

# TOM DELAY'S ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM: DENY, DENY, DENY, THEN BLAME HOLLYWOOD

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*For years, Tom DeLay was intimately involved in Texans for a Republican Majority (TRMPAC). He was a founder of TMPAC, raised thousands of dollars in corporate contributions, and cajoled reluctant donors. This PAC, which was just ordered to pay a \$200,000 fine, illegally raised funds and laundered corporate contributions through the RNC in an effort to influence Texas state politics. DeLay's latest attempt to deny any involvement with TMPAC is laughable, and his effort to distract people from the latest guilty verdict by attacking a television show reeks of desperation.*

## **DeLay Was Closely Involved in TRMPAC:**

**DeLay Closely Involved With TRMPAC.** DeLay was a founder of TRMPAC serves on its advisory board and has helped with its fundraising. . . . Some documents in the civil case suggested he may have been actively involved in gathering corporate donations. [AP Online, 3/17/05]

**National GOP Leader Founded Texas Republican PAC.** US House GOP Leader Tom DeLay founded the political action committee Texans for a Republican Majority (TRMPAC) to elect Republicans to the Texas State Legislature. DeLay contributed \$75,000 from his federal 'leadership' PAC, Americans for a Republican Majority, (ARMPAC). In addition, the executive director of ARMPAC, Jim Ellis, co-founded and served as a paid consultant to TRMPAC. [Dallas Morning News, 3/21/2004; Austin American-Statesman, 4/6/2004]

## **Subpoenaed Documents Show DeLay Had Direct Involvement With Fundraising Campaign.**

- According to the New York Times, "Documents, which were entered into evidence last week in a related civil trial in Austin, the state capital, suggest that Mr. DeLay personally forwarded at least one large corporate check to the committee, Texans for a Republican Majority, and that he was in direct contact with lobbyists for some of the nation's largest companies on the committee's behalf." [New York Times, 3/9/05]
- In one e-mail from August 2002, RoBold tells John Colyandro, the Texas committee's executive director, to create a "top 10 list of givers" he could ask for a large contribution. . . . "I would then decide from response who Tom DeLay others should call. If this is more successful, I will do more of them," the e-mail said. . . . In a September 2002 e-mail between RoBold and Drew Maloney, a Washington lobbyist and former legislative director for DeLay in the House, Maloney said he had two checks from Reliant Energy. "Will deliver to T.D. next week probably," the e-mail said. [AP Online, 3/10/05]
- An e-mail exchange from the computer files of a member of the committee's advisory board notes that a "finance committee" conference call in October 2002 was postponed at Mr. DeLay's request "because of action on Iraq." . . . Other documents show how often Mr. DeLay's name was cited by the committee's fund-raisers when they were seeking donations. An e-mail message sent by Mr. Colyandro on Sept. 20, 2002, asked that a telephone call be made to a prominent Texas lawyer for his help at a fund-raising event the following week. "He needs a push," Mr. Colyandro wrote. "Please tell him how important he is and how important this is to T.D." [NYT, 3/10/05]

## **TRMPAC Funneled Illegal Corporate Donations Through the RNC:**

**TRMPAC Laundered \$190,000 of Corporate Money Through the RNC.** TRMPAC contributed \$190,000 to the Republican National State Elections Committee on September 20, 2002 that included corporate money. Within two weeks, the RNSEC contributed the same amount back to TRMPAC targeted candidates. [*CQ Weekly*, 3/20/2004; *San Antonio Express-News*, 3/15/2004; *Austin American-Statesman*, 2/26/2004; FEC, [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov), 4/8/2004; Texas Ethics Commission, [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us), 4/8/2004]

- **TRMPAC Collected \$190,000 In Corporate Contributions.** Recently indicted documents conclude six “corporate donations totaling \$190,000 were made to TRMPAC.” [*Washington Post*, 3/4/05]
- **TRMPAC Director Donated \$190,000 To Republican National Committee.** According to *The Washington Post*, TRMPAC Director, John Colyandro sent \$190,000 in one lump sum to the RNCs Republican National State Elections Committee. Jim Ellis, the director of DeLay’s national PAC, Americans for a Republican Majority, “delivered the check to the RNC and gave the committee a list of names and the check amounts, totaling \$190,000, to be mailed back to the Texas legislative candidates in noncorporate money.” [*Washington Post*, 3/4/05]
- **RNC Donated \$190,000 To TRMPAC Supported Texas Candidates.** The RNC’s State Election Committee then transferred \$190,000 to seven TRMPAC supported Texas House candidates. “Three weeks later, the committee sent checks in the equivalent amount that had been raised from individual donors to seven Republican statehouse candidates supported by TRMPAC. Texas law prohibits the use of corporate funds in election campaigns.” [*Washington Post*, 3/4/05]

## **When All Else Fails...Blame Hollywood**

**In an effort to distract from TRMPAC indictments, DeLay attacks television.** House Majority leader Tom DeLay fired off a letter to NBC Universal Television Group President Jeffrey Zucker Thursday calling a line during NBC’s Law and Order: Criminal Intent "a failure of stewardship of our public airwaves," and a "brazen lack of judgment". According to a transcript excerpt supplied to the magazine Broadcasting & Cable by DeLay's office, the show's finale features a white supremacist who kills a judge's family. As the detectives hunt for the judge killer, one says "Maybe we should put out an APB for somebody in a Tom DeLay T-Shirt." [CBS, 5/27/05]

**He Said It – DeLay: Judges Will Have To Answer For Their Behavior.** “This loss [Schiavo] happened because our legal system did not protect the people who need protection most, and that will change,” DeLay said. “The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior, but not today,” he said, referring to the judges. [*LAT*, 4/1/05]

**He Said It – DeLay: Judiciary Has “Run Amok.”** “Mr. DeLay faulted courts for what he said was their invention of rights to abortion and prohibitions on school prayer, saying courts had ignored the intent of Congress and improperly cited international standards and precedents. ‘These are not examples of a mature society,’ he said, ‘but of a judiciary run amok.’” [*NYT*, 4/8/05]