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## WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by spartan - 2008/01/04 17:25

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This thread discusses the Content article: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Well stated---We shall persevere..... and win!

One note about Iowa. Iowa is notoriously a peace state. The Ghost of Henry Wallace lives in Iowa. He was FDR's VP who was also anti-war during WWII. He was a highly loved Iowan who spawned the anti-war, McGovernite wing of the Dem Party.

Hilary, who voted for the war before she spouted off against it, was a dead duck in Iowa. She is in a huge trap and how she performs in the coming weeks will give us a great insight into her strategy in November.

Romney ran into a buzzsaw with all the Evangelicals, Pentacosts, and Charismatics in Iowa.

Rudy was very smart ot avoid Iowa.

Stay tuned, folks .....

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by joemalin - 2008/01/04 18:20

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by joemalin - 2008/01/04 18:21

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by tbs3 - 2008/01/04 18:55

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The Huckabee victory exposes the achilles heel of the Republicans.

Wasn't W Bush essentially a Christian Socialist? He was tough on Islamofachism but weak everywhere else - including the border. We had to shove Judge Roberts down his throat after he nominated a nice Christian liberal church lady to the Supreme Court. The only way he could be more Christian is if he had been a preacher.

Huckabee is another Christian Socialist - but even worse because he is a preacher. His moral decrees will be ordained not by a Liberal think tank, but by his Liberal version of God.

The two front runners are a liberal Mormon Bishop and a Socialist Baptist preacher! Never mind the conservative cross-dressing of the moment - look at what they actually did when they had the power. They are merely Conservatives of Convenience - and that is as morally reprehensible as a marriage of convenience.

Is Christianity what America is all about, or is Freedom? Are Republicans Christians first, and thus willing to throw Freedom under the bus and vote in a Socialist Preacher? Would America become a bipartisan Liberal Christian theocracy?

Therein lies the possibly fatal flaw in the Republican party.

There is only one real Conservative and he happens to be a real Christian as well - but not a Preacher, not a Bishop, not

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/04 20:06

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tbs3: There is only one real Conservative and he happens to be a real Christian as well - but not a Preacher, not a Bishop, not a pious Leftist illusion. People need to think whether they want real gold or just the fool's gold of a televangelist.

Well said, tbs3! Can anyone come up with the equivalent of "RINO" for these RINOs who are also Christians in Name Only? "CINO" doesn't grab folks the way "RINO" does.

How can these Socialists ever understand the concept of "Thou shall not steal"? If the succinct, pointed words of our Creator himself have not yet registered with them, our words aren't likely to do the trick! Our only recourse is to work our butts off this election season to defend ourselves against their intended ravages.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/04 20:21

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Reality predicts that we're going to end up with at best far and frustratingly less than glittering perfection in the White House next year, and quite possibly something truly awful.

Yep, even my candidate of choice is far from perfect, as my fellow TTP'ers are quick to remind me!

But no matter what happens, we and America will get through it. Trust me on this. Trust America on this.

There's getting through a crisis gracefully, and getting through a crisis with minimum pain. Needless to say, I prefer the former!

Iowans deal what may be a mortal blow to an evil witch and pump up a Preacher Boy Socialist at the same time.

A truly insightful bon mot, Dr. Jack!

The battle will never be over. The liberals, the fascists of the left, the forces of darkness, will never give up trying to pick our pockets, seize our freedoms, and diminish our humanity.

AMEN! That means we need to keep TTP around for a long, long time!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by Rockymount - 2008/01/04 21:14

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I loved the "Men in Black" analogy.  
There are always enemies and there are always solutions.  
My family has survived centuries on both the good  
and the bad sides of all the famous wars and conflicts.  
The survivability has at its roots in an abiding and healthy  
Skepticism, and discernment, amidst prayers for wisdom.  
The clear lesson over time has been;  
When others cheer for the light at the end of the tunnel...  
Best consider it a freight train and you will never be unprepared.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by dlwitt - 2008/01/04 21:19

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Great perspective as always, Jack. You bring sanity back to the table when it's most needed.

Try being a Chicago Cubs fan!! :blink:

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by Drroseanne - 2008/01/04 21:19

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"Is Christianity what America is all about, or is Freedom? Are Republicans Christians first, and thus willing to throw Freedom under the bus and vote in a Socialist Preacher? Would America become a bipartisan Liberal Christian theocracy?"

