



# Katie Hill Becomes the First Female Member of Congress to Quit Over a Sex Scandal

Katie Hill, a progressive Democrat Representative from California, is the first woman in Congress to resign due to a sex scandal. On Sunday, she announced that she would leave her office in the wake of a House Ethics Committee investigation into her alleged participation in sexual relationships with her male legislative director and her female campaign staffer.  
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Rep. Katie Hill is the first female member of Congress to resign from office over a sex scandal, a move that several male lawmakers have made throughout U.S. history.

The California Democrat announced her resignation on Sunday amid a House Ethics Committee investigation into her alleged affair with her legislative director, and after news broke that she had also engaged in a three-way relationship with her husband and a campaign staffer.

Hill, 32, denied last week that she ever had an inappropriate relationship with her legislative director Graham Kelly and blamed her “abusive husband” Kenny Heslep for launching a “smear campaign” against her with the rumor. She has, however, admitted to the relationship with the campaign staffer after naked photographs from their relationship were published.

The House Ethics Committee announced on Oct. 23 an investigation into allegations of an affair with Kelly, which is prohibited by House rules, making her the first woman in Congress to face a House Ethics Committee inquiry into a sexual relationship. However, the freshman Democrat will exit her first term before the investigation culminates.

Dozens of members of Congress have been involved in Capitol Hill sex scandals, with many choosing to resign from their positions. While members of both parties have been implicated, those who resigned as a result, to date, have all been men. [Read full article here...](#)