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Subject: Re: inc flaming

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nikki6ixx wrote on Sun, 18 July 2010 17:29Dover wrote on Sun, 18 July 2010 16:09

And every time someone says "the government" as if they're some kind of far off foreign entity that you have no ties to or influence over, a baby sheds a tear somewhere. Stop making babies cry.

The irony also being that this 'anti-government' sentiment is virulently conjured up by organizations like the NRA who endorse candidates that are generally Republican. Under Bush's watch, America's government and bureaucracy increased dramatically in size. If the NRA was truly for a distancing between government, and people's daily lives, they'd be touting Libertarians, or be politically agnostic.

The NRA is a single-issue organization. If the candidate doesn't support the 2nd Amendment, they do not get endorsed- regardless of what else is on their record. They've been known to refuse support to otherwise exceptional candidates for the sole and exclusive reason that they advocated more restrictive gun laws. You don't see as many Democrats as Republicans getting NRA support is simply because fewer Democrats are pro-gun (most of the ones who are come from districts where they wouldn't get elected if they weren't pro-gun). If the Democratic Party changed its stance on gun control, I think that the NRA would swing back to center pretty quickly.

The reason why the NRA doesn't support Libertarian candidates is because they usually don't have a chance in hell of actually winning- which is ironic because a Libertarian backed by the NRA in the right place at the right time would stand a very good chance of winning. Believe me, I would love to see them support more Libertarians... but it's not going to happen unless the party grows strong enough to be a major contender. The NRA is interested only in putting candidates in office who share the organization's agenda, and there's a stronger chance of that with mainstream candidates.

Incidentally, this is also why the ACLU is usually seen as a left-wing organization- and also why they have never taken a firm, definitive stance one way or the other on guns (it changes based on who's writing the press releases). The practical realities of political maneuvering don't leave much room for incorruptible pure idealism no matter what issue or agenda you're promoting. In theory, however, both organizations would likely take a libertarian position if they could afford to do so without eroding their vast influence.

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