While there are some Christians who fall for the "fools' gold," not all do! Many are freedom-loving, patriotic Americans! After all, there would be/will be no freedom of religion without the freedom. I think many Christians react positively to anything/anyone "Christian" because they've are on the defensive with Christianity being under attack, especially in the MSM.

That said, we are electing a leader for our country and not a spiritual leader. I agree that a big part of his/her job is to preserve our precious freedom!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by Barney - 2008/01/04 22:47

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Jack,  
Should have known you were from Iowa. I salute you and the other correspondent whose family helped settle Iowa. So did mine. I have photos of great-great grand parents: Joneses, Farquhars, Marshes and others who built bridges, farmed, settled small towns, fought in the Civil and other Wars, practiced medicine & law, and even migrated to New York where they became prominent in tourism. And I have photos of some of their graves. But I know the dark side of Iowa too, the Henry Wallaces. So, sad to say, they hand us the Incredible Huck and the Obamination, but at least they seriously damaged a super-phony whose only claim to substance is what fills out her pants suits in the wrong places. I look forward to more on these subjects.  
Barney

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by davef - 2008/01/04 23:59

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Damn, Wheeler, you really are a cockeyed optimist! (Said with a twinkle in my eye.)

Good article. Thanks! :)

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by mwilHITE - 2008/01/05 00:27

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Dr. Jack,

Thanks for the calm in the eye of the storm a.k.a. the official start of the primary season. My family has been here since 1724. We've had conservatives and socialists and everything in between in our family; but first and foremost we are and always have been, Americans. We've fought in every war since we landed on these shores of freedom. We haven't agreed with everything our government has done, but we've always been loyal Americans. I believe that no one who is running, including PIAPS, wishes for the demise of our nation. They are just sadly mistaken about how to accomplish their goals. I'm not so sure about some of their goals, either. Even if the Obamination gets elected (perish the thought),

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there are enough good, right thinking Americans to stave off any lasting damage from his uber-socialism. What goes up must come down, including taxes. Anyone who raises taxes is signing his own political party's death warrant. If America gets sucked in by the empty rhetoric of the Huckster from Hope or B. Hussein Obama, it won't take long for the backlash of rational thought to send them packing to from whence they came. Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world. Three guesses; who said that? Hint: no one who is currently running for office.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by marco - 2008/01/05 01:11

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Jack,

You stated,

"So neither must we ever give up, ever get disillusioned, ever panic and freak out. Stay resolute, stay determined, stay optimistic, and stay cool. Sleep well, for the struggle continues tomorrow - and every day after. What matters in life is never giving up."

Thanks for the clarity and optimism friend.

Bless you!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by ella - 2008/01/05 02:19

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TTPers this is what I love about Dr. Wheeler he is such a wonderful optimist. :laugh: He brings in such an incredible light when others are going 'O woe is me.' His vision reaches way past others. In fact, he sees when others do not have a clue. :kiss:

PIAPS was embarrassed last night. 3 months ago she thought she had it wrapped up and NO one could touch her. LOL...a friend said: "If it takes a plane crash Hillary will be the Democratic nominee. Watch for stolen aircraft beacons. " :P

And then we've got Obambi, he looks like he's still wet behind the ears. Then today he comes out saying 'we'll change America.' I say NOT a effin' chance, you little fool. :angry:

Rudy keeps his powder dry--how could he contend in the state of Iowa which is told Romney is a freak because he's Mormon, Huckelberry is one of Time Magazines best governors , where Ron Paul is the darling of the number one AM station. :)

Armageddon will be Rudy-v-Romney and one of them has never stopped blinking. :silly:  
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Well, my family helped to settle Texas. We fought the hostiles in Texas first. Then the mexicans. My several great Grandfather was a General for the South in the 'War Between the States.' . Then comes two WW's. :unsure:

And we've had all makes and models of political leanings.  
:whistle: :whistle:

I suspect for many of those years, my family just worked to survive. Today, we've got it just way too easy, including myself. B) B)

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/05 02:24

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"OBAMINATION"! What a great new addition to the English language, Barney!

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## Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by tbs3 - 2008/01/05 16:17

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In general the Ayn Rand cultural approach has merit - but what do you do when you are attacked just for being an American? Its not like you can get your own nuke and do self-defense with it.

