Strange Bedfellows

## **Lindsay Lohan Hearts the Cato Institute**

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In her time of need, Lindsay Lohan is finding solace in the comforting words of the Cato Institute. What does America's leading libertarian think tank have to offer America's bad girl? A like-minded view of the U.S. legal system, apparently.

On Tuesday, Lohan received an unexpectedly harsh 90-day jail sentence for missing alcohol-education classes. Afterwards, she railed against the ruling on Twitter, quoting an obscure and

rather dry 2002 article by Cato scholar Erik Luna.

this was taken from an article by Erik Luna.. "November 1 marked the 15th anniversary of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. But there were no celebrations, parades, or other festivities in honor of this punishment scheme created by Congress and the U.S. Sentencing Commission... Instead, the day passed like most others during the last 15 years: Scores of federal defendants sentenced under a constitutionally perverted system that saps moral judgment through its mechanical rules."

For those interested, the article goes on to skewer sentencing guidelines authored by Congress in 1987. As for where Lohan gets her nightly reading material, it's anyone's best guess. For what it's worth, she also cited Article 5 of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Maybe she's just a libertarian internationalist.

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