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WHO'S EMBARRASSING PHILLY THIS WEEK: ED RENDELL

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A loud, obnoxious, pale-white blowhard with bad hair makes a jackass out of himself during the Presidential campaign for slinging a disparaging comment towards women in the press.

This is not news. That's every day on the Trump trail.

Only it wasn't Trump. It wasn't even a Republican.

It was the Democratic Party's affable Uncle Ed.

In an oh-so-shocking turn of events, Ed Rendell – former Philly mayor, Pennsylvania gov, DNC chair, and personification of Joey from East Passyunk's midnight call-in to WIP – trumped Trump, even if only for a moment.

"For every one, he'll lose one-and-a-half, two Republican women," [Rendell pontificated](#) on The Donald's chances in PA in the General Election. "Comments like 'You can't be a 10 if you're flat-chested;' that'll come back to haunt him. **There are probably more ugly women in America than attractive women.** People take that stuff personally."

Yes, Gov, it does [seem as if](#) people do take that "stuff" personally.

Goddammit, Ed. Why why why did you go and do this now?

First of all, we're already headed to a contentious DNC convention at Wells Fargo this summer thanks to the Feel The Berners. That's not how it was supposed to play out. Trump and Cruz (and Kasich I guess?) were supposed to usher a wondrous shitshow of a convention into Cleveland on a John Deere combine, leaving the door to the Rose Garden wide open for Hillary to step through the moment she walks off the stage in South Philly. And the biggest thing that the Dems have going for them is that Trump is a complete and utter – and misogynistic (among many other *-ic* and *-ist* things) – ass. They don't need a party leader's help matching Trump, disparaging jibe for disparaging jibe. Secretary Clinton's path to victory is just a bastardization of [Leo McGarry's Bartlet Strategy: Let Trump Be Trump \(and Everyone Else Just The Hell Shut Up\)](#).

Secondly, Ed, Philly doesn't need your help finding a reason to collectively facepalm yet another representative of this fine city for proving our national reputation (even if you are from New York City. [New York City!?](#)). You might-as-well just throw snowballs at Santa yourself. [Oh wait, you did.](#) We've added to our embarrassment of embarrassment riches in the last year enough already, placing the Flyers' Ed Snider Bracelet Night, Kathryn Knott, HitchBot, the pig's-head/mosque incident, and Pope-ocalypse onto our long list of national nightmares. I mean, I'll take Rendell as our daily candidate for 'embarrassing embodiment of Philadelphia' any day over Bill Cosby, but still... you're not helping, Ed.

Fun Fact: Rendell was even considering a [run for the White House himself](#) this year, with a stirring announcement full of grace and gravitas: "It's not that I'm modest, but I always thought the President has to be A+. But when I look at the people who've run for President, I say to myself, well, why not?" Chills. [Rendell/Pukemon 2016.](#)

In calling at least 51% of 51% of our population 'ugly', I suppose Rendell meant well (god I hope). And I also suppose he's not wrong (although, there are certainly a helluva lot more unattractive men in America than women; we should be lucky we ever get a date). I mean, there even was a [Top Ten Ugliest Countries list we](#)

[topped](#), so of course that makes it okay right? And Philly was named [third ugliest city in the US](#) (*thanks Baltimore!*), and that's only when Rendell is in town.

Listen Gov, we get it. You agree with Trump way more than whoever the Democrat version of Reince Priebus is cares to admit. Trump loves to call people losers; you love to call people wusses. Trump wants to "Make American Great Again"; you speculate on "[How America's Leaders Lost the Guts to Make Us Great](#)". But for now, please, until November 8th, can you have a little more quiet time? Save those conversations for your 3am Wawa run wit'cha boys and not the *Washington Post*.

Because we kinda tend to "take that stuff personally".