Like it or not, you are a member of a group called America and when your freedom is attacked as a group, it takes a group to counter it. United we stand - divided we fall.

People who don't want to step up and chip in to the war effort out of a lasses-faire argument end up being parasites on the ones who do step up. They are Freedom Freeloaders.

Consider WW2 and the Cold War where we ended up having to get freedom for the people of the Soviet Union, Germany, Japan and innumerable others as a byproduct of securing our own freedom.

Consider that Jack Wheeler, the Lasses-faire Randian Hero spent decades in what would appear to be a selfless pursuit of others' freedom. Yet it was selfish because he loves freedom for himself and his loved ones and friends. But he was not stingy... He has a generous attitude.

This is the essential problem with Ron Paul and the Ronulans. Ron Paul is a Freedom Freeloader. He is the Scrooge McDuck of Freedom - tons for me but no help for thee. And in doing so he shoots himself in the foot by his own freedom stinginess.

Under Ron Paul's culture, we would have Saddam and the Nazis and the Soviet Union. Surely one of those would have nuked us out of existence by now.

Therefore, Ron Paul's narrowly selfish culture is not ultimately a successful one.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by rdperry79 - 2008/01/05 17:57

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I must respectfully disagree with this part of your statement - "where Ron Paul is the darling of the number one AM station" - if you are speaking about WHO 1040?

WHO has two conservative talk shows on for 6 hours during the day. I believe that they played a huge part in Huckster's win in Iowa. While the morning show host Jan Mickelson really likes Ron Paul, he vehemently disagrees with Paul's foreign policy. Mickelson is a registered independent and a constitutionalist.

The other show host - Steve Deace, was a vociferous opponent of Romney. Both hosts were shameless in their support of the Huckster. I believe that their constant denigration of Romney and their unyielding support of the Huckster is what really propelled him to a win in Iowa. Huckster had built in media support by the two most influential conservative broadcasters in the state of Iowa, broadcasting 6 hours a day for weeks. Huckster couldn't have bought any better coverage. I am actually surprised that someone did not lodge a complaint with the FEC.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by jsnape - 2008/01/05 20:26

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I hate to say it, but I'm a "freedom freeloader" with or without Ron Paul. And his main argument is we can't afford to be shelling out a half trillion a year propping up all of these two bit dirt floor countries, which I think he has a point there.

The people that aren't freeloading are the actual boots on the ground doing the work and the killing, and being killed. Just sitting home and raising a beer to the troops and supporting the borrowing of more money to pay for it isn't actually doing much. There are worse freeloaders than me, the ones cursing the war while were in it, but I don't consider myself much more that a step above them and don't think anyone can be unless they're willing to put on a uniform and get in harms way over there. Or in the past have put in their time.

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The part I find strange is half the Ron Paul supporters never really supported what he stands for because they were/are also "economic freeloaders". The moochers. Unless I have that part wrong, and none of them are welfare lovers.

I believe if we were attacked he would have no problem going in and turning a country to rubble, and walking away without giving a thought to helping them rebuild. If Ron Paul had been president, and congress declared war, it would have been over in 2 weeks, and cost about 100 billion. 50 billion of it would have been for the 5000 tomahawk missiles, and the other 50 billion would be for new oil wells here.

The way Bush did it has its merits, but teaching countries that attacking the US leads to swift and total annihilation for them is a good way too, and a lot cheaper. There would be no question of where the WMD's were, because they could have been at the business end of any of the 5000 missiles, and no one there to look for them for a while.

Then we announce that any country suspected of plotting retaliation is next. But where Ron Paul is right again is, I don't think they would be trying to attack if we provided our own oil, and left them to quietly massacre themselves in the name of Allah.

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by spartan - 2008/01/05 21:55

WOW!

This is an impressive argument. I better watch out what I say/think about Fred.

I am going to save this argument the next time I run into one of many milquetoast liberals who have elitist contempt for our effort in Iraq and Afghanistan.

You have gained in my esteem and in your Karma D I N G

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by tbs3 - 2008/01/05 22:20

Dear Spartan,

Thanks. I appreciate your encouragement - especially since what I wrote did upset some Ron Paul supporters. I didn't want to make them feel bad - just think about it from this logical perspective.

