



WHAT THE “DEMOCRATS” ARE SAYING ABOUT TOM DELAY AND THE HOUSE ETHICS PROCESS

“[At a closed door meeting with Republican Senators, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said] ‘Tell them that this is all a plot and the Democrats are out to get me,’ said one senator who requested anonymity.” [Chicago Tribune, 4/13/05]

Republican Members of Congress

- **Tom Tancredo (R-CO)**: “If he chose to resign as majority leader until these matters are resolved, that’s probably not the worst idea.” [Denver Post, 4/15/04]
- **Chris Shays (R-CT)**: “Tom’s conduct is hurting the Republican Party, is hurting this Republican majority and it is hurting any Republican who is up for re-election.” [Associated Press, 4/10/05]
- **Lincoln Chaffee (R-RI)**: DeLay’s pattern of ethical troubles “tends to cast a shadow over the party.” [MSNBC, 4/13/05]
- **Rick Santorum**: “[DeLay should] lay out what he did and why he did it.” [ABC, “This Week,” 4/10/05]
- **Joel Hefley (R-CO)**: “We can’t make rules changes unilaterally. We’ve never made rules unilaterally...The way it was done was wrong.” [Congress Daily, 4/14/05]
- **Jim Leach (R-IA)**: “There is a self-evident case for a bipartisan review of the rules.” [CQ Today, 4/15/05]

Former Republican Members of Congress

- **Newt Gingrich**: “DeLay’s problem isn’t with the Democrats; DeLay’s problem’s with the country. And so DeLay has a challenge, I think, to lay out a case that the country comes to believe, that the country decides is legitimate. If he does that, he’s fine...I don’t want to prejudge him and my hope is that Tom will be able to prove his case...But I think the burden is on him to prove it at this point.” [CBS, 4/13/05]
- **Bob Dole**: “I think what Tom needs to do is just to come out somewhere and to just lay out everything... My advice would be the sooner you can get out and tell your story the better. Lay it all out.” [CNN, “Late Edition,” 4/17/05]
- **LETTER FROM 10 FORMER REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**: ““The consensus in our respective districts is that the previous admonitions to Mr. DeLay for casting discredit on the House were well-merited.” [Letter from 10 former Republican Members of Congress, New York Times, 4/15/04]
- **LETTER FROM 10 FORMER REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**: “We felt grave concern when the Republican leadership changed the ethics rules several weeks ago to require a bipartisan majority vote to even investigate a charge of ethical misconduct. We saw it as an obvious action to protect Majority Leader Tom DeLay.” [Letter from 10 former Republican Members of Congress, New York Times, 4/15/04]