



What They Are Saying

Meg Whitman In The Media

The Sacramento Bee's Dan Walters: "Business moguls are often surrounded by sycophantic aides who shield them from critical questioning. Politicians can't hide, and if they try, they come across as cowardly and not ready for prime time." (Dan Walters, Op-Ed, "Whitman's Voting Record No Advantage," *Sacramento Bee*, 9/29/09)

The Washington Post's Dan Balz: "Meg Whitman owes the voters of California more than an apology." (Dan Balz, Op-Ed, "Politics: A True Calling Or Just A Passing Phase?" *The Washington Post*, 9/26/09)

The San Diego Union-Tribune: "[Whitman's] registration and voting records are, frankly, appalling. This issue will likely dog them throughout their campaigns. And it should." (Editorial, "Failing Citizenship," *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, 9/26/09)

Whitman Alienates Women:

"Some of the statements on Whitman's Web site and at campaign events sound as if they come from a previous era, when women could only dream of leading a major company. For example, in talking about the devastating effects of California's high unemployment rate and faltering economy, Whitman says it has provoked tough conversations in families. Among them, she regularly says, are 'husbands telling wives that they can't afford their homes any longer.'" (Juliet Williams, "Whitman Tries Courting Women In Calif. Gov Race," *The Associated Press*, 11/28/09)

"In another example, an article on her Web site titled 'Whitman gets mothers, daughters, talking about politics' says 'Mothers, many of them for the first time, are talking with their daughters about politics, about achieving their goals and about being unafraid to dream. And their daughters are listening.' It's a statement that seems naive in a state with a long history of women's political activism. Both of California's U.S. senators are women and Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco is the first female speaker of the House of Representatives." (Juliet Williams, "Whitman Tries Courting Women In Calif. Gov Race," *The Associated Press*, 11/28/09)

Whitman's Excessive Spending:

"That sum dwarfed the combined spending of all the other gubernatorial hopefuls: two fellow Republicans, Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and former Congressman Tom Campbell; and two Democrats, state Atty. Gen. Jerry Brown and San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom. Newsom quit the race Friday." (Shane Goldmacher, "Meg Whitman's Campaign Spending Is Causing A Stir," *Los Angeles Times*, 11/4/09)

"Whitman has spent nearly as much on staff and consultants (\$2.66 million in the five months ending in June) as megamillionaire Westly did on personnel in his entire 2006 campaign (\$2.95 million)." (Shane Goldmacher, "Meg Whitman's Campaign Spending Is Causing A Stir," *Los Angeles Times*, 11/4/09)

"She spent almost as much on chartered jets (\$111,706) as Campbell spent in total (\$147,030) from January through June, the latest financial reporting period. Her Internet operation cost nearly \$1 million." (Shane Goldmacher, "Meg Whitman's Campaign Spending Is Causing A Stir," *Los Angeles Times*, 11/4/09)

Whitman's "Radio Whoppers":

"Now, in the very first series of radio ads in the 2010 gubernatorial race, comes blatant baloney from billionaire political novice Meg Whitman, the former chief executive of EBay who is running for the Republican nomination." (George Skelton, Op-Ed, "Meg Whitman's Radio Whoppers," *Los Angeles Times*, 10/29/09)