

## Transcript from October 5, 2010 to October 6, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

## October 5, 2010

- 12:04 am **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @acnatta: RT @bhamchat: Tomorrow's #bhamchat - Indictments and Election 2010. We'll start @ 7 p.m. CT
- 12:51 am **MoodyPaints:** RT @acnatta: RT @bhamchat: Tomorrow's #bhamchat - Indictments and Election 2010. We'll start @ 7 p.m. CT
- 9:00 am **jasondcooper:** Good chat if you can make it. I have a meeting. :( MT @bhamchat: Tonight's #bhamchat: Indictments and Election 2010. We'll start @ 7 p.m. CT
- 10:26 pm **bhamchat:** 90 minutes until tonight's #bhamchat re: bingo, indictments & Election 2010. We'll start at 7 p.m. CT - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46>
- 10:27 pm **bhamterminal:** RT @bhamchat: 90 minutes until tonight's #bhamchat re: bingo, indictments & Election 2010. We'll start at 7 p.m. CT - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46>
- 10:29 pm **magiccityonline:** RT @bhamterminal: RT @bhamchat: 90 minutes until tonight's #bhamchat re: bingo, indictments & Election 2010. We'll start at 7 p.m. CT - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46>
- 10:32 pm **momof2chocdivas:** RT @bhamchat: 90 minutes until tonight's #bhamchat re: bingo, indictments & Election 2010. We'll start at 7 p.m. CT - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46>
- 10:34 pm **J\_W\_Little:** RT @bhamchat: 90 minutes until tonight's #bhamchat re: bingo, indictments & Election 2010. We'll start at 7 p.m. CT - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46>
- 10:43 pm **bhamchat:** If you're in the mood, here's some light reading for tonight's #bhamchat (the indictment) - <http://bit.ly/bvzDqQ> #alpolitics
- 10:48 pm **bhamchat:** Here's something a little lighter - an overview via @brewtonstandard - <http://bit.ly/a2X2BA> #bhamchat
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- 10:49 pm **bhamterminal:** RT @bhamchat: Here's something a little lighter - an overview via @brewtonstandard - <http://bit.ly/a2X2BA> #bhamchat
- 10:57 pm **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @bhamchat: If you're in the mood, here's some light reading for tonight's #bhamchat (the indictment) - <http://bit.ly/bvzDqQ> #alpolitics
- 11:32 pm **bhamchat:** We've got less than 30 minutes until this week's #bhamchat conversation. We hope you'll join us #bham!
- 11:46 pm **bhamchat:** We'll be starting #bhamchat in 15 minutes. If you're planning to participate, please go ahead and introduce yourselves :)
- 11:55 pm **bhamchat:** This week's #bhamchat will be based on yesterday's bingo indictment #alpolitics
- 11:55 pm **APYTJD:** RT @bhamchat: This week's #bhamchat will be based on yesterday's bingo indictment #alpolitics

## October 6, 2010

- bhamchat:** Welcome to #bhamchat everybody! We hope you're doing well this evening...
- 12:01 am **bhamchat:** As we just said, tonight's #bhamchat will be a guided discussion about the effects of yesterday's federal indictments
- 12:01 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Hello Everyone! I'm a 2yr law student at Alabama. #bhamchat
- 12:02 am **bhamchat:** For those new to #bhamchat, check out this intro page - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46> #bham
- 12:03 am **bhamchat:** Please introduce yourselves, label your answers (Q1, Q2, etc.), stay on topic, and have fun! :) #bhamchat
- 12:04 am **bhamchat:** We'll get started with Q1 in about 2 minutes! Thanks again for stopping by tonight... #bhamchat
- 12:09 am **bhamchat:** Q1 - Let's start with your opinions | what are your thoughts on bingo in Alabama? Is it organized gambling? #bhamchat
- 12:13 am **momof2chocdivas:** @bhamchat In my opinion Bingo is not organized gambling. #bhamchat
- 12:14 am **bhamchat:** Eerily quiet this evening, and we expected as much due to the emotions attached to opinions on this issue... #bhamchat
- 12:14 am **roywoodjr:** RT @bhamchat: Eerily quiet this evening, and we expected as much due to the emotions attached to opinions on this issue... #bhamchat
- 12:15 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Q1: Bingo is bingo. Gambling is gambling. Can bingo be gambling is the question. Our courts have said yes. #bhamchat

