

## Statement of Jim Russell

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The 2001 research paper that was entitled “The Western Contribution to World History” has absolutely no relevance to my congressional campaign. It was a survey of a three-thousand year span of historical and cultural developments written nine years ago, from which a few sentences have been singled out and misinterpreted. For example, a few sentences at the end of the paper which speculate on the effects of the media on children’s development have been taken out of context and grossly distorted.

This is just Nita Lowey’s latest desperate attempt to undermine my campaign. Her campaign has been making similar charges in unethical telephone “push polls.” When called, voters who say they plan to vote for me are then asked questions like “would you still vote for Jim Russell if you knew \_\_\_\_\_ (insert smear).” Nita Lowey wants to avoid any public discussion of her record. Last Monday, at the last minute, she backed out of a candidate’s forum in Congers that had been specifically planned to coincide with her schedule. She also was a no-show at a forum in Greenburgh earlier this year. She never had a face to face town hall meeting on the health care bill. She’s afraid to debate the issues with me or informed constituents. Instead she is relying on a smear campaign carried out by her liberal allies in the media.

I care deeply about the economic plight of all the residents of the 18<sup>th</sup> congressional district. Unlike Nita Lowey, one of the 20 wealthiest members of Congress, whose assets increased by \$500,000 last year, my family and I face the same difficult economic challenges that most of my district faces. I’m working full-time with volunteers from every background to help rebuild our economy and bring jobs to Westchester and Rockland counties. I will remain focused on reversing an economic decline that has been worsened by the mismanagement of congressional representatives like 22 year incumbent Nita Lowey. I will not allow smear tactics to interfere with a campaign that remains on track to win in November.