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Gingrich resignation would aid 'poor losers'

An issue consistently given short shrift in the debate over House Speaker Newt Gingrich's "crime and punishment" is the seriousness of the allegation that he knowingly used tax-exempt money to fund the partisan goal underlying his college course and televised town meetings: the election of Republican majorities in the House and Senate.

Gingrich's thorough knowledge of the 1986 judicial denial of tax-exempt status for his American Campaign Academy, because of efforts to hide the Republican Party's connection to it, is *prima facie* evidence of his disingenuousness before the House ethics committee.

Because the committee could not be expected to verify Gingrich's veracity in the current political climate, let the Internal Revenue Service and the Justice Department continue the investigation. We deserve to know whether Gingrich's contempt for his political foes — America's liberals — is stronger than his respect for the law and for the democratic process.

— **Bill Becker**
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I cannot restrain myself from commenting on Bill Becker's letter (Public Forum, Jan. 26). Supposedly, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's big crime was concealing the Republican Party's connection with his American Campaign Academy. He supposedly used tax-exempt money "to fund the partisan goal underlying his college course."

Oh really? Then just how does Becker classify the predilection of our current tenant in the White House to rent out rooms and access to his august presence to the highest bidders?

Give me a break. If there is contempt for America's liberals as Becker suggests, it is because they have earned it with their warped thinking as to just what ethics, morality and trust mean. To many of the liberals, such thoughts are foreign concepts.

It seems that the liberals and the overwhelmingly liberal media had better start getting their heads on straight and do some serious introspection as to just what their set of values has done to the United States over the past 30 or 40 years under their control. Contempt? You bet.

— **Graydon Wayne**
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If the transgressions of Newt Gingrich are worth \$300,000, the sins of Bill and Hillary Clinton could retire the national debt. This entire charade is a classic media example of "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel."

— **Gary Davis**
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