

Notable Links Digest – August 3, 2011

Media Ignores Democrat, Union Donors When Decrying Money in Politics

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BIG JOURNALISM – By Scott Katz

... missing is the fact that Koch Enterprises employs 67,000 people (none of whom seem to be dealing drugs or robbing banks) or that the Koch Brothers have donated over 100 million dollars to MIT for the David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, 30 million to the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 25 million to MD Anderson Cancer Center, 25 million to the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, and 15 million to the Weill Cornell Medical Center (along with a pledge of 100 million dollars to the New York State Theater and the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts).

Aaron Sorkin's The Newsroom: One-Sided Politics Will Not Save Us from Politics

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HUFFINGTON POST – By Trevor Burrus

... The Newsroom has taken on the Tea Party, attacking the Koch brothers by name, as well as the Cato Institute, the Institute for Justice (IJ), and Heritage. In this clip, the characters discuss Cato's and IJ's amicus briefs on behalf of Citizens United. Jeff Daniels's character then misstates the holding of Citizens United — the case did not hold that corporations can donate directly to political candidates — and another character badly misquotes from the Institute for Justice's brief. According to her, the Institute for Justice argued that "finance laws prohibiting unlimited corporate contributions trump the First Amendment." This poorly written line not only misstates IJ's brief, it actually seems like IJ is supporting limits on campaign spending. Actual quote from the brief: "The problem lies in allowing the logic of campaign-finance laws to trump the First Amendment." Like all of his projects, Sorkin's characters are prone to flowery orations. Unfortunately, this time the Sorkin's words, including the sloppy mischaracterization of IJ's argument, were shamefully taken nearly verbatim from a ThinkProgress blog post written by the extremely partisan Lee Fang (compare the characters' words with Fang's words here).

Carville for DCCC: We'll Have to Go 'Through Hell and High Water to Win this Damn Thing'

<http://bit.ly/PXHEKY>

BRIETBART – By William Bigelow

Once again, the Democrats just can't stop cursing. Their passion level – or panic level – is certainly running high.

If we don't fight back, it'll be over long before November. Contribute \$3 or more to back up President Obama with a Democratic majority. Get your donation in today and it'll get matched. Every dollar we can muster will go straight to the front lines — organizers on the ground –

You do mean union organizers, right, James? and ads on the air hitting Republicans where it hurts. Where it hurts? As in lies and misinformation? If you're with us, then give what you can today: C'mon now!

Desperation On The Left

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POWERLINE – By John Hinderaker

It strikes me as pathetic that the once-proud Democratic Party, the party, as it likes to tell us, of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, is reduced to whining about the Koch brothers to raise money from the party's dwindling faithful.