



Christopher Preble on Young Voters, Libertarian Foreign Policy, and Students For Liberty

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Christopher Preble, Vice President for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at The Cato Institute, recently wrote an amazing article in [Foreign Policy](#) discussing Ron Paul, libertarian foreign policy, and its widespread popularity among Americans, in particular young voters.

Preble's article titled "[The Ron Paul Revolution Continues](#)" explores the bases of Ron Paul's foreign policy, its widespread appeal among most Americans, and how it will impact the future of the Republican Party. As Chris puts it:

"...Many people outside the Beltway hunger for a, yes, humbler foreign policy. Short of that, they would like to see a less militarized one. As AlterNet's [Adele Stan](#) recently explained, Paul's anti-war rhetoric "satisfies this deep spiritual yearning" among progressives to "hear someone say that we shouldn't be bombing other people around the world." On the other end of the ideological spectrum, even as she explicitly rejected Paul's foreign-policy views, [Sarah Palin](#) warned after the Iowa caucuses that "the GOP had better not marginalize Ron Paul and his supporters ... because Ron Paul and his supporters understand that a lot of Americans are war-weary and we are broke."

Preble continues to discuss the strong youth support behind a libertarian foreign policy, pointing out Students For Liberty's growth over the past 5 years:

"That sentiment is especially true for Paul's enthusiastic young backers who regularly cite concerns about the growth of government and debt as their reasons for supporting him in the first place. They also fret over the loss of civil liberties and privacy rights under the pretext of the "war on terror." These young people are powering the burgeoning Students for Liberty (SFL) movement that has grown in just five years to more than 730 student groups. And they have their eyes on the future. "The large number of young people supporting Ron Paul," explains SFL's Alexander McCobin, "support the ideas he is advocating and are preparing to carry those ideas on when Ron Paul is no longer a public figure."

Be sure to check out Christopher Preble's [full article in Foreign Policy](#).