

The Establishment Is In Full Blown Panic Over Rand Paul



The status quo doesn't care from which direction of the phony left-right paradigm the mud is thrown, so long as it sticks



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The establishment is in full blown panic over the runaway success of Kentucky primary winner Rand Paul and has set about attacking the son of Congressman Ron Paul from every conceivable angle in an attempt to undermine his support base and ensure his defeat by a Democratic opponent in November.

Whatever your personal agreements or disagreements with the nuances of Paul's policies, the fact is that he represents the rarest breed of politician – one not controlled by special interests – and that is a fundamental threat to the status quo and the gravy train for the crooks and scoundrels in Washington DC.

On the one hand, establishment neo-con news organs like the **New York Daily News** have attempted to eviscerate Paul's Tea Party base by implying that he is not "conservative" enough in that he doesn't support endless unconstitutional wars of aggression that have not been authorized by Congress. Of course, classical conservatism of the George Washington, founding fathers variety, dictates that foreign policy should be based around a strong national defense while avoiding foreign entanglements and interventionism – which is exactly what Rand Paul embraces.

So the sight of the neo-cons trotting out the universally loathed Dick Cheney – **he had the lowest approval ratings for any Vice President in recent history** – to back Paul's opponent Trey Grayson was a pathetic effort to characterize Paul as being soft on foreign policy, a tactic that went out of date some five years ago, and its failure was evident in the size of Paul's crushing victory.

Establishment neo-con Republicans have to know that the game is up. Unless they can completely take over and subvert the Tea Party movement, which they have openly called for, it's all over for them. The fact that the Tea Party got right behind Paul despite his openly stated desire to bring the troops home proves that neo-con sentiment within the ranks of the Tea Party is on the wane. Conservatives are finally starting to understand that unconstitutional foreign wars of aggression are not conservative.

On the flip side of the rigged political spectrum we have the **neo-libs crying foul about Paul's libertarian credentials**. Despite the fact that Paul has vehemently supported his father's stance of shrinking big government, legalizing marijuana and ending the drug war, putting a stop to banker bailouts, reducing the national debt, lowering taxes, and restoring personal liberties, just because Paul hasn't explicitly supported gay marriage, this invalidates everything else according to this warped and myopic argument.

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In reality, the **issues of abortion and gay marriage have always divided libertarians** into socially conservative and socially liberal camps. Rand Paul believes that one of the few roles of government should be to protect life, which he believes begins at conception. Just because Paul doesn't believe that individual freedom should give people the freedom to kill their own children doesn't make him a neo-con.

While people who profess to be libertarians may grandstand with righteous indignation and attack Paul for his stance on abortion in the belief that they are performing some kind of moral duty to "expose" him as a neo-con, in reality they are only doing the bidding of the establishment in acting as the left-wing of the pincer attack on the Senatorial candidate's support base.

The establishment does not care from which direction the mud is thrown at Rand Paul – so long as some of it sticks – which is why they will continue to desperately try to undermine him before the elections in November, while still failing to grasp that real populist candidates who resonate with the burgeoning resistance to big government are all but immune to such smears.

Aided by helpful attacks from both sides, Democrats are apparently "giddy" about taking on Paul come November, but so long as the Senate contender sticks to his core principles, he should have little problem in seeing off an opponent who will be unable to extricate his campaign from the plunging popularity of Barack Obama and the big government agenda that he fronts for.

"I say bring it on," Rand Paul shot back yesterday. "Please bring President Obama to Kentucky, bring him to campaign as much and as often as they can because he's incredibly unpopular here, the Democrat policies are incredibly unpopular here – so I say bring it on."

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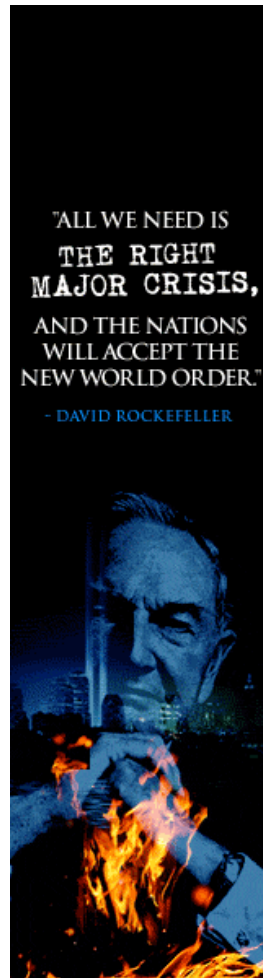
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