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Newt Gingrich's personal life has become an issue. What a surprise! I was waiting to see how long it would take before the candidates and media focus on what is needed to make America great again, instead of the personal lives of the candidates. Gingrich, the former Speaker's second wife, has made allegations in an ABC interview about her husband's infidelity, which has turned into a "he said, she said." She has accused him of requesting an open marriage, and she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. During the South Carolina debate Gingrich denied the allegations.

There is a question of her credibility since in a July 2000 Associated Press article it was reported on Tuesday that she has suffered from neurological problems that could be a precursor to multiple sclerosis. While these problems may represent a single event, perhaps related to a viral infection, or be a forerunner of multiple sclerosis, since she was diagnosed in the late 1990's, it does not appear that her recollections during the recent interview are accurate.

She is definitely no Puritan, considering she was involved with Gingrich at the time of his divorce. It was reported in September 1995 that she had an affair with an Ohio married man, the father of three children. I guess she is attracted to men with families.

The question becomes, why is she doing this interview now? Is it vengeance? I guess hell hath no fury like a woman scorned. The consideration should be what his daughter Jackie told American Thinker for another article, that "he is a different man than he was back then." For most Americans that is "a change they can believe in."

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