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Kathleen Parker [uncritically quotes](#) Rick Santorum calling himself a "limited government" conservative. David Boaz [points](#) to an old NPR interview of Santorum:

He declared himself against individualism, against libertarianism, against "this whole idea of personal autonomy, . . . this idea that people should be left alone." Andrew Sullivan [in 2006] [directed our attention](#) to a television interview in which the senator from the home state of Benjamin Franklin and James Wilson denounced America's Founding idea of "the pursuit of happiness." If you watch the video, you can hear these classic hits: "This is the mantra of the left: I have a right to do what I want to do" and "We have a whole culture that is focused on immediate gratification and the pursuit of happiness . . . and it is harming America."

Parker says that Santorum is "sometimes referred to as the conscience of Senate Republicans." Really? By whom? Surely not by Reaganites, or by people who believe in limited government.

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