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State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer had some wise words the other day after he created a special unit to combat government corruption: "Cynicism with respect to government these days derives from the belief that there is a lack of integrity in government. Unless we can show the public that government can in fact be run honestly and forthrightly, we cannot overcome cynicism."

The attorney general should lead by example: He can fess up about his messy campaign finances. That would remove one cause of our cynicism.