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Gender Bender:

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Is Abbott Soliciting Checks From GOP Stepford Wives?

Historically Male Donors Now Play Second Fiddle to Spouses.
Former GOP Donor 'John Doe' Becomes 'Jane & John Doe.'

In country clubs across the state, leading Republican men are discussing the unthinkable. Did Senator Wendy Davis use her famous abortion filibuster to divert them from a more sinister feminazi plot—to utterly emasculate the GOP?

Evidence of the scheme came out of right field. Greg Abbott's latest campaign report lists many of his historically male contributors jointly with their wives. In some cases the Texas Ethics Commission had never, ever listed these men contributing jointly with their spouses.

Worse yet, Abbott's latest filings usually report the wife's name *first*, effectively positioning her in a dominant position astride her husband. In official disclosure reports the presumptive GOP gubernatorial nominee now repeatedly depicts male supporters as being subservient to their spouses.

Last July Abbott reported a \$10,000 check from lobbyist and GOP gubernatorial Svengali "Mike Toomey." Abbott's new report, by contrast, lists a \$10,000 check from "Stacy and Michael Toomey." The table below lists many more examples of this gender-bending trend.

Has the boudoir annexed the lobby? Do men wear the pants anymore in *either* party? Are newly visible wives asserting financial control over the GOP? Or is the Abbott campaign merely massaging contributor reports to counter the notion that Wendy Davis will exploit an electoral gender gap? These are the questions that try men's souls.



In Abbott Campaign Disclosures Historically Male Contributors ... Now Follow Their Wives

Old First Name	Last Name	Date	Abbott Amount
Neal	Adams	10/10/12	\$5,000
Michael	*Amini	11/15/12	\$10,000
Barry G.	Andrews	6/28/13	\$25,000
Truman	Arnold	6/27/13	\$12,500
Bob	Barnes	12/6/12	\$5,000
Rudy	*Belton	6/18/13	\$5,000
Devinder	*Bhatia	6/26/13	\$1,000
James	Dannenbaum	12/6/12	\$10,000
Hector	DeLeon	10/11/11	\$1,000
Donald	Evans	4/20/12	\$364
Jeffrey	*Feingold	11/5/12	\$25,000
Marcus	*Hiles	6/26/12	\$25,000
Peter	Holt	12/7/12	\$25,000
Robert	Hoy	10/11/12	\$1,000
Charles	Matthews	6/25/13	\$25,000
Doug	*Maund	10/4/11	\$5,000
T. Nyle	Maxwell	10/5/11	\$5,000
Erle A.	Nye	6/25/13	\$10,000
N. David	*Porter	6/24/11	\$5,000
John	Rydman	9/25/12	\$5,001
Benjamin	Streusand	1/17/12	\$5,000
Michael	Toomey	6/26/13	\$10,000

New First Names	Date	Abbott Amount
Sonja & Neal	10/10/13	\$10,000
*Molly & Michael	10/23/13	\$10,000
Lana & Barry	9/12/13	\$11,187
Anita & Truman	12/4/13	\$25,000
Bob & Earlene	10/18/13	\$10,000
*Sallie & Rudy	11/7/13	\$5,000
*Gina & Devinder	11/6/13	\$10,000
Shirley & James	12/12/13	\$10,000
Arleigh & Hector	9/25/13	\$25,000
Susan & Donald	11/11/13	\$25,000
*Barbara & Jeffrey	12/12/13	\$25,000
*Nancy & Marcus	12/30/13	\$200,000
Julianna & Peter	10/28/13	\$100,000
Rose Ann & Rob't	11/19/13	\$5,000
Karen & Charles	11/25/13	\$25,000
*Janis & Doug	11/8/13	\$25,000
Nancy & Thomas	10/18/13	\$5,500
Alice & Erle	10/1/13	\$25,000
*Gayle & N. David	12/4/13	\$5,000
Lindy & John	12/5/13	\$5,000
Kathy & Benjamin	10/17/13	\$5,000
Stacy & Michael	12/6/13	\$10,000

Note: The media first reported that Davis definitely would run for governor in late September 2013.¹

*No prior Ethics Commission contribution records found jointly *naming* this husband and wife.

Notes:

¹ "Davis To Run For Governor," *Dallas Morning News*, September 27, 2013.