I think the concept of Freedom Freeloaders can be even more applied to Marxists who are freely using their freedom of speech to put down those who gave freedom to them: the American Armed Forces.

Dear JSnape,

I assume that you, like me, are working with the skills and resources you have to help fight the good fight here. Not all of us are cut out to be effective soldiers on the ground. Some of us are born fighters in the area of ideas and have a moral obligation to fight there.

We would have done much better in Iraq quicker and cheaper if our military didn't have to keep fighting a rear action against the CIA and other Leftie weasels. Imagine how much less it would have cost if our intel was working with us and not against us!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by mwilHITE - 2008/01/05 22:28

Ron Paul is a strict Constitutionalist, however, his libertarian views leave out one important piece of the puzzle: what's morally right and what's morally wrong. If you only follow the Constitution, there is no place for right and wrong, good and evil in the overall scheme of things. In our society, which is growing more secular day by day, there is no place for the Hippocratic Oath or any similar vehicle for morality. Conscience must be suborned to the Constitution. Society becomes

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amoral, which is even more evil than immorality. Personally, I think the founding Fathers had a sense of right and wrong, good and evil; else there wouldn't be so many references to G-d in their writings. Moralality based on belief in G-d was and is the basis for our Constitution. Scripture teaches us that to see evil and do nothing about it is just as evil as the original evil. If Ron Paul could understand that, he possibly would change his views on the war. If his views on the war changed, he could probably be our next President, because most everything else he believes is spot on. The few other items on which he holds a strict libertarian opinion, he would probably also change his opinion. George Washington said that belief in G-d was necessary for the good of the nation, or words to that effect.(Don't have the exact quote handy.) Ron Paul is so close to having it right, but close is only good enough in horseshoes and hand grenades. Maybe another libertarian will get it right and ride a landslide into the White House? Maybe even in our lifetime? One can hope and continue to work for right and good to supplant wrong and evil.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/05 22:50

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tbs3 You say;  
"There is only one real Conservative and he happens to be a real Christian as well ".

Who do you have in mind? And he/she actually running? Thanks. eddd7

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/05 23:04

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"He is the Scrooge McDuck of Freedom - tons for me but no help for thee. And in doing so he shoots himself in the foot by his own freedom stinginess.

Exactly! This sounds like a variation of the "drawbridge syndrome". Scrooge McPaul has his freedom, so let's not guard against the rest losing theirs.

Perhaps a Ron Paul and Obambi as VP ticket would have them arguing. Paul would argue for no defense while B. Hussein Obama wants to bomb our Pakastani "allies" while dialoguing with Achtun-a-nutjob in Iran.

Great stuff tbs3 !!!

Scrooge McDuck! Man, I feel old (okay Ceph.....don't start.....!) eddd7

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/05 23:11

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"Moralality \_based on belief in G-d was and is the basis for our Constitution"

Yes, indeed, as it has to be. Moral law can only come from a moral Lawgiver. If morals come from man, than all morals and values are RELATIVE. If morals are relative, than Mother Theresa's morals are no more virtuous than Adolph Hitlers.

I do believe there's a ding in there for mwilHITE !!

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by spartan - 2008/01/05 23:16

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I fight a daily battle every day with liberals(really socialists). They get their "talking points" from their liberal websites. You hear phrases like "what is the end game?" and "what is victory?" or epithets like "chickenhawk". They are moral relativists on steroids. They can not handle facts or reality so they resort to open-ended questions that

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never have a satisfactory answer. Your response halts the circular logic and cuts to the chase.

These same folks would find this behavior reprehensible if it were directed to their favorite football team by fellow fans. Go figure.

Your response would leave Noam Chomsky speechless!!

FTR, I respect Ron Paul and his ideas but the election of 2008 does find us at the crossroads of Armageddon. We better be ready to stand and fight or be ready to accept surrender. We have 3 Marxists(actually more) leading the Democrat Party. We have a Christian Marxist(Huckabee) and someone who could be described as clinically insane (McCain)that the MSM would love to head the GOP ticket. Now is NOT the time to be a "Freedom Freeloader". This Country and our future deserve better.

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by cephran - 2008/01/05 23:20

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eddd7,

Yeah, I'm lurking!

