

**Yankee Steve's Column**  
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**The Decline and Fall of Ron Paul**

A few weeks ago I suggested that Ron Paul was more of a Libertarian than a Conservative. I had no special insight here.

Libertarians are all about balancing the budget and the Free Market but when it comes to social issues they run and hide. It seems that self-governance and economics are all that matter to them.

On the other hand Conservatives think that the government should listen to the voice of reason and conscience, and depending on these two time-honored powers it should legislate accordingly.

Conservatives accept that the government has the right to say their citizens that we can know right from wrong because reason and conscience dictate right and wrong. Going beyond that enlightened individuals believe that the government has the right, nay the duty, to tell their citizenry that they will have to answer to the powers that be when and if they do wrong.

Now because I am a Conservative I feel it necessary to add that this is where a Liberal government goes off the tracks. Very soon Michelle Obama will be telling Americans what they can or cannot eat. Arch-liberal Mayor Michael Bloomberg has already outlawed trans fats in New York City.

Be that as it may I should tell you that this past week my suspicions were confirmed regarding Ron Paul. He is a Libertarian and not a bona fide Republican.

Recently when the Texas Congressman must have been stoned out of his mind he got up out of his chair and stumbled across the House aisle. Surprising everyone he entered into a pact with the enemy. Would you believe it, Ron Paul joined forces with Democrat Barney Frank of Massachusetts a fully discredited politician whose voting record makes me wonder whether he needs to go into drug rehab. He's the guy who reminds some of us about a character in English literature of whom it was said, "He's really quite mad you know."

Be warned children of America. These two have concocted a bill that would prevent the federal government from prohibiting the sale of marijuana. Yes, they want to legalize the sale and distribution of grass. At risk is your brain and future! If they get their way the government will not punish drug pushers, the guys who always doubt any sense of duty as their brother's keeper.

As you might have guessed this bill is supported by those who sit on the Left side in Congress, the Lotus-eaters who not only believe in high taxes, but in getting high.

When running for office in 2008 Barack Obama said that he was all for the legalizing of marijuana. This must have gotten him votes from the far-out crowd. He has since changed his mind, perhaps because his children are getting older.

If this insane idea passes, it will be left up to the states to regulate the sale of the noxious weed which among other things causes memory loss and distortion of reality. More importantly, it leads to experimenting with more powerful drugs. I know because I was a supervisor in a recovery mission. Obama says in his autobiography that he used cocaine. I'm sure that if pressed he would admit that he began his journey downward with marijuana.

Alas, his economic policies make me question if he is still snorting.

### **Things to Think About**

Marijuana has a long and questionable history in the Americas. Indian medicine men used it in order to experience a different reality.

I have to wonder, would Barney Frank or Ron Paul avoid flying in a plane if they knew that the pilot had the night before been at a pot party? And what would they do if their surgeon would light up before operating? And what will you say to your children when they argue that pot cannot be harmful because if it was, the government would not have legalized its use.

Here is what parents should say: Noah took one too many baboons with him on the ark. That being the case, the helm of government will not always be in the hands of wise men.

### **Seeking Answers**

In the not too distant future when Ron Paul fails to get the nod from the GOP he will ask himself, "Why?"

Among other things this crazy marijuana bill and his deafening silence on the subject of homosexual "marriage" will explain why.

Ron Paul will need the vote of the same type of people who put George W. Bush into the White House, and the GOP knows this even if he doesn't. Paul will need the church-going crowd, the people that Obama sneered at when he said they "take refuge in their guns and religion."

We are asked to believe that Obama loves America. Maybe so. What I will not believe is that he loves Americans. He thinks we are stupid. The real difference between an Obama and a Reagan is just this. Obama looks down on the common man; Reagan did not. If Obama wants another term in office he had better come out against homosexual marriages. These everyday Americans

that he thus far has snubbed know that these marriages are not made in heaven, but in the bowels of hell. The Psalm singers and gun owners will be out in force in the 2012 election, and Obama had better take notice.

Ron Paul also needs the vote of people who attend to church and own guns; and you can take that to the bank, the Federal Reserve Bank, which Paul knows ought to be closed as soon as possible.

If Paul wants the church vote he had better distance himself from characters like Frank and Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York, another seemingly morally bankrupt soul who this past week authorized the unthinkable when he told the homosexuals of New York that they can live outside of reality by allowing them to marry. If they believe that, they must be smoking something illegal.

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