9/25/90, $1,000
OGDEN, EMIL, SELF-EMPLOYED, COLLEGE STATION, TX, 77840, G, 9/1/92, $1,000
OGDEN, EMIL, COLLEGE STA, TX, 77840, P, 11/18/91, $1,000
OGDEN, EMIL MR, COLLEGE STATION, TX, 77840, P, 7/18/88, $500
OGDEN, EMIL MRS, COLLEGE STATION, TX, 77840, P, 7/18/88, $500
OGDEN, CLEMENTINE T, HOMEMAKER, COLLEGE STATION, TX, 77845, G, 9/30/92,
KANE, SAM, KANE MEAT PROCESSING, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, 78404, P, 5/6/91, $500
GARWOOD, ST JOHN MRS, FREE LANCE AUTHOR, AUSTIN, TX, 78701, P, 11/26/90,
BONNER, Z D MR, AUSTIN, TX, 78734, P, 9/28/92, $250
GILCHRIST, ALFRED, TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIAT, AUSTIN, TX, 78749, P, 3/1/94,
                                                                              $250
CRAIG, EARLE M JR, OIL GAS PROD, MIDLAND, TX, 79702, G, 5/31/94, $200
CRAIG, EARLE M JR, OIL GAS PROD, MIDLAND, TX, 79702, P, 5/31/94,
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Colorado

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COHEN, ROBERT L, THE HOYT CORPORATION, CASTLE ROCK, CO, 80104, P, 1/27/92,
WILLIAMS, R D, CHERRY HILLS VILLA, CO, 80110, P, 9/9/92, $1,000
COHEN, ROBERT L, ENGLEWOOD, CO, 80112, G, 9/7/90, $500
KILPATRICK, MARITA G MS, LITTLETON, CO, 80123, P, 6/1/87,
WILLIAMS, CARL M, SELF-EMPLOYED, DENVER, CO, 80203, 0, 1/15/91,
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WILLIAMS, CARL M, SELF-EMPLOYED, DENVER, CO, 80203, G, 5/24/91,
WILLIAMS, CARL M, SELF-EMPLOYED, DENVER, CO, 80203, P, 1/10/91,
CALLAWAY, BETH, HOMEMAKER, DENVER, CO, 80209, P, 6/30/92, $1,000
CALLAWAY, HOWARD H, GOPAC, DENVER, CO, 80209, G, 11/7/90, $1,000
CALLAWAY, HOWARD H, CRESTED BUTTE, DENVER, CO, 80209, G, 10/13/92,
CALLAWAY, HOWARD H, SELF-EMPLOYED, DENVER, CO, 80209, P, 6/18/84,
CALLAWAY, HOWARD H, GOPAC, DENVER, CO, 80209, P, 6/30/92, $1,000
CALLAWAY, HOWARD H MR, GOPAC, DENVER, CO, 80209, G, 11/5/88, $1.000
SACHMAN, J V MR, J V SACHMAN AND COMPA, DENVER, CO, 80209, G, 10/22/92,
WILMOT, R C MR, RETIRED, LAKEWOOD, CO, 80215, P. 10/7/91.
MEADE, THOMAS W MR, DENVER, CO, 80222, P, 6/11/90, $1,000
POOL, CAROLE D, DENVER, CO, 80234, G, 11/15/90, $250
GROFF, NEAL C MR, MADISON GROUP, DENVER, CO, 80237, P, 5/16/90, $1,000
WILLIAMS, CARL M MRS, HOMEMAKER, DENVER, CO, 80237, P, 9/9/92, $1,000
COORS, JOSEPH, ADOLPH COORS COMPANY, GOLDEN, CO, 80401, P, 7/6/84, $500
MYERS, ALBERT M JR, ASPEN, CO, 81612, G, 10/29/90, $500
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Arizona

(In Zip Code order)

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ULRICH, DONALD J JR, PARADISE VALLEY, AZ, 85253, P, 7/20/92, $1,000
ULRICH, SHARON J, PARADISE VALLEY, AZ, 85253, P, 7/20/92, $1,000
RICHTER, M R DR, SEMI-RETIRED, TEMPE, AZ, 85282, G, 11/1/92, $200
PABST, HARALD, RETIRED, CAREFREE, AZ, 85377, P, 5/13/92, $200
PABST, HARALD, RETIRED, CAREFREE, AZ, 85377, P, 9/25/91, $200
PABST, HARALD, RETIRED, CAREFREE, AZ, 85377, P, 4/25/94, $200
PABST, HARALD, RETIRED, CAREFREE, AZ, 85377, P, 5/26/94, $200
PABST, HARALD, RETIRED, CAREFREE, AZ, 85377, P, 5/26/94, $200
BAKER, PAUL, ARIZONA MAIL ORDER CO, TUCSON, AZ, 85713, P, 6/14/94, $1,000
POZEZ, S L MR, RETIRED, TUCSON, AZ, 85718, P, 5/6/91, $1,000
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Nevada

