



Stand By Your Man

Scandals can be hard on a marriage. Some survive; some don't. There are a lot of different routes to take when you discover your bastard spouse has been lyin' and cheatin' in front of the watchful eye of the American public. The response of spouses falls across a wide spectrum, but there's a general pattern of emotion from hot to cold:

1. Silda Wall Spitzer (wife of #11 Eliot Spitzer)

She had to be disappointed that her husband was screwing prostitutes, but she took it well. To some degree she blamed herself, saying, "The wife is supposed to take care of the sex. This is my failing; I wasn't adequate."

Status: Still married.

2. Huma Abedin (wife of #25 Anthony Weiner)

Still a relative newlywed when her husband got caught with his wiener out, Huma Abedin had been married just eleven months, and was pregnant—they all say the first year of marriage is the hardest. Abedin did not attend the press conference where he admitted to his online trysts, but she and Weiner have not divorced. They now have a son who will one day be able to Google his father's sexting escapades.

Status: Still married.

3. Mary Pat Fossella (wife of #47 Vito Fossella)

Arrested for drunk driving, Vito called his mistress, Laura Fay, to get him out of jail. Turns out they also had a three-year-old child. His wife, Mary Pat, attended the press conference where he owned up to it—but she stood nowhere near him. We picture her sitting somewhere in the back of the room, arms crossed, shaking her head, muttering, "Yea, tell them what you did you stupid son of a..."

Status: Still married.

4. Maria Shriver (wife of #72 Arnold Schwarzenegger)

When Arnold first ran for office a number of women came forward claiming he had harassed them, but Maria shrugged it off. She told Oprah in 2003, "I am my



own woman ... I look at that man back there in the green room straight on, eyes wide open, and I look at him with an open heart." But she had her limits. When Arnold had a child with the housekeeper, she left.

Status: Not yet divorced, but headed that way.

5. Dina Matos McGreevey (wife of #42 Jim McGreevey)

Jim McGreevey held a press conference and told the world he was gay. He informed his wife by cheating on her with a man. Dina stood with him at the podium, but it wouldn't last. She later divorced him and wrote a memoir (*Silent Partner*), and promoted it on TV shows like *Oprah* and *Good Morning America*. Speaking about that fateful day, she told Oprah "[McGreevey] said, 'You have to be Jackie Kennedy today,' And I'm thinking, 'Jackie Kennedy—her husband was murdered. You lied and cheated on me, and I have to be Jackie Kennedy?'"

Status: Divorced.

6. Jenny Sanford (wife of #26 Mark Sanford)

A manhunt for her "missing" husband revealed he was quite comfortable in the arms of his Latin American lover. When erotic e-mails between the two were released to the press, Jenny Sanford took her four boys and moved out of the governor's mansion. She divorced Mark, and in an interview with *Vogue*, said God would deal with him: "If you don't forgive, you become angry and bitter, I don't want to become that. I am not in charge of revenge. That's not up to me. That's for the Lord to decide..." Them's smiting words.

Status: Divorced

7. Leisha Pickering (wife of #59 Chip Pickering)

When your husband cheats on you with his college girlfriend and it results in the death of your marriage and his political career, one option is to sue that woman for ruining your life. And that's just what Leisha Pickering is doing. In Mississippi the "alienation of affection" law has a pretty good history of netting a decent bag for those cheated on. Looks like Chip should've used more caution, because Leisha ain't dicking around.

Status: Divorced.