



Sen. Mike Lee: Trump Is a Conservative

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Strict conservative and tea party die-hard Sen. Mike Lee told Politico of his belief that President Donald Trump is a conservative — insofar as he was elected under the Republican brand.

“At any given time, when there is a Republican president, typically we regard that person as the leader of the Republican Party. I would say that is the case today,” Lee told Politico.

That and the fact Trump does believe in one conservative principle near and dear to Lee — breaking up the power in D.C. and giving it back to the people.

“He promised in his inaugural speech in January ... to be something that will bring about a shift of power from Washington, D.C. back to the American people,” Lee told Politico. “To the extent he adheres to those principles, which are, by their nature, conservative, then I think that will bode very well for the future of the conservative movement.”

That’s news to a staunch conservative and ally of Lee’s.

“It seems to me it’s pretty obvious that Trump is not a conservative,” David Boaz, the executive vice president of the libertarian Cato Institute, told Politico.

Boaz calls Trump “a scary authoritarian nationalist protectionist crony-ist,” Politico reported.