

The rise and fall of Anthony Weiner

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Friday's letter from FBI Director James Comey targeting emails tethered to Hillary Clinton's private email ([/story/news/politics/elections/2016/10/28/fbi-director-clinton-emails-investigation/92889594/](http://story/news/politics/elections/2016/10/28/fbi-director-clinton-emails-investigation/92889594/)) server cited evidence kicked up in "an unrelated case." Turns out that case is the investigation into Anthony Weiner's sexting scandal. Weiner is the estranged husband of Huma Abedin, one of Clinton's top aides.

Here's a rundown of the rise and fall of Weiner:

1985 – Weiner's political career begins as a congressional aide to Rep. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., after graduating from SUNY-Plattsburgh. He serves until 1991.

Jan. 1992 – Weiner's first stint in office begins as a member of the New York City Council. He is the youngest member in New York's history. He serves until 1998. (http://www.salon.com/2011/06/16/weiner_resignation/)

Sept. 1998 – After Schumer decides to run for Senate, Weiner runs and is elected to Congress after besting his primary opponent by 285 votes.

2005 – Weiner runs unsuccessfully for mayor of New York.

2010 – Weiner is galvanized as a liberal hero with a tirade on the House floor about a 9/11 health care bill.

Congressman Anthony Weiner gave a fiery sp...



May 27, 2011 – Weiner posts a lewd image on his official Twitter account. After quickly deleting the image of a bulging crotch, Weiner claims he was hacked.

June 1, 2011 – Weiner tells CNN he did not post the picture (<http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/24/politics/weiner-timeline/>) and has hired a law firm to investigate the matter.

June 6, 2011 – Weiner holds a tearful press conference and admits to taking and posting the photo and engaging in "inappropriate communication" with women. "To be clear, I am deeply regretting what I have done and I am not resigning," Weiner said.

Rep. Anthony Weiner admits sending lewd photos

(<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/onpolitics/post/2011/06/anthony-weiner-lewd-photos/1>)

June 16, 2011 – Weiner resigns from Congress. (<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/onpolitics/post/2011/06/anthony-weiner-resignation-/1#.WBTHCS0rKUK>)

Weiner Resigns in Wake of Sexting Scandal



May 21, 2013 – Weiner announces a long-shot bid for [New York City mayor](#). "Look, I made some big mistakes. And I know I let a lot of people down. But I've also learned some tough lessons," Weiner said in his announcement.

[Anthony Weiner declares he's running for NYC mayor](#)

(<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/05/22/anthony-weiner-mayor-new-york-city/2349871/>)

July 23, 2013 – TMZ publishes screen shots of sexual conversations that Weiner had with women in 2012.

July 25, 2013 – Weiner admits he sent explicit texts under the alias "Carlos Danger" to as many as 10 women, including three after he left Congress in 2011. They include Sydney Leathers, 23, of Princeton, Ind., who said Weiner had sent nude photographs to her – and that they engaged in phone sex— months after his resignation. Weiner's campaign manager resigns two days later.

Sept. 4, 2013 – Weiner gets into a shouting match with a Jewish voter in New York on the eve of Rosh Hashanah as his campaign spirals.

[Anthony Weiner gets into shouting match with voter](#)

(<http://www.usatoday.com/videos/news/politics/2013/09/05/2768397/>)

Sept. 10, 2013 – Weiner loses the mayoral primary with less than 5% of the vote.

Jan. 2016 – The documentary film *Weiner* premieres at Sundance Film Festival chronicling the 2013 campaign implosion.

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Aug. 29, 2016 – The [New York Post](#) reports Weiner is caught sexting another woman (http://nypost.com/2016/08/28/anthony-weiner-sexed-busty-brunette-while-his-son-was-in-bed-with-him/?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=NYPTwitter&utm_medium=SocialFlow&sr_share=twitter) – at one point posting a raunchy selfie with his 4-year-old son in the background. The *Post* reports the pair began texting in January 2015. Hours later, Huma Abedin, Weiner's wife and longtime [Hillary Clinton](#) aide, announces her separation from her husband. "After long and painful consideration and work on my marriage, I have made the decision to separate from my husband. Anthony and I remain devoted to doing what is best for our son, who is the light of our life. During this difficult time, I ask for respect for our privacy," Abedin said in a statement. [In a statement, Donald Trump says he worries that Clinton was "careless and negligent" with classified information as it neared Weiner and Abedin.](#)

(<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/08/29/anthony-weiner-caught-another-sext-scandal/89526640/>)

[Huma Abedin says she's leaving Anthony Weiner after new sexting scandal](#)

(<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/08/29/huma-abedin-says-shes-leaving-anthony-weiner-after-new-sexting-scandal/89535838/>)

Sept. 22, 2016 – Federal and local New York authorities say they are investigating alleged illicit online contacts between Weiner and a 15-year-old girl.

[Law enforcement investigating Weiner's alleged sexting with teen](#)

[\(http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/09/22/law-enforcement-investigating-weiner-sexting/90866898/\)](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/09/22/law-enforcement-investigating-weiner-sexting/90866898/)

Oct. 28, 2016 – FBI Director James Comey announces the bureau is reviewing new emails that could be relevant to the probe of Clinton’s server. Sources close to the investigation tell USA TODAY the unrelated investigation is from the probe of Weiner’s sexting.

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