

# Clinton's alleged love affair...

## Clinton's personal life should not affect his presidency

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What is going on down Bill Clinton's pants is none of my business. If he had an affair with Monica Lewinsky it's none of my business either. In fact, I'd rather not know.

I recognize that there is a problem with the way that Clinton has handled the allegations of adultery or sexual misconduct. The important question is: if the allegations are true, did in fact Clinton lie to cover up his affair?

I don't think that by any means the President of the United States should be impeached because he participated in a sexual act with someone other than Hillary Clinton. Clinton's choices to mess around with someone shrink his credibility, but they do not warrant his impeachment.

Many Americans are or have been participants in adultery. Don't get me wrong; I'm not advocating adultery, but affairs are common. Before we kick Clinton out of office, we should look at ourselves and the affairs Americans are involved in.

Bill Clinton is just proving himself to be human. I've made mistakes in my life, as I know everybody else has. A natural way that people cover up their mistake is to lie about it as if it never happened. I think that those who lie need to be accountable for what really happened. When it all comes down to it, you have to ask yourself if you are being true to your word.

So, let's speculate that Clinton had more than one affair. Oh no. I don't think that our nation will come crashing down because Clinton was not faithful to his wife. What I think will happen is that he will lose a lot of credibility and trust from the people who elected him President. This makes me sad to know because it will be hard for him to make up this loss to the nation. With a camera in his face and the media crashing down on him, he has little chance to redeem himself.

An affair alone is not enough to boot the President out of office. An attempt to cover up the truth, however, is enough to make me want to see him impeached. When Clinton crosses the line of honesty and betrays his country with dishonesty I would be for impeaching him.

Up until now, however, allegations of an affair do not turn me away from believing Clinton still has the ability to be our President. I believe that he is capable of doing his job properly and that he has the skills to make national decisions. I still see Bill Clinton as the family-loving, honest man the majority of us Americans put in office.

Clinton says he didn't do it and is thereby standing alone on his words. In the end when there is nothing left, all you have is your word. I will stand by the President and believe that he is speaking the truth.

## Question #1: Do you think it should matter whether or not President Clinton had an affair with Monica Lewinsky?

## Question #2: Does a President's morality affect his ability to lead a nation?



1. "I don't think it should really matter. I just think they're trying to dredge up stuff on him like they do with every President. If he did I guess it would be a big deal, but if he didn't, I guess they should just leave it at that."

2. "To a point...if it's true to fact, yes...but if it's somebody dredging something up, then no."

Robert Hollister  
student



1. "No. I don't think it matters. I think it's unimportant."

2. "I think the morals of one person, as long as they're not pushing their morals onto another person, has no effect on whether they're a good leader or not."

Gregg Matteucci  
Student Access Senator



1. "I don't think so much the affair, just the part about him lying or him having her lie for him. He's the President and he shouldn't be lying."

2. "Probably a little bit, just because he's in charge of everybody and he makes all the big decisions, so I would think his background and his morality should count a little bit."

Tiffany Smidt  
student

1. "I don't think it really does. He's there to do a job and get it done; this can't hinder him, but I think the main purpose in him being President is to run the United States."

2. "Yes it can. There are those type of people who take that side, the morality side, and there are those types that just don't really care. So it's kind of half way down the line, so yes, I think it (morality) does matter."

Dan Esquivel  
student



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