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Cato President: This is the "Saul Alinsky Administration"

Last night was the Cato Institute's Biennial Dinner, a time they also award the Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty. The \$500,000 prize was awarded to journalist [Akbar Ganji](#), who spent six years in prison for cataloging and exposing human rights violations and government assassination in Iran.

And George Will gave the keynote address.


Dave Weigel at the Washington Post caught a several [contentious issues](#) over the evening, not least of which is this one:

Before Ganji's speech, Cato Institute President Ed Crane and keynote speaker George Will gave the audience red meat that would have fit comfortably at a Republican event. Crane referred the Obama White House as "the Saul Alinsky administration," and both men portrayed the current economic turmoil in Greece as the natural conclusion to European socialism.

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