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NEWPORT BEACH, **Calif.** - How many times Rudy Giuliani and his wife Judith have been married is their own business, but he had better buckle down on **immigration** if he wants to win the votes of Southern California Republicans.

The ex-mayor got a warm welcome from about 1,000 people invited to swanky The Island Hotel by Rep. Ed Royce's Congressional Club last night.

The well-to-do Orange County crowd gave him standing ovations during his speech, in which he touched on health care, education, terrorism and the war in Iraq.

But he got a negative reaction for giving just a passing mention to the issue of **immigration**.

"As much as I like him, I am so ticked off that he said nothing about the border, except one little sentence. He said, 'You people have an **immigration** problem,' " said Marsa Levine, 49, a business analyst.

"I was so disappointed he spent a lot more time talking about things that were not as important as this," she added, saying she would not vote for him because he has not addressed the issue.

The crowded marital histories of the ex-mayor and his wife, both of whom are on their third marriages, were not seen as a problem by the GOP audience.

"I think people are becoming a little bit more down-to-earth about what's going on. Most of the people in the world make mistakes," said Laney Fiola, who moved to California from New Jersey. "Personally, I don't think it will interfere with his campaign. It will be dragged through the mud, but it won't matter in the end."

Fiola, who declined to give her age, wore a "Vote for Giuliani" pin, and said she liked everything Giuliani had to say.

Bill Gale, 90, a retired pharmaceutical marketer, said he was leaning toward voting for Arizona Sen. John McCain, but not because of **Giuliani's** home life.

"A private life is a private life. To me it doesn't matter," he said. "He can have as many wives as he likes."

Sue Casagrande, a school administrator who wouldn't give her age, said "If I had to vote today I'd vote for him. I agreed with everything he said. I like the way he turned New York City around. I feel like he could do that for us, too."

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As for his family life, Casagrande said, "I don't pay attention to that."

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