

## Stupid over SOPA

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Re: No Oil meets No Copyright, Terence Corcoran, Jan. 19 Pardon my French here, but what a load this piece is. I usually appreciate Corcoran's columns, and I enjoy reading pretty much everything on the FP/NP.

Equating the No Oil radicals with the No Copyright radicals is one thing I can agree with. But opposition to SOPA/PIPA is not No Copyright. I resent the implication you make that being against SOPA is being against corporations, against capitalism, and essentially a part of the loonie left.

Is Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) part of the loonie left, too? How about Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) and the dozens of other Republicans opposed to SOPA? All anti-growth types, right? Is Wikipedia's Jimmy Wales, who has on numerous occasions referred to himself as a Rad fan, part of the anti-capitalist loonie left? Is the Cato Institute a loonie left institute? And what now, the Heritage Foundation, maybe?

I am a proud Conservative. I support Keystone XL. I support copyright protection. I support fighting online theft and piracy. And then I also happen to strongly oppose SOPA/PIPA as currently written. Fighting piracy and theft is one thing, screwing with the right to free speech and putting an unbearable burden on the user-generated content companies and non-profits, to please the anti-Oil Hollywood radicals, is simply unacceptable.

It's unfortunate that you think because 350.org or whatever extremist group opposes something, all the other opponents are now also Conflict Oil-loving anti-Keystone radicals. (This is after all the implication you make.)

Corcoran quotes a WSJ editorial. (Nothing against Murdoch, a great businessman, but he did come out strongly in favour of SOPA, and as large content creators, most media companies have a vested interest in seeing the legislation go through, so the WSJ editorial is worth what it's worth.)

I'm sorry for the harsh words, but you did insult a whole lot of people in equating all SOPA opponents to No Oil / No Copyright radicals.

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