(In Zip Code order)

PRABHU, R D MD, PHYSICIAN, LAS VEGAS, NV, 89126, G, 10/14/92, \$1,000
BENTLY, DONALD E, BENTLEY/NEVADA COMPANY, MINDEN, NV, 89423, G, 10/29/92, \$1,000
BENTLY, DONALD E, BENTLEY/NEVADA COMPANY, MINDEN, NV, 89423, P, 10/29/92, \$1,000

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Newt's Key Votes on Important Issues

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Newt's Anti-Choice Voting Record

Newt Gingrich has been a consistent opponent of a woman's right to reproductive choice and a frequent recipient of <u>PAC contributions from the Pro-Life lobby</u>. He voted against passage of Clinic Access Bill that established penalties for those who use force, threat of force and physical obstruction to block women's access to clinics (1994 CR House Vote #70). He has consistently opposed federal funding for abortions -- once, even in cases of rape, incest and life-endangerment (1983 CR House Vote #334). He supported to the end the Bush administration's "gag rule" (now overturned) which prohibited staff at federally funded clinics from even discussing abortion. He opposed allowing abortion services at overseas military hospitals -- even when funded privately (1992 CR House Vote #458). And he has repeatedly voted to prohibit the use of federal funds for abortions in the District of Columbia.

Newt's Anti-Senior Voting Record

The National Council of Senior Citizens in 1992 rated Newt Gingrich's cumulative career legislative score on issues of concern to seniors just 11%. Since 1991, in fact, Newt has supported cuts in Medicare alone of \$34 billion (1993 CR House Vote #609); \$27.2 billion (1991 CR House Vote #69), \$25.2 billion (1991 CR House Vote #70) -- and even a drastic combined cut of \$138.4 billion in Medicare and Medicaid for which he was one of only 60 votes (1992 CR House Vote #38). He opposed a Fiscal 1989 Budget Resolution -- backed by a majority of his fellow Republicans -- to protect Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries from spending cuts (1988 CR House Vote #45). And he has repeatedly opposed the Family and Medical Leave Act, which included provisions for the care of an elderly parent.

Newt's Real Record on Congressional Reform

Thought to be a great reformer, Newt has been part-and-parcel of the Congressional Boys Club more than some might know. Despite trumpeting the passage of the Congressional Compliance Bill in January, 1995, Newt voted against consideration of a similar bill in 1994 (1994 CR House Vote #386). He was one of only 57 votes against an amendment to make sure Congress was subject to the same provisions of health care reform legislation as the rest of us (1994 CR House Vote #388). He voted against a bill to prohibit members of Congress from accepting most gifts from lobbyists (1994 CR House Vote #90). He has consistently voted against efforts to pass campaign finance reform. And he even voted for the infamous 40% pay hike for members of Congress (1989 CR House Vote #358) -- which nearly cost him re-election in 1990.

Newt's Pro-Gun Record

If you thought the biological drive "to go out and hunt giraffes" was the only reason Washington's powerful gun lobby has been so generous to Newt Gingrich, you only know half the story. Newt has consistently opposed banning assault weapons (1994 CR House Vote #156; 1991 CR House Vote #318) and waiting periods for firearms purchases (1993 CR House Vote #614; 1993 CR House Vote #564; 1991 CR House Vote #443; 1991 CR House Vote #83; 1988 CR House Vote #321).



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Newt's Congressional Floor Votes: Guns & Firearms



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NO to assault weapons ban

1994 CR House Vote #156 HR4296. Assault Weapons Ban. Passage of the bill to ban the manufacture and possession of 19 types of semiautomatic weapons and high-capacity ammunition clips while at the same time exempting existing guns and some 670 other guns deemed to have a legitimate sporting purpose. Passed 216-214: R 38-137; D 177-77; I 1-0, May 5, 1994. NEWT VOTED NAY

purchases

NO to the Brady Bill's five-day waiting period for handgun

1993 CR House Vote #614 HR1025. Brady Bill - Conference Report. Adoption of the conference report to require a five-business-day waiting period before an individual could purchase a handgun, to allow local officials to conduct a background check. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 238-187: R 56-116; D 182-70; I 0-1, Nov. 23, 1993. A "yea" was a vote in agreement with the Clinton administration's position. **NEWT VOTED NAY**



