

THE ABRAMOFF EFFECT

Thanks Tom. You helped me do it!

- Sue Schmidt, The Washington Post April 19, 2006

On her investigative reporting that was honored with a Pulitzer Prize for an "indefatigable probe" of lobbyist Jack Abramoff - coverage that exposed corruption and sparked reform efforts.

Mr. Tester, a tall, husky farmer and rancher with a trademark crew cut, ran as a Washington outsider and focused on Mr. Burns's association with the disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who, with associates, had donated \$150,000 to the Burns campaign. Mr. Tester's strategy seemed to succeed. In exit polls, more than two-thirds of voters said corruption was an important issue.

- Jim Robbins, November 10, 2006

You my friend, should be getting the medal of honor. America owes you big time.

- Philip H. Hilder, Hilder & Associates, P.C., April 17, 2006

Attorney for Thomas Rodgers, as well as for Enron whistleblower Sharon Watkins.

Indeed, four Republican lawmakers with ties to Mr. Abramoff lost their re-election bids, including Sen. Conrad Burns of Montana and Reps. Richard Pombo of California, J.D. Hayworth of Arizona and John Sweeney of New York.

- Brody Mullins, Wall Street Journal, November 10, 2006

The various scandals surrounding convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff and other ethics allegations, Rove said, had as much, if not more, to do with the defeat than the Iraq war. In Rove's analysis, 10 of the 28 House seats Republicans lost were sacrificed because of various scandals. Another six, he said, were lost because incumbents did not recognize and react quickly enough to the threat. That leaves 12 other seats lost, fewer than the 15 that Democrats needed to capture the House. So without corruption and complacency, he argued, Republicans could have kept control regardless of Bush's troubles and the war.

- Peter Baker, Washington Post Staff Writer, November 12, 2006

Tommy, there is a God !!!!! You must be one his angels. Great Job. May the Creator bless you ...

- Rick Hill, former Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association and an Oneida of Wisconsin Tribal Member

Voter outrage over corruption in Washington, including the scandal involving disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, is widely credited as a factor in the Democrats' gains in the midterm elections. The issue became the first taken up by the new Democrat-controlled Congress.

- The Washington Times, January 9, 2007

You did it.....wow, changed the whole political climate.

- Nikki Symington, public relations expert

