

# Johnny Weir Interview With Access Hollywood, Part 3

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**Billy Bush:** Did you end the marriage, Johnny, out of fear for your own safety, or were you afraid in your environment day to day?

**Johnny:** I was uncomfortable. I can't say that I was afraid every single day, but I was uncomfortable, and I was extremely—I lived in a very heavy-handed way. It was a very threatening marriage. I lived under constant threat.

**BB [voiceover]:** Claims of domestic violence, mental abuse, add to that accusations by Johnny that his husband, Victor, attempted to cut him off from people he loved, including his mother. All that led to Weir filing for divorce. But the reason Weir claims he went public was extortion.

**JW:** We were told that, “If you don't pay a lump sum of money to our team within 30 minutes, we will go public and start telling tales.” And I don't negotiate like that. I don't think it's the right way to be in a marriage, or to end a marriage, even. There shouldn't be any war.

**BB [voiceover]:** One report claims Victor's camp asked for \$25,000 in exchange for Victor's silence. In response to the extortion allegations, Victor's crisis manager told Access, “There was NO shakedown. That's absolutely not true. There was a conversation when we were trying to settle, explaining we had been offered money to go public.”

**BB:** Some people call Victor a “con artist.” What do you know about that?

**JW:** I honestly know very little. That's something that's been thrown around—a term that has been thrown around since the beginning of our marriage, and it's very unfortunate. I know very little about Victor's past because he is a very secretive person, and so I never pressed him on subjects that I thought would hurt him, because I wanted him, through our marriage, to grow and become stronger, and to be comfortable with himself, and confident. He's very insecure. So those things, while they have been addressed in our marriage, I don't feel comfortable talking about them because it wasn't my truth, it wasn't my life—but those things have been said.

**BB** [voiceover]: All the “con artist” allegations appear to stem from one online website where comments accuse Victor of conning friends into giving him money a few years ago. Victor’s crisis manager says there is no truth to it.

**JW**: He has a long list of mistakes that he made before he married me, and they did all come out as soon as we got married. My manager and my agent were dealing with so many phone calls from people looking for either financial payouts or an address to serve Victor some kind of papers. I figured it was just mean people.

**BB**: You thought you were marrying one person, and it sounds like you actually married someone else.

**JW**: I married a beautiful, lovely person, and it’s unfortunate that things changed.