NO to passage of the Brady Bill's five-day waiting period for

handgun purchases

1993 CR House Vote #564 HR1025. Brady Bill - Passage. Passage of the bill to require a five-business-day waiting period before an individual could purchase a handgun to allow local officials to conduct a background check. Passed 238-189: R 54-119; D 184-69; I 0-1, Nov. 10,

1993. A "yea" was a vote in agreement with the Clinton administration's position. **NEWT VOTED NAY**

YES to a sunset provision for the Brady Bill

1993 CR House Vote #559 HR1025. Brady Bill - Five-Year Sunset. Gekas (R-PA) amendment to sunset the five-day waiting period five years after enactment (meaning the law becomes null and void after five years). Adopted in the Committee of the Whole 236-198: R 139-36; D 96-162; I 1-0, Nov. 10, 1993. NEWT VOTED YEA

NO to five-day waiting period and background check for handgun

1991 CR House Vote #443 HR3371. Crime Bill - Conference Report. Adoption of the conference report to mandate a five-day waiting period and a background check for handgun purchases. The bill included a \$3 billion law enforcement authorization; the codification of the "good faith" exception to the exclusionary rule; extension of the death penalty to 50 federal crimes; and various habeas corpus reforms. Adopted 205-203: R 6-149; D 199-53; I 0-1, Nov. 27, 1991. NEWT VOTED NAY

YES to strike assault weapons ban from the '91 Omnibus Crime

1991 CR House Vote #318 HR3371. Omnibus Crime Bill - Assault Weapons. Volkmer (D-MO) amendment to strike the provisions that prohibit the ownership or sale of 13 types of semi-automatic assault weapons. The amendment would also delete provisions that make it illegal to own or sell ammunition clips of more than seven rounds. Adopted 247-177: R 133-29; D 114-147; I 0-1, Oct. 17, 1991. NEWT VOTED YEA

NO to passage of the 7-day waiting period for handgun

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1991 CR House Vote #83 HR7. Handgun Waiting Period. Passage of the bill to bill to require a seven day waiting period for handgun purchases, allowing local law enforcement authorities to check the background of prospective buyers to see if they have a criminal record or mental illness. The seven day waiting period would be dispensed with when a

national computer system for instant checks becomes operational. Passed 239-186: R 60-102; D 179-83, May 8, 1991. NEWT VOTED NAY

YES to strike the 7-day waiting period for handgun purchases

from the '88 Omnibus Drug Bill

1988 CR House Vote #321 HR5210. Omnibus Drug Bill - Waiting Period for Handgun Purchases. McCollum (R-FL) amendment to strike provisions that sought to establish a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases and to require the Justice Department to develop and submit a proposal for a system gun dealers could use to identify felons ineligible to own handguns. Adopted 228-182: R 127-45; D 101-137, Sept. 15, 1988. NEWT VOTED YEA

YES to eased restrictions on gun sales

1986 CR House Vote # 69 HR4332. Firearms Law Reform. Passage of the bill to revise the 1968 Gun Control Act to allow the interstate sales of rifles and shotguns and the interstate transportation of all types of firearms, to ease record-keeping requirements for firearms transactions and to limit federal agents to one unannounced inspection per year of a gun dealer's premises. Passed 292-130: R 161-15; D 131-115, April 10, 1986. NEWT VOTED YEA

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Newt on Male Behavior: An Informal Poll

Real Life Thoughts from Newt:

"If combat means living in a ditch, females have biological problems staying in a ditch for thirty days because they get infections and they don't have upper body strength. I mean, some do, but they're relatively rare. On the other hand, men are basically little piglets, you drop them in the ditch, they roll around in it, doesn't matter, you know. These things are very real. On the other hand, if combat means being on an



Aegis-class cruiser managing the computer controls for twelve ships and their rockets, a female may be again dramatically better than a male who gets very, very frustrated sitting in a chair all the time because males are biologically driven to go out and hunt giraffes."

-- Adjunct Professor Newt Gingrich, Reinhardt College, January 7, 1995,
"Renewing American Civilization."

The following is a letter making Internet e-mail rounds to Rep. Newt Gingrich from Fresno Bee reporter John Scalzi. It includes an informal poll Scalzi conducted on Newt's remarks about -- and astonishing misunderstanding of -- typical male behavior.

Dear Mr. Gingrich:

My name is John Scalzi, and I am a columnist for the Fresno Bee in Fresno,

California. In the days since the unearthing of your comments about men, women, combat, and the biological drive for men to hunt giraffes, I have taken it upon myself to conduct a poll to see whether that innate giraffe-hunting urge (and the little piglet wallowing urge) is in fact alive and well in the average American male.

