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Cognitive Dissonance on Benjamin Franklin

While doing research on Benjamin Franklin, I saw how diligent, honest and hardworking

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of a man he was, and I definitely agreed and **accepted** his brilliance and greatness, until

I stumbled upon some intriguing details about him. I figured out that Benjamin Franklin

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was a very dirty man. I could **accept** the fact that he may have liked to drink a lot, but I

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couldn't **accept** quite a few things about him. He had multiple affairs and especially with

women who weren't even near his age. I saw that Benjamin Franklin liked to fool around

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with married women and was a very big chick magnet, and that he **accepted** this as

something that wasn't wrong and was a fine thing to do. I didn't expect this at all and I

definitely saw how much of a cognitive dissonance moment that I had just experienced

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about Benjamin Franklin that was very hard for me to **accept**.

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