



Super PAC Abandons Rand Paul For Not Being Libertarian Enough

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One of the three major pro-Rand Paul super PACs has stopped fundraising for the candidate, saying he appears to have wandered too far from libertarian principles.

PurplePAC, a group overseen by libertarian Ed Crane, told Politico fundraising had ceased because Paul was “abandoning his libertarian views.” Crane, who also co-founded the Cato Institute, went on to say that was the primary reason Paul had fallen in the polls.

The timing for PurplePAC’s leap spells more trouble for the Kentucky Senator, who has only raised \$13 million between his won campaign and all of his super PACs. Staffing shakeups have plagued publicity endeavors for the Paul campaign as well, as he has struggled to gain headlines outside of repeated unfortunate news.

“I have stopped raising money for him until I see the campaign correct its problems,” said Crane. “I wasn’t going to raise money to spend on a futile crusade.”

“I want to grab Rand by the lapels and say, ‘What are you doing?’” he continued. “I’m a big fan of Rand Paul. But whatever motivates his campaign, I don’t get it.”

UPDATE (10:43 PM ET): The Paul campaign has reached out to Mediaite with a statement downplaying the importance of PurplePAC: “It is untruthful for a story to say that this Super PAC stopped supporting Senator Paul, when in fact they don’t seem to have lifted a finger in the first place.”