



Rand Paul and Marco Rubio battle in Milwaukee

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Rubio's plans of offering enormous tax credits to families with children while spending huge sums to buy war toys has big government Republican written all over it in red crayon. Rubio's tax plan, stating, "We have to decide what is Conservative".

Listen to the air leave the room when Rand Paul, rather calmly, interjects to say "Hey, Gerard, you know, we might want to point out China is not part of this deal".

But Paul was not to be silenced.

Refundable credits: Senators Marco Rubio and Rand Paul got into it over Rubio's plan to expand the Child Tax Credit (CTC). If you're a profligate spender, you spend money in an unlimited fashion for the military, is that a conservative notion?

Never questioned is how exactly the USA being "the strongest military power in the world" is a good thing; it is a dogmatic axiom simply accepted to be true.

"If you want to send troops over there, we don't send 50", Paul said. "I'm not", Rubio said in defense of military spending. So it's odd for Paul to take this line of attack against Rubio. His most memorable moment came in the second debate when Donald Trump opened the night by calling Paul ugly. Paul said the health care law limits people's ability to choose their doctor and buy affordable health insurance.

He had received a few applause during his clash with Rubio-though less than Rubio did. No where did Rubio explain or did the moderators ask him how he's going to pay for it.

Paul says he'll continue to distinguish his views and his record from those of the rest of the GOP field, like he did in the exchange with Rubio during the debate.

"He just wants to do more of everything, he wants the U.S. to be everywhere", Benjamin Friedman, a defense research fellow at the Cato Institute, recently told Washington Examiner. That was the dumbest, most foolhardy notion. Kudos for questioning those who were so anxious to arm al Qaeda's allies in Syria, and for pushing back against the ill-conceived Libyan intervention.

The Kentucky senator told a young audience Monday at the University of Minnesota to resist promises of free college and other government-driven programs as they size up 2016 candidates.

When people think about the diversity of the 2016 Republican presidential candidates, the first thing that comes to mind might be demographic characteristics: there's one woman, one African-American, and three of the candidates speak Spanish fluently. Ted Cruz, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, and businesswoman Carly Fiorina. But he sounded lost and halting as he continued, "And, if you're a moderate Islamist, you're not going to be able to survive either". "Maybe Republicans disagree with me". I spoke to a general two weeks ago, he said-he was very up on exactly what we're talking about.

Trump said he would be OK letting Russian Federation take on the Islamic State. But they did it by taking their foot off the gas, giving candidates poof-ball questions and asking practically no followups. "Look at the mess we have after spending \$2 trillion dollars, thousands of lives, wounded warriors all over the place-who I love, OK?" No, we need a safe country, but you know we spend more on our military than the next 10 countries combined?