We're gonna crush you down into fossil fuel if you don't watch it. :laugh: :P

BTW, does anyone know how to post articles on FreeRepublic. I've read the help instructions, but they are kinda weak.

Can anyone give me some pointers?

Thanks in advance.

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/05 23:32

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Hey Spartan, check Bill Whittle's excellent mini-essays on many common liberal bumper sticker talking points. Your mentioning the "chickenhawk" argument reminded me of Whittle's take on this. [www.ejectejecteject.com/archives/2006\\_11.html](http://www.ejectejecteject.com/archives/2006_11.html)

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/05 23:38

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Not for awhile, dude! God put me on Earth to do a "few" things, and I'm so far behind.....I'll never die.B)

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by spartan - 2008/01/05 23:38

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A slight correction sil vous plait

The Founding Fathers based their beliefs that God's Law(Theonomy) was Supreme. Unfortunately, we have fallen into Autonomy (Man's Law) as the basis for our current beliefs.

The natural progression from autonomy is anarchy.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/05 23:44

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I'm missing something here, por favor. What needs correcting?

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by mwilHITE - 2008/01/05 23:59

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I know of a man who was once a strong libertarian, but he regressed into anarchy very quickly. Now his arguments are merely the rantings of a bitter old man. His passion for life and the fight against evil have devolved into a fight against any type of constituted authority. Now his only real audience are nutcases and wackos. That's why we need for Ron Paul to see the light of righteous reason illuminate his libertarianism, before his libertarianism devolves into the anarchistic rantings of a bitter old man.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by spartan - 2008/01/06 01:11

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"Moral law can only come from a moral Lawgiver"

You, as well as mwilHITE, made very good points. I was just accentuating a problem that could come from misunderstanding this sentence.

Technically, Hitler thought he was being noble and moral in his monstrous actions. The epitome of moral relativity. Kind of like the Saddam defense: "I did no wrong because I was dictator."

Mea culpa-it is a bugaboo of mine.

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by cephran - 2008/01/06 01:43

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And if you do you'll be in a world of shit because Marines are not allowed to die without permission.

Drive on Marine!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by jsnape - 2008/01/06 02:04

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mwilHITE wrote:

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They do sound a little like rantings. I'm not sure about the whackos part as he does have some people much less whacko than me who see his point. But tonight was another debate where Ron Paul could have sat home and remotely played some pre-recorded "ranting" in answer to the questions. Changing only a word or two to make the answer relevant to the specific question.

Judge Napolitano is endorsing him <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8QwTKKSvR8>

What little I know about Napolitano is that I can usually bank on his court decision predictions on FOX to be wrong but I don't know a lot about his credentials.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by mwilHITE - 2008/01/06 03:29

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jsnape,

I was not referring to Ron Paul. He makes cogent arguments for his beliefs on various subjects. I just don't agree on his foreign policy. Seems a bit naive to believe that if we pack up and leave the middle east the lunatic islamofascist jihadists won't follow us home, trying to maim and kill as many of us as possible. I do, however heartily approve of his plan to terminate the IRS.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/06 06:24

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I can tell we're going to have some excellent discussions in Sarasota, guys! I'm hoping a few beers all around will contribute more to civility than hostility.

jsnape addressed the absurd idea of Ron Paul being soft on defense far more eloquently than I could have. Well done, j!

That leaves me with one other fallacious statement to tackle before I call it a day: "Ron Paul is a strict Constitutionalist, however, his libertarian views leave out one important piece of the puzzle: what's morally right and what's morally wrong."

Ron Paul gets tagged as a libertarian because of his 1988 candidacy as that party's standard bearer. He was recruited by the Libertarian Party as their presidential candidate. Dr. Paul agreed to run on one condition. The L.P. and its supporters would have to accept his non-negotiable beliefs that: (1) life begins at conception, (2) abortion is morally wrong, and (3) Roe vs. Wade should be overturned. The Libertarians bit their "amoral" tongues and complied.

Today, Rep. Paul begins most of his stump speeches with a 2-3 minute impassioned defense of the dignity of all human life. He goes on to say that the most basic freedom of all is the freedom to be alive. These are speeches to general audiences, not just a bunch of Bible-thumpers!

