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# Tom Golisano



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**Net Worth: \$1.7 billion**

**Age: 66**

**Source of Wealth: Paychex**

**1. What is the difference between a millionaire and a billionaire (besides the three extra zeros)?**

A billionaire can make more mistakes.

**2. Is sleep overrated?**

I don't know who's rating it, but I don't think it's overrated.

**3. As you became wealthy, what relationships did you leave behind?**

None.

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**4. What event will touch off the next economic crisis?**

The U.S. debt passing \$10 trillion.

**5. What's the bigger turn-on: the chase or the kill?**

The kill.

**6. Whom do you turn to for advice?**

My family office manager.

**7. Your house is on fire. You can save one thing besides your family. What do you grab on your way out the door?**

My two wheaten terriers.

**8. Is writing checks to charity effective philanthropy?**

If you do your homework first it is.

**9. What is the best bar on the planet?**

Campielo's in Naples, Fla.

**10. The estate tax: yes or no?**

If you like triple taxation, it's OK.

**11. How much cash do you usually carry in your wallet?**

\$1,000 to \$2,000. But I don't use a wallet; I use a money clip.

**12. You can be James Bond or Michael Jordan for an evening. Who do you choose?**

I'd take James Bond.

**13. Where do most of your deals go down (restaurants, golf courses, poker table, cellphone)?**

My office.

**14. How do you spot a liar?**

If the person does not have a clear delineation of facts, particularly numbers, I can tell if they're not being truthful.

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**15. You can have a front-row seat to any event in history. Where is your time machine taking you?**

The first moon landing by astronauts in 1969.

**16. What are the first and last questions you ask in any job interview?**

If I'm the interviewer, my first question is "What can you do for the company?"  
My last question is, "When are you available?"

**17. What's the coolest number in your cellphone?**

Monica Seles'.

**18. What is the future of the U.S. dollar?**

In the short term, it'll be stronger; in the long term, weaker.

**19. Will the government be cutting Social Security checks in 20 years?**

If the question is, will the government be creating them in 20 years, the answer is yes. If the question is, will the government be reducing the amount of money in the checks issued, the answer is also yes; they will not keep pace with inflation.

**20. You have \$100,000 to invest. What do you do with it?**

I'm not telling you.

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