THE REPUBLICAN CULTURE OF CORRUPTION







RECESS READING POP QUIZ: WHO SAID IT?

1. "You can't have a corrupt lobbyist unless you have a corrupt member or a corrupt staff...this was a team effort."

- A. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA)
- B. Former House Speaker Thomas Foley (D-WA)
- C. Former Majority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-MO)

2. "[Republicans] simply have too much power...Republicans have abused that power badly over the past several years."

- A. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (NV)
- B. DCCC Chairman Rahm Emanuel (IL)
- C. Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

3. "Too many Republicans are living in a political fantasy that they can purge the Abramoff taint merely by banishing Tom DeLay and making it harder for lobbyists to pay their links fees. Voters aren't as dumb as they think."

- A. New York Times Editorial Board
- B. Wall Street Journal Editorial Board
- C. Washington Post Editorial Board

4. "The Ethics Committees don't function and the other committees don't function, and so there really is no oversight, there's no restraint."

- A. Rep. Allan Mollahan (D-WV) B. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)
- C. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)

5. "The real problem wasn't DeLay, it was DeLayism, the whole culture that merged K Street with the Hill, and held that raising money is the most important way to contribute to the team."

- A. Jon Stewart
- B. David Brooks
- C. E.J. Dionne

ANSWERS: 1. (A) Newt Gingrich, *Washington Post*, 1/5/06; 2. (C) Jeff Flake, *USA Today*, 1/9/06; 3. (B) *Wall Street Journal* Editorial, 1/17/06; 4. (C) Senator John McCain (R-AZ), *Imus in the Morning* on MSNBC, 1/19/06; 5. (B) David Brooks, *New York Times*, 1/5/06

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