12:16 am **J\_W\_Little:** RT @APYTJD: @bhamchat Q1: Bingo is bingo. Gambling is gambling. Can bingo be gambling is the question. Our courts have said yes. #bhamchat

12:17 am **bhamchat:** RT @APYTJD: Q1: Bingo is bingo. Gambling is gambling. Can bingo be gambling is the question. Our courts have said yes. #bhamchat

12:18 am **roywoodjr:** RT @bhamchat: Q1 - Let's start with your opinions | what are your thoughts on bingo in Alabama? Is it organized gambling? #bhamchat

12:18 am **momof2chocdivas:** @bhamchat we live in the Bible belt and this is a touchy subject but there is hypocrisy #bhamchat

12:18 am **roywoodjr:** For my B'ham Peeps. #bhamchat is up and started. this week's topic Bingo.

12:19 am **bhamchat:** BTW - if you have any questions to submit this evening, reply to us without the #bhamchat hashtag.

12:20 am **bhamchat:** Q2 Do you think that yesterday's indictments will shift attention from other election issues this fall? #bhamchat #alpolitics

12:22 am **johnmcurrie:** Q2: The candidates did a pretty good job of reserving their opinions about the indictments during last night's debate #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:23 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Q2: The indictments yesterday have very little to do w/ gambling. They go to the core of issue facing our state: Ethics #bhamchat

12:23 am **ramsaytroy:** If Sparks had his way gambling would be all we talked about #bhamchat

12:23 am **bhamchat:** @momof2chocdivas could you expand on your statement re: Q1? #bhamchat

12:24 am **J\_W\_Little:** Q2: I think it makes the governors election this year a lot more interesting than it has been. #bhamchat

12:28 am **bhamchat:** Q3 Will this issue cause people to take a closer look at state ethics reform or is it too late to repair trust? #bhamchat #alpolitics

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12:30 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Q3 Will this issue cause people to take a closer look at state ethics reform or is it too late to repair trust? #bhamchat

12:32 am **johnmcurrie:** Q3: I'm incredibly hopeful this will encourage ethics reform at all levels of govt in the state (city, county, and state) #bhamchat

12:32 am **TONISMALLS:** @roywoodjr @bhamchat Once again the people of AL loose! It was passed N2law which is how they were open now many r unemployed? #BhamChat

12:32 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat I think this will make people question more. Our state has a history of shadiness n Montgomery (1901 Constitution). (1/2) #bhamchat

12:32 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat People follow the party line here and dont think about the legislation being passed. (2/2) #bhamchat

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12:33 am **johnmcurrie:** @APYTJD couldn't agree more - improving our state must begin with a new constitution #bhamchat

12:36 am **acnatta:** Q3 @APYTJD it's a scary thing indeed #bhamchat

12:36 am **roywoodjr:** RT @TONISMALLS: @roywoodjr @bhamchat Once again the people of AL loose! It was passed into law which is how they were open now many r unemployed?. #BhamChat

12:36 am **roywoodjr:** RT @johnmcurrie: @APYTJD couldn't agree more - improving our state must begin with a new constitution #bhamchat

12:37 am **bhamchat:** Q4 Do you think we'll see an up or down vote re: electronic bingo at the beginning of the 2011 session? #bhamchat

12:37 am **ramsaytroy:** @johnmcurrie @APYTJD BINGO! A new constitution is a must #bhamchat

12:37 am **bhamterminal:** RT @bhamchat: Q4 Do you think we'll see an up or down vote re: electronic bingo at the beginning of the 2011 session? #bhamchat

12:37 am **APYTJD:** RT @johnmcurrie: @APYTJD couldn't agree more - improving our state must begin with a new constitution #bhamchat

12:38 am **ramsaytroy:** Q4: Yes #bhamchat

12:39 am **TONISMALLS:** If U smoke, drink, shop or gamble...Driving 2hrs is not a deterrent. Ppl r still going 2gamble, just n MS! AL losses jobs & tax\$'s #BhamChat

12:40 am **Laurabeth32:** The game or the dog? RT @roywoodjr: For my B'ham Peeps. #bhamchat is up and started. this week's topic Bingo.

