

X-Gov. Mark Warner - still lying after all these years

Forced record breaking tax increase on Virginians after promising he wouldn't raise taxes at all!

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VIRGINIA BEACH (June 17, 2008) - - Running on acampaign of, "I will not raise taxes," Mark Warner won the November 2001 election and became governor of Virginia in 2002. Available to Warner was a \$1 billion "rainy day fund" left by his predecessor, James S. Gilmore, III.

"I will not raise taxes," Mark Warner pledged.

If you were a registered voter in the 2002 November elections, you may recall an item on the ballot that gave Virginians the right to vote up or down, a 22 percent increase in the sales tax. Mark Warner supported this tax that wasn't levied on the entire state, just Tidewater and Northern Virginia. The folks in the Tidewater region saw it for what it is and defeated the measure 62-38 percent.

After being blown out of the water by the commonsense-electorate, Warner and his cronies came back and slapped hard-working Virginians with the largest tax increase in the history of the Commonwealth. Warner's tax package effected a net tax increase of approximately \$1.5 billion annually.

Overnight, Mark Warner became the newly-crowned tax emperor, and Virginia families have been suffering ever since.

One of the issues responsible for getting Jim Gilmore elected as governor was his pledge to eliminate the hated car tax. Virginians went to the polls and said, "Eliminate the car tax." Gilmore listened to the people. Mark Warner didn't. He entered into an agreement with Democrats and liberal Republicans in the Virginia Senate to cap state car tax reimbursements to local governments, which had the effect of increasing car taxes in many localities.

Now to the matter of telling the truth.

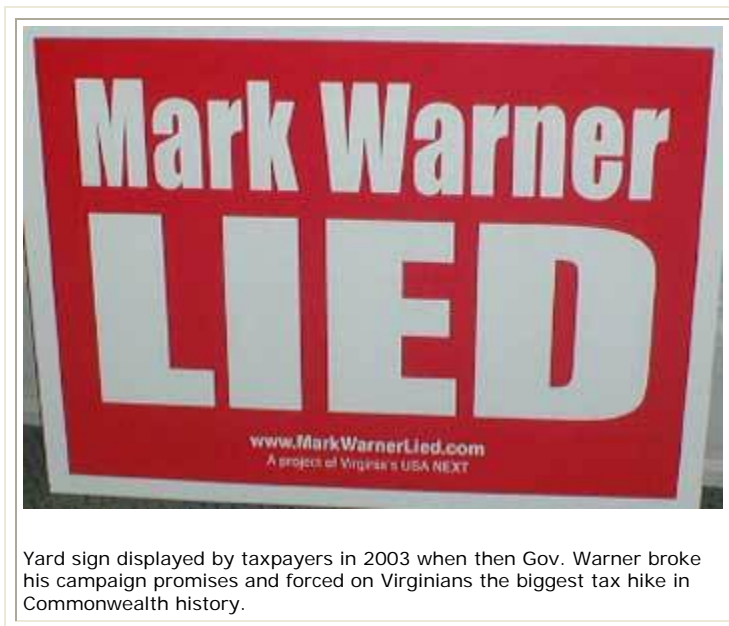
Lying is like taking an oath, like repeating marriage vows. A man who says time and time again, "I will not raise your taxes" and then violates that vow, is akin to an adulterer.

Sorry Mark, but you simply cannot be trusted. Lying to your naive supporters is one thing, but lying to the entire state of Virginia is another.

Have you no moral imperative to tell the truth? The United State Senate needs men and women of truth and conviction, not those who would say anything to get elected.

Now on to telling the truth about Virginia finances.

Mark Warner continues his pattern of lying about our state's finances.



Yard sign displayed by taxpayers in 2003 when then Gov. Warner broke his campaign promises and forced on Virginians the biggest tax hike in Commonwealth history.

He said that when he took the reins over from Jim Gilmore, he discovered a \$6 billion budget shortfall. Every boy and girl who has ever studied the Virginia Constitution should know that under Article X Section 7, the governor is mandated to passing a balanced budget, and is prohibited from allowing a budget deficit.

What? That's correct; when Jim Gilmore put his signature on his last budget, it was balanced. Case closed. So how can Mark Warner say he inherited a \$6 billion budget shortfall?

Here's the simple truth that even a 5th grader can understand.

Let's say your family's combined household income is \$60,000 a year and you want to take them on a vacation. Your wife and children had decided on Virginia's Busch Gardens, and saved the \$1,000 to pay for the trip. After discussing the plans, you suggest that the family instead should go to Florida's Disney World. Your trusty calculator shows the Disney trip will cost \$3,000, which the family cannot afford.

Now for the moment of truth.

You sit down with the family and tell them the big lie; "Sorry, but we don't have \$3,000 to take a vacation so the plans will have to be cancelled unless you kids are willing to give up your allowances, get jobs, and by the way honey, you'll need to start taking in laundry and baking pies."

Not only did Mark Warner inherit a common-sense budget from Jim Gilmore, but it was one that Virginians could afford. What Virginians cannot afford is Mark Warner representing Virginia in the United States Senate.

Isn't it a shame that Virginia doesn't have a moral imperative court where Mark Warner and Jim Gilmore could plead their cases and let the financial documents be entered as evidence and the jury would rule on the findings.

With Jim Gilmore, I would trust the raising of his hand to tell the truth under oath.

With Mark Warner, we cannot take a chance of him once again committing ethical perjury, especially in the U.S. Senate.