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It's now turning Leftwing vs. Libertarians: AFP attacked as "Koch funded"



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Libertarians such as Cato Vice-President Dave Boaz, openly advocated alliances with the Left on a variety of issues during the Bush years. Olive branches were extended and accepted.

Most prominently, the Ron Paul wing of the libertarian movement, linked arms with those on the AntiWar Left, even establishing alliances with elements of Moveon.org in States such as Nevada, Minnesota, and Oregon.

Libertarians of the Right were skeptical and strongly denounced the Left-Libertarian moves. It now appears that the Rightwing of the libertarian movement may have been right.



The Hard Left is now openly attacking movement libertarians. It now appears, any previous good will to "defeat the Bush agenda," by the Left towards Left-Libertarians has been completely thrown aside.

[Think Progress](#), one of the top Hard Left news sites funded by Soros, is now attacking

movement libertarians to leading and organizing the Town Hall protests nationwide.

From "Radical Right Wing Agenda" by Lee Fang, Aug. 10:

Americans for Prosperity, which is funded by oil-interests like Koch Industries, has relied upon extreme elements to build opposition to Obama and to progressive legislation. Events sponsored and organized by the group have featured Democratic members of Congress hung in effigy, rhetoric comparing health reform to the Holocaust, and signs accusing lawmakers of being traitors.



In a same day article on the Ben Cardin Maryland Town Hall, ThinkProgress wrote:

When ThinkProgress asked an AFP worker whether the group helped organize the protests, he replied, "Yes." He said that the protesters were "part of our crowd." Another AFP staff member said that they had encouraged their members to come to the event, but didn't formally bus people in. On its website, AFP Maryland had been telling its members to ask "tough questions" but "participate in [a] respectful manner." Charles and David Koch are CEOs of Koch Industries, and are longtime financial backers of the libertarian movement. In 1980, David Koch served as the Vice-Presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party. The Ed Clark/David Koch ticket earned nearly 1 million votes, and appeared on the ballot in over 50 states.



Since then, the Koch brothers have been major backers of the Cato Institute. They've also helped other libertarian groups such as the Competitive Enterprise Institute, Americans for Limited Government and as Think Progress points out, Americans for Prosperity.

On the political front, the Kochs have been backers of various libertarian Republican candidates over the years, including Dick Randolph (former elected Libertarian Party state legislator) for Governor of Alaska, and even Ron Paul in his first run for Congress in 1996. Although, notably, they backed off of active support for the Libertarian Party in the middle 1980s.

The Left now directly attacking movement libertarians, signals a new willingness to bypass conservatives and go directly to the heart of free market supporters.

However, they may be in for a surprise. Libertarians don't play as gentle and polite as our conservative cousins.

Photos: David Koch (top), David Boaz (top right), Ed Clark (bottom), Ron Paul and Dick Randolph (bottom right)

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