If this isn't a basic moral principle, I don't know what is! Love of everyone's life and the defense of those lives is the foundation of ALL of Ron Paul's beliefs in freedom and the rule of law, the latter beginning with adherence to the supreme law of our land, the Constitution. Love of life is what makes Dr. Paul reluctant to destroy life in a war unless the survival of our nation is at stake. Love of life is what makes Ron Paul such a passionate defender of the Constitution, with its many safeguards against governmental takings of life and property.

I could go on and on about morality, especially as it pertains to such traits as honesty, integrity, and consistency of positions. That's best left for another day, though!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/06 14:15

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Ahhh.. Okay, I see where you're heading.

I cap'd "Lawgiver" to support my point that moral law can only come from God, not man.

Your point about Hitler was good.....people forget that when the Nazi's broke down the door in the middle of the night to take away the head of the household, they were doing so legally.....under the color of authority.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/06 14:44

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Thanks, John for this info. I know little about Ron Paul, so this is helpful and illuminating. He is clearly correct on his views on life, and murder .....abortion, life beginning at conception, etc.

It's so unfortunate that one issue, although a HUGE issue, can take him out of the running.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/06 15:00

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Huge agreement, edd7, on your point that moral law comes from God, not man! DINGGGG! Thanks also for your spot-on mention of Hitler's storm troopers and their "legal" tactics. As I stated in another post this week, "legal" is whatever the people with power can get away with!

Speaking of breaking down doors in the middle of the night, the photo of black-clad, helmeted stormtroopers breaking down the door of a Florida apartment roughly ten years ago, in order to seize Evian Gonzalez from his relatives and deport him to Fidel's paradise is permanently engraved in my mind. I tried to find that photo on the Net, to no avail. Apparently, it's not something that the news media wants us to view any more. Does anyone have a copy of that?

I'm not aware of any such egregious governmental abuse of power since Slick Willie left office. However, the so-called Patriot Act and other legislation have given more "legality" to such acts than the flimsy legality with which Janet Reno covered herself in Florida, Waco, and other places. I can't help mentioning that only one Republican presidential candidate has voiced his opposition to these dangerous - and Constitutionally insupportable - extensions of federal government power!

The Men in Black on TV are fictional and ostensibly defending freedom; the men in black outside people's doors will be real and intent on taking away the freedom of those inside the doors.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/06 15:09

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"It's so unfortunate that one issue, although a HUGE issue, can take him out of the running."

edd7, I agree again with you - it is unfortunate! I would argue though that it's misinformation about Ron Paul's stand on defense, not his actual stand, that is keeping him in single-digit poll numbers right now. Perhaps we need to agree to disagree on this contention. I do appreciate, though, that you admit you don't know much about Ron Paul! A few minutes at <http://www.RonPaulLibrary.org> will do wonders for that deficiency!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by mwilHITE - 2008/01/06 16:00

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I have only one serious disagreement with Ron Paul. If the islamofascists, who have vowed to kill all unbelievers in islam, have their way, especially because we have not believed their threats; everything else is moot, is it not?

That is what torques my cookies about Dr. Paul; the one huge elephant in the room he chooses to ignore. As much as I love the idea of the Monroe Doctrine, we are still fighting the descendants of the Barbary Pirates from the shores of Tripoli and their cousins from the middle east. Not killing bad guys is not saving human life; it is trading the lives of innocents to save evil men. How does that help us or the world in general? Without good men fighting evil in the world evil will eventually overtake the good and destroy it. It is naive to believe the bad guys will leave us alone if we leave them alone. They only understand brute force. They see diplomacy as weakness on our part and a tool to use to fool us into believing they really seek peace.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by jack - 2008/01/06 16:17

John --

Google "Elian Gonzalez" and click on Images, up will come a lot of sites with the pic. Here's one:

http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.pulitzer.org/year/2001/breaking-news-photography/works/elian2.gif&imgrefurl=http://www.pulitzer.org/year/2001/breaking-news-photography/works/&h=579&w=900&sz=322&hl=en&start=13&um=1&tbnid=\_Av8Anrnn6XkSM:&tbnh=94&tbnw=146&prev=/images%3Fq%3D%2522Elian%2BGonzalez%2522%26svnum%3D10%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26rlz%3D1B3GGGL\_enUS177MG229%26sa%3DN

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**Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008**

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/06 20:33

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**Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008**

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/06 21:09

YES ! Michael! The bill of goods sold to Americans from the lazy, sold-out media is that "it's just the radicals" and "islam means peace" and all the other bullshit served up by the apologists (yes, what gets me torqued .....the deliberate cluelessness). Well, if it's just the radicals that want all infidels killed, that's a whole lot of bad guys.