While the sample polled is statistically small (50 men, basically whomever was handy at the time) and largely comprised of white, college-educated, gainfully employed males, I nevertheless feel that the information gleaned from this poll will be of some value to someone, somewhere, some time. Perhaps you yourself, should the subject of instinctual giraffe slaughtering come up again. Certainly for me, as it takes up the bulk of my column, to be published soon.

Thank you for your time, and happy hunting and/or wallowing, whichever the case may be.

1. Have you ever hunted a giraffe?

Yes: 0% No: 100%

2. Have you ever had the urge to hunt a giraffe?

Yes:4% No: 96%

3. Provided the right tools and the time, would you hunt a giraffe?

Yes: 8% No: 92%

4. If not a giraffe, would you hunt another African savannah animal?

Yes: 20% No: 80%

5. If you had to hunt an African savannah animal, which of the following would you choose?

a) Zebra: 2%

b) Rhino: 6% c) Meerkat: 12%

d) Boar: 42%

- e) Any creature that appeared in "The Lion King": 36%
- 6. Do you think giraffe would taste like chicken? Yes: 38%

No: 62%

7. Might it not make more sense not to hunt giraffe, but rather to set up giraffe ranches?

Yes: 92% No: 8%

8. When you see Geoffrey, the Toys 'R' Us giraffe, do you ever get the urge to stick him with a spear?

Yes: 40% No: 60%

9. Do you expect that Newt Gingrich has ever had the urge to hunt a giraffe?

Yes: 74% No: 26%

10. If Newt Gingrich were to hunt a giraffe, would he use tools, or simply his own mouth?

Tools: 48% Mouth: 52%

11. Would you rather hunt a giraffe, or wallow in a ditch like a little piglet?

Hunt: 30% Wallow: 70%

12. Would you generally describe yourself as a little piglet?

Yes: 22% No: 78%

13. Would you describe Newt Gingrich as a little piglet?

Yes: 54% No: 46%

14. If you could, would you hunt Newt Gingrich?

Yes: 58% No: 42%

15. Would Newt Gingrich taste like chicken?

Yes: 18% No: 82%



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Other Newt Links

Though NewtWatch is not entirely without bias, to be fair we've included links to other Newt-related pages that are both supportive and critical of the new House Speaker.

Good Newt, Bad Newt



The Newt Gingrich WWW Fan Club

Pro-Newt: This is serious dittohead territory, just one of a collection of angry screeds making up something called "The Right Side of the Web" (they think Bob Dole is liberal, for example, and blast Republican Gov. William Weld for enacting "radical left-wing homosexual policies in Massachusetts." Jeesh!) They offer a number of pro-Newt resources including links to speeches. They're asking, incidentally, for suggestions for a new name for their web page. Physicists may be horrified to learn they are leaning toward "The Newtonian." The rest of us may be horrified just to see this.



Anti-Newt: This is an excellent, well-researched and amusing overview of Newt's often rocky and always attention-grabbing days since becoming Speaker of the House. Compiled chronologically and

updated regularly, the guy who does this has been on Newt like white on rice for months. For up-to-the-minute news on Newt (or if you don't get some of the more obscure references in NewtWatch), I strongly recommend "What's Newt."



The Renewing American Civilization WWW Page

Pro-Newt: This Web site is maintained by the Progress & Freedom Foundation, a non-profit, entirely non-partisan think tank. No really. Well, PFF is supposed to be non-partisan to maintain its tax-exempt status with the IRS. In actuality it's a propaganda machine that would make Goebbels blush. The Web page offers transcripts of Newt's class at Reinhardt College called "Renewing American Civilization," which do make interesting reading despite the more recent transcripts being written in entirely capital letters without benefit of a single paragraph break.



Mother Jones Supplement on Newt Gingrich

Anti-Newt: Mother Jones magazine is so cool. This special supplement that includes controversy-stirring reports from 1984 and 1989 about Newt Gingrich is part of a really nice web site. You may want to check out Jeffrey Klein's "Editor's Note" in the January/February, 1995 issue on Gingrich.



Newt's Own Congressional Web Page

Pro-Newt: This is Newt's page at the "www.house.gov" Web site. It's not very colorful, but then neither are the pages of other members. It has Newt's office phone number and address. You can also use this page to send Newt e-mail.



Working Assets Long Distance Company

Anti-Newt: Working Assets is an activist/leftist, very unique long distance carrier (instead of hearing a pin drop, for example, you can actually hear it whine). Working Assets is offering some anti-Newt promotions that include "Stop Newt Calling Cards." They also offer subscribers free calls to Congress through April 30th. Of course, you have to sign them up as your long-distance carrier, but it's worth it. With Working Assets picking up the tab, you can now call Congress and demand to stay on hold until you speak directly to your representative.

And More...

 David Letterman's Top Ten Ways to Mispronouce Newt Gingrich



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