Sex, Spitzer and Springsteen

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Yesterday was a big day here in New York: our state?s governor, Elliot Spitzer, rocked the house with the revelation that he was a client of a so-called ?high-end? prostitution ring that catered to wealthy patrons. As a result, Spitzer is now under pressure to resign.

In my view, Governor Spitzer?s betrayal lies not in the fact that he paid for sex (shocking !!!) but in the fact that he campaigned and was voted into office largely on his claim of being a reformer who would clean up government corruption in New York State. As a result of that revelation, we now know that instead of holding an upright position of virtue and morality, he was often lying in a horizontal position with paid sexual performers.

His crime lies not in the fact that he had sex with prostitutes, but that he screwed the people of the State of New York by lying to us all about his irreproachable sense of morality. He advocated for tougher prostitution laws while patronizing the prostitutes. In other words, Spitzer is a big-time hypocrite, and that, my friends, is the problem - it is dishonesty in its most fundamental way.

By itself, the fact that Elliot Spitzer - or any adult human being - paid young women to have sex with him bothers me not in the least. Have I ever paid for sex? Hell yes! I doubt that there are more than a dozen fully functional heterosexual men in the entire world who haven?t engaged in sexual shenanigans at one time or another. As far as I am concerned, what adults do with our sexual organs is nobody?s business as long as we do it without harm to others - without coercing or exploiting people. It simply isn?t the business of the state to regulate our sexuality. When it comes to who we sleep with and why we sleep with them, we should all simply mind our own bedroom business. It should be as private as our private parts. Spitzer, however, pretended to be above the pale instead of being just another impaler. In other words, he lied to us, and now he must pay the price.

On a lighter note, while our state government was being rocked by Spitzer?s revelation, Cupcake, Ginger and I were having a supernaturally fine evening listening to Bruce Springsteen and the E Street band rock the Nassau Coliseum on Long Island. It was a great concert. My ears were still ringing this morning, and thankfully, it wasn’t because of who Elliot did with his Spitzer.

In all these years, I?ve never seen Springsteen live before. He has to be the most physical guitar player I?ve ever seen. He beats the music out of that ax with his whole body. They played for over two hours and we had a terrific time, as did the whole crowd of 20,000. He and the E Street band are the guys we all want to have a few beers with.



Spitzer Postscript:
Former NY Governor Spitzer’s resignation was a high but appropriate price to pay for his transgressions. Mr. Spitzer should now be left alone to live his life as the very smart, decent (more or less) and talented individual that he is.

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