12:41 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Q4: No. State Republicans will use this as the springboard to stall the issue. #bhamchat

12:42 am **johnmcurrie:** Q4: absolutely...the loss of "gambling" jobs statewide has changed the political landscape completely. #bhamchat

12:44 am **J\_W\_Little:** Q4 Sort of, it will only be a BIR vote #bhamchat

12:44 am **APYTJD:** RT @bhamchat: Q4 Do you think we'll see an up or down vote re: electronic bingo at the beginning of the 2011 session? #bhamchat

12:45 am **J\_W\_Little:** Q4 and it will fail again. #bhamchat

12:46 am **polo205:** RT @johnmcurrie: @APYTJD couldn't agree more - improving our state must begin with a new constitution #bhamchat

12:48 am **J\_W\_Little:** For those that don't know a BIR vote is a vote to vote before having passed the budget. Though I kind of wonder if there... #bhamchat

12:48 am **3choboomer:** Q4 I see gambling being shot down at all levels due to the indictment #bhamchat

12:50 am **J\_W\_Little:** ...will even be a vote. Seems like the big money will be in jail. Though if it's not brought up next session could mean this issue #bhamchat

12:50 am **bhamchat:** Q5 Will any of this translate locally? Will it be on the minds of #bham residents come Fall 2011? How? #bhamchat

12:50 am **johnmcurrie:** Q4: not so sure I agree about it's failure...Alabama's need for additional revenue is highlighted by the state of the economy #bhamchat

12:51 am **J\_W\_Little:** was completely astroturfed, which I don't think it was but I do think support has been exaggerated #bhamchat

12:54 am **J\_W\_Little:** @johnmcurrie using gambling to generate revenue would fit in with alabama's constitution and it's way of taxing the poorest more. #bhamchat

12:55 am **J\_W\_Little:** That's what taxing gambling to generate revenue is, a tax on the poor. Unless your a place like Las Vegas #bhamchat

12:56 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Probably not. Since none of the #Bham legislators were involved, it's just another Montgomery political scandal. #bhamchat

12:56 am **J\_W\_Little:** But bingo doesn't really bring in the tourist #bhamchat

12:57 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little it is not a tax on the poor. That assumes poor people are stupid #BhamChat

12:57 am **J\_W\_Little:** Q5 probably not. hopefully birmingham will be announcing the start of a new baseball stadium then #bhamchat

12:58 am **secondfront:** I'm not suggesting someone create a fake account for fun and games, but I noticed @MiltonMcGregor isn't taken. #bhamchat #alpolitics

1:00 am **johnmcurrie:** @J\_W\_Little which is why constitutional reform should be at the forefront #bhamchat

1:00 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis you ever walk into one of these things in the middle of a weekday? Secondly it doesn't assume that at all #bhamchat

1:02 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little We are not to decide how poor people spend their money. They can go to MS, TN, GA, and FL and spend their money #bhamchat

1:02 am **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @J\_W\_Little: Q5 probably not. hopefully birmingham will be announcing the start of a new baseball stadium then #bhamchat

1:02 am **gwright0313:** RT @secondfront: I'm not suggesting someone create a fake account for fun and games, but I noticed @MiltonMcGregor isn't taken. #bhamchat #alpolitics

1:03 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @johnmcurrie I have a client who used to manage one of these facilities, and she is moving to OH #bhamchat

1:04 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis feels dirty to use a policy to fill the public coffers at the expense of the poor. <http://bit.ly/apHhKG> #bhamchat

1:05 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis that links more about lotteries but still works with bingo #bhamchat

1:05 am **bhamchat:** RT @pascal\_caputo: Q4 No. #bhamchat

1:05 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little That is a fallacy. Is it at the expense of the poor? I don't consider myself poor. I've gambled and know tons who do. #bhamchat

