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Binge and Purge

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In another one of those Washington insider stories every Serious Person is required to care about, Brink Lindsey and Will Wilkinson, two noted “liberalartarians,” have allegedly been “purged” from the Cato Institute (that’s [Dave Weigel’s](#) ^[1] theory, anyway, so take it for [what it’s worth](#) ^[2]). Wilkinson is good on matters of war and peace (see “[Bradley Manning’s Guilt — and Ours](#)” ^[3],” which we highlighted last week), so too bad about him.

Brink Lindsey, on the other hand... ugh. He should have been sacked back when he was using his trade policy position to agitate for dropping freedom bombs on Iraqis. In [his response](#) ^[4] to the purge story, Daniel McCarthy links to [this 2002 Joseph Stromberg piece](#) ^[5]. As you read Stromberg’s take on Lindsey, keep in mind which one of the two was marginal at the time and which one is walking into [yet another cozy think-tank sinecure today](#) ^[6].

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[5] this 2002 Joseph Stromberg piece: <http://www.antiwar.com/stromberg/?articleid=994>

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