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Once again I note that I do not start things with the Beltway crowd; I let them be unless they attack me or a friend. Here's Cato's David Boaz [going after](#) the heroic Jacob Hornberger on the grounds that Hornberger, like the rest of the libertarian world, has spoken of America as having moved away from a freer past into a less free and more regimented present. That may sound fairly accurate and inoffensive, but doesn't Hornberger know we used to have *slavery*?

Yes, Boaz actually launched an attack on Jacob Hornberger, a man of genuine principle, to make a point worthy of a third grader. *All* libertarians speak in the way that the deeply sensitive Boaz suddenly finds so terribly offensive, but I'm sure it's just a coincidence that the person he singles out for attack happens to head the [Future of Freedom Foundation](#), a rival libertarian organization that just happens to lie outside the donor orbit of Cato and its fellow \$ recipients. No significance in that at all.

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