1:06 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little It needs to be more regulated and taxed so people cannot be taken advantage of by corps. Costs too much to investigate #bhamchat

1:07 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little We don't need government officials constantly trying to shut them down. Gambling works internationally and nationally #bhamchat

1:07 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little Only the local "Bible Belt" thinks otherwise #bhamchat

1:09 am **bhamchat:** Q6 If it is seen as ethical issue, how are future representatives vetted to avoid a repeat? #bhamchat #alpolitics

1:09 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis Im talking on a macro level. Should gambling be legal, sure. Should we count on it as a magical answer 4 everything? No #bhamchat

1:10 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little I can agree with that: Gambling is not an answer 4 everything #bhamchat

1:10 am **johnmcurrie:** RT @Jon\_Lewis: @J\_W\_Little I can agree with that: Gambling is not an answer 4 everything #bhamchat

1:10 am **DOGingham:** My money is on constitutional reform. Wait, is that statement gambling? #bhamchat

1:11 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis I'm more speaking to those who want to use it a source of economic development. You can't create something from nothing #bhamchat

1:12 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @DOGingham I can also agree we need constitutional reform. Problem is politics, as usual. #bhamchat

1:12 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little No, but you have to keep money in this state, and right now, I cannot imagine how much is leaving #bhamchat

1:13 am **Jon\_Lewis:** By the way, off topic, I made a great omelet tonight (@alisonlewis) - lox and spinach. #bhamchat

1:13 am **johnmcurrie:** @Jon\_Lewis I think the number of commercials we see/hear for MS casinos is a good indication #bhamchat

1:14 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @johnmcurrie No doubt #bhamchat

1:14 am **bhamchat:** @Jon\_Lewis Please try to stay on topic please. Thanks! #bhamchat

1:15 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis well honestly in the big picture of things probably not much compared to what we could bring in to the state w/ new industry #bhamchat

1:16 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little They don't have to be mutually exclusive #bhamchat

1:17 am **bhamchat:** @Dogingham that was a nice play on words - thanks for stopping by tonight! #bhamchat

1:17 am **J\_W\_Little:** Unless since the last time I went to Mississippi it's become some type of utopia. #bhamchat

1:18 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little No, but the University of Georgia has become an incredibly well-respected institution #bhamchat

1:18 am **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @bhamchat: @Dogingham that was a nice play on words - thanks for stopping by tonight! >> Agreed :) #bhamchat

1:23 am **DOGingham:** @liftmoving @bhamchat @Jon\_Lewis heehee. Well, 'tis true. I love #bham and #bhamchat

1:23 am **bhamchat:** It looks like we've gone silent - does anyone have a link that they'd like to share this evening? #bhamchat

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1:25 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @bhamchat One last plug for Magic Moments - www.BhamWingFest.com this Saturday in #Homewood - Kick'n and Chick'n Wing Contest #bhamchat

1:27 am **johnmcurrie:** enjoyed it folks! have a great week! #bhamchat

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1:28 am **J\_W\_Little:** I'll plug my blog <http://ThisIsAlabama.net> posted there today the second part of my look at Blueprint #bham #bhamchat

1:28 am **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @J\_W\_Little: I'll plug my blog <http://ThisIsAlabama.net> posted there today the second part of my look at Blueprint #bham #bhamchat

1:30 am **socialmediabham:** RT @bhamchat: Folks may (or may not) want to be near UAB's quad tomorrow at 12 p.m. - <http://bit.ly/atGSIm> #bhamchat

1:31 am **bhamchat:** Thanks for stopping by this week folks! If you have ideas for topics or questions, don't hesitate to contact us! Til next week - #bhamchat

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1:32 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @bhamchat @acnatta - thanks again for your efforts!! #bhamchat

1:32 am **bhamchat:** BTW - thanks to all of the new followers and participants! Invite folks to take part next time - Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m. #bhamchat

1:38 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis Thanks for the RT! Enjoyed the discussion tonight. #bhamchat