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“Democracy and liberty are not the same. Democracy is little more than mob rule, while liberty refers to the sovereignty of the individual.” *Walter E. Williams*

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Jack Conway's Unfair Attack on Rand Paul

by *Michael O. Powell*

I'm not a Rand Paul fan, not a Kentuckian and am not going to endorse him or give money to his campaign. Given that, all of the above is true of his Democratic opponent Jack Conway as well. His [disingenuous advertisement attacking Paul](#) for an alleged laissez faire approach to law enforcement is absurd and actually makes Paul look like a much more attractive candidate:



As has been made fairly clear by my posts and also by my colleague Stephen Littau, law enforcement in this country has gone out of control into zones of paramilitary tactics that are frightening.

Littau posted a Cato Institute video that showed a police arrest of a motorcyclist by an armed police officer showing no badge who looked on all accounts [as if he were conducting a robbery](#).

Over at the Agitator, Radley Balko reports on [the murder of Michael Sipes](#), seventeen, by police after

responding to a noise complaint. As the drug war continues to escalate in Mexico, a smaller escalation appears to have occurred at home, with arrests up and disturbing lethal attacks on homes, including [many where dogs have been killed](#). In 2007, drug arrests for marijuana possession alone [totaled 775,138!](#) If a Senator Paul will introduce legislation that would eliminate non-violent arrests for “crimes” like marijuana possession, more power to him.

I can not express enough how much I disagree with Paul on the Civil Rights Act and, given being told by Caleb Brown that racism was benefitting Paul in his senate race, it makes me distrust him highly. Given that, if Paul does think non-violent crimes should be at least a lower priority, that makes me give him a second look. The last thing we need is the “cops know best” approach that Jack Conway seems to be endorsing.

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1. What do you think his position on the CRA IS? He says he would have voted for it, because of the state of state mandated segregation at the time. However, he is troubled by the idea of government interfering in private preferences, good or bad, in private action. He is denouncing racism at every turn, so to say he is benefiting from racism is a pretty nasty charge. Did you note that in Survey USA he got 37% of the vote from African Americans? Clearly they don't suspect him to be racist.

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