The experts in islam....Pipes, etc, will tell us that "only" 15% of muslims are radicals. Okay, fine. Let's say the experts are off by 300% and only 5% are radicals. Given the common estimate that there are 1.4 billion muslims on the planet, we're relieved to hear that there are only 70 million radials! Of course, this number assumes only 5% are radicals and that the experts are wrong! Remember the middle eastern women cheering in the streets when the WTC towers came down? Are these people counted among the radicals?

Even an internet novice could google islam and find tons of historical information about the origin, history, and agenda of islam that completely contradicts the lies that our blame-America-first media blathers on about.

How many high school kids.....hell, how many COLLEGE students know what the "shores of Tripoli" line refers to....or even where Tripoli is?? 1% ???? Less? Thank you public (read: government) "education".

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**Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008**

Posted by mwilite - 2008/01/06 21:15

I agree: legal is not always moral and moral is often illegal, especially in this 'politically correct' time. In fact, morality is quite often the enemy of legal. I submit Roe v. Wade as a prime example. I do not expect those who have no moral compass to understand, let alone agree.

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**Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading**

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/06 21:17

Exactly correct Ceph...! "Destruction of government property", Article 134, that catch-all article that, basically says; "we charge you with anything we can dream up, for anything you did, that pisses us off". Something like that. But close!!!

You can be charged for getting a sunburn, if it takes you out of action. I couldn't make this stuff up! eddd7

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/06 21:28

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Looks like you kicked the anthill here a bit, tbs3. Good job! That's what this "place" is all about. eddd7

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by jsnape - 2008/01/06 22:10

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It might only be 15% of them doing the work, but the end goal is the same for 100% of them. The same reason you don't see minorities disavowing the actions of their radical factions. Or if they do it's the weakest condemnation they can drum up.

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by cephran - 2008/01/06 22:40

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eddd7,

Funny you mention the sunburn. When I was with the 101st, I was laying out in the sun on a HOT Tennessee day and caught a wicked burn (I only had oil). My platoon sergeant (a squared away hard ass) half jokingly threatened to Article 15 me for defacing gov't property.

I was 19yo and I just laughed at him (not to his face). Little did I know he was well within his rights to screw me over. It was the last time I laid in the sun while in the military.

True story!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by cephran - 2008/01/06 22:44

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I do!

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## Re:Ron Paul and Freedom Freeloading

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/07 02:21

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I agree!!! In my example, the true believers are the 15%. They are the ones who are true to what islam actually calls for. Any superficial study of islam reveals this. The so-called moderates are actually the apostates, according to the true beliefs of islam. If one goes by the mandates of the koran, it's the so-called radicals who are mainstream muslims, not the moderates, as the sold-out press would have us believe.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/07 03:06

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"I do!

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Are we to believe that you're finally going for your high school diploma?  
eddd7 (I couldn't resist....the flesh is weak, and all that....)

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/07 04:19

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"John....if this is just "misinformation", but it's keeping Paul from gaining more support, do you suppose that this misinformation is an arrow in his quiver that he's saving for later? What do you think? eddd7"

What do I think, Ed? "NO WAY!"

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/07 04:30

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John -- Google "Elian Gonzalez" and click on Images, up will come a lot of sites with the pic.

Thanks, Jack, for showing me this great archive! Does anyone else get cold chills when they look at this bit of modern Americana?

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/07 04:43

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eddd7: "Even an internet novice could google islam and find tons of historical information about the origin, history, and agenda of islam that completely contradicts the lies that our blame-America-first media blathers on about."

Ed, In November 2003, I began saving pertinent articles from the Internet in a folder called "Islam". As of September, 2007, I have 241 such articles, so, again, I completely agree that there's no excuse for being ignorant about the Islamists, their theological underpinnings, and the intentions. I think it would be great if the well-documented major lessons from all this research and writing were frequently quoted as part of the foreign policy debate. Then, instead of being flooded with the blathering you mention above, the debate could focus on the most effective ways of combating this evil agenda.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by mwilHITE - 2008/01/07 15:14

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The only reason the main scream media doesn't talk about what they obviously know about islam must be

1)they don't want to scare the populace, NOT LIKELY.

2)they believe that multi-cultural b.s. they are pushing on us.

3) are afraid of being envied by the islamists.

I vote for 2 & 3, because they are never afraid to try to scare 'joe six-pack'.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by jsnape - 2008/01/07 16:36

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Part of it could be, that news doesn't sell newspapers. Local events and movie stars sell.

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I hadn't heard of any of the 172 jihad attacks in December, that took place in 17 countries, and caused 1500 critically injured victims. And that's a typical month.

<http://www.thereligionofpeace.com/>

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by mwilwhite - 2008/01/07 17:03

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If the Israelis had been accused of wounding just one person, guilty or not, chances are there would have been a hue and cry. It's not just economics, it's agenda that drives the liberals in media. They are willing tools of the islamist devils. My only hope is they deeply repent of/for their foolishness. If they don't repent, then I hope they pay dearly for the grief they cause and/or support. Media needs to own up to its own culpability. They are not just reporting, they are trying to shape events per their left-wing moon-bat agendas. It's about time someone called them on it.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/07 18:31

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REALLY? How come? I'm surprised. Are these beans not to be spilled? Or what? Out with it, bro.

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/07 18:38

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Here's another for your file. Very brief overview, but well-footnoted. Clears up a lot of what we're not told.  
<http://www.ldolphin.org/missler.html>

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/08 00:35

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You are right on the mark here, M. The US media is transparent with their agenda to any person with a forebrain. But the scary thing is to see the liberalism in the Israeli media in recent years. Have they NO sense of history or prophesy?

Last I heard, there were over 140 UN censures against Israel for defending themselves, yet, there were zero censures against any of her attackers. This ain't even vague. Yet, we continue to allow this anti US, anti Israel, anti, capitalism, anti Christian cadre of thugs, dictators, misfits and unelected deviants to occupy prime US Manhattan soil near the WTC towers???

The only thing I can think of, in a tactical sense, is: "keep your enemies closer...." eddd7

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by Vox Veritas - 2008/01/08 11:26

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## OBAMA\'s SISTER????

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/09 00:31

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[http://wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=59598](http://wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=59598)

Take a look

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## Re:OBAMA\'s SISTER????

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/09 11:24

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eddd7 - Did you notice that this referenced article clearly mentioned the Obamanation's response to Jack Wheeler's challenge? He issued a stirring press release from wherever it is that he's campaigning right now: "Despite the irregularities in the vote tabulation, now is not the time to throw that strong democracy away," Obama said. "Now is a time for President Kibaki, opposition leader Odinga, and all of Kenya's leaders to call for calm, to come together, and to start a political process to address peacefully the controversies that divide them." So much for using his Kenyan contacts to do anything tangible!

Thanks for the reference!

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## Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008

Posted by johnwss - 2008/01/09 11:38

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This week the men in black outside people's doors struck here in Western Colorado. According to a World Net Daily article on Monday, [http://wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=59566](http://wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=59566), "Nearly a dozen members of a police SWAT team in western Colorado punched a hole in the front door and invaded a family's home with guns drawn, demanding that an 11-year-old boy who had had an accidental fall accompany them to the hospital, on the order of Garfield County Magistrate Lain Leoniak. The boy's parents and siblings were thrown to the floor at gunpoint and the parents were handcuffed in the weekend assault, and the boy's father told WND it was all because a paramedic was upset the family preferred to care for their son themselves."

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Admittedly, this is not a federal issue, Yet, it clearly demonstrates that the police state mentality is alive and well, even in this part of the country that prides itself on despising statism. We have a long, uphill battle, as we fight for freedom at all levels of government.

I can't help but point out that, in Colorado now, the number of terrorist attacks by state and local government exceeds the number of terrorist attacks committed by Islamic jihadists!

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**Re:OBAMA\'s SISTER????**

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/11 03:09

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**Re:OBAMA\'s SISTER????**

Posted by eddd7 - 2008/01/11 03:10

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**Re:WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM MEN IN BLACK ABOUT 2008**

Posted by prosenberg1 - 2008/01/11 13:43

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Amen, amigo. thanks.

But no matter what happens, we and America will get through it. Trust me on this. Trust America on this.

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