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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Tue, 08 Jan 2008 20:58:58 GMT

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Posted by [Deej](#) on Tue, 08 Jan 2008 21:02:54 GMT

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If it's really true - then you are correct. I have doubts of that article from my own impressions of RP, but I suppose we'll see.

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This guy was on the news last night blasting Ron Paul, when they asked him if he could prove that Ron Paul had said all these things he couldn't. He went on from there to continue his hearsay hatchet job. It was vary venomous with nothing much to back it up. Keep in mind, there are a lot of deep pockets that would have a lot to lose if Ron Paul would get in to office. The Dems. and the Reps. are the same thing, they are both in bed with the media and big business etc. Don't forget they said Ross Perot was a nut, a kook etc. Perot said if we signed NAFTA, let China in to the WTO, and didn't get rid of the foreign lobbyist we'd hear a huge sucking sound, well we are hearing it loud and clear here in Detroit and around the country. According to them, anybody that wants to change the corrupt way washington is run is a nut.

If you believe in the constitution, if you believe that government should be for WE THE PEOPLE and not the filthy rich monopolistic corporations and foreign governments, if you believe in freedom, equal rights, etc. you might want to think about voting for Ron Paul. At least go check out his web site and read it for yourself. <http://www.ronpaul2008.com>

If you like being lied to, if you like being treated like a mushroom, kept in the dark and fed bullshit, If you like the way this war has been managed, if you like having your country in debt to communist China, if you want a government that is bought and run by the dirtiest lobbyist with the most money, if you like having more and more of you rights taken away, more and more of your money taken away for things you don't believe in, if your Ok with the status quo, just vote in your favorite Democrat or republican and you'll get more of what you've been getting.

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Not running for president. And NO, he is not OK.

The issue is not whether RP has a sheet outfit in his closet, it is about what the legitimate role of the federal government is.

You can believe in small govt; that gov't ought to only build roads, maintain a defense-only army, etc etc and still believe that ending slavery was a virtuous act.

If you do not see that we did the right thing in the Civil War, then the voting public should know that about you.

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 09 Jan 2008 04:27:57 GMT

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As well, the game of smearing Ron Paul is an obvious way to distract from his direct claims about the corruption of currently powerful corporate and government interests.

More smearing to come, no doubt. The game is clearly on.

Cheers,

-Jamie

www.JamieKruz.com

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LaMont, I very much value your opinion. I still need more info about RP, myself. There is one thing he has stated, I believe it's on his website video issues, in which he's explaining his support for guns that, to me, gives some merit to your view. He mentions that we wouldn't have as much violence in inner-cities if we had *more* guns - you'll have to watch it for a more direct quote in context. I found it strange. I also don't agree with support for more guns.

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These labels do nothing but continue to divide us as a nation. Terms like Evangelicals, Conservatives..yada yada..Rediculous!

Come on now. It's 2008 for pete's sake!!

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Lamont,

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Where did he say he wants to take the US back to 1940 on race relations?
I did not catch that.

What I have heard him say is that he does not believe in addressing problems of groups, but that it should be of individuals. I agree with that. Any effort to lump people together as group, whether it be racial, religious, political or sexual generates generalities that may or may not apply. Only specific truths and viewpoints lead to solutions.

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For reference, my info is from people who have dedicated years to this cause, so it isn't idle speculation or personal frustration, and the solution isn't even in the ballpark of a government program, policy, or program. There are simple solutions that could improve the quality of education for each child in this country, but due to the complexity and sluggish nature of our education system (being federally tied), it will take decades to make a dent, if at all. I've seen the program work - it's phenomenal and could do what no amount of federal funding could, and for pennies per child, if not free. That's where personal/private innovation is drastically more effective than waiting for a government to solve a problem.

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If you check what Ron Paul and the Republican Liberty Caucus proposes, it's abolishing the Federal Department of Education - leaving schools to be managed at the state and local levels, which the pretty much already are. I'm not making a statement either way - just clarifying the facts and the realities of what causes problems in society.

We are fast becoming a bleeding heart, woe-is-me country of victims rather than innovators and problem solvers. Handouts never work - we've all heard the Chinese proverb - "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime"... it is true. But if he doesn't want to learn to fish and just wants you to give him one, he'll be hungry the next day. If you don't give him one then, he'll start

considering stealing.

What I personally would discourage is a victim mentality. We are only what we are individually out of choice, unless you believe we are only what our environment allows, and nothing more. Circumstances aren't always favorable, or even tolerable, but blaming the government carte blanche for the ills of society is in fact part of the problem, if not a majority cause.

³No great man ever complains of want of opportunity.²

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In support of this, 2/3 of today's billionaires were dirt poor when they started out... it takes more the open doors to become successful - it takes determination. That's what isn't being taught in schools, at home or in our society. I know of other billionaires working on revamping the education system - not just the Gates Foundation.

The point is, we can change our government until the cows come home, but if people who work and live at the local level don't want to change, then voting for change is a fool's folly. Making one's own opportunities is the most certain way to solve a problem.

PS: Why do you say "your President"? Have you changed your citizenship? :-)

We don't have to go on with this - probably enough OT threads for this week. Email me offline if you prefer. I think I've about exhausted my time allocation for OT this month. ;-))

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http://susanstroh.com/hello_Somebody.html

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>>>>> more
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> across
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> That's
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>>> a
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>>>>>> supporting
>>>>>> those controversial views.
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> word
>>>>>> for:
>>>>>> getting rid of public (Inner city) education..
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>>>>>> so-called
>>>>>> war, I disagree with his kind of politics in general, which is old
> Texas
>>>>>> style politics..
>>>>>> Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:
>>>>>>> Lamont,
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>>>>>>> What are the code words? What did he actually say? I want to know
> those
>>>>>>> words.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Where did he say he wants to take the US back to 1940 on race relations?
>>>>>>> I did not catch that.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> What I have heard him say is that he does not believe in addressing
>>>>>>> problems of groups, but that it should be of individuals. I agree
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> may
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>>>>>>>> word
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>>>>>>> Russert,
>>>>>>>> he RP started saying those coded words. When Russert pressed on
> about
>>>>>>> his
>>>>>>>> past voting record and writings, he got angry and then "cracked"..
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>>>>>>>> He's a Texan Reacist. Period. Yeah, he's saying the right things
> about
>>>>>>> the
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>>>>>>>> back into the 1940-50s on race relations. That's not good. Therefore,
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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 15:50:39 GMT
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So are you poor or just looking for sympathy at someone else's expense?
Sorry to be so blunt, but that's what it sounds like. To paraphrase your
admonishment,
if you aren't poor, then you have no right to fight a poor man's fight.
You are also still
making "your types" generalizations, and I don't appreciate it. You don't
know what you
are talking about and again, no offense, but you are using race as a crutch,

and I find that offensive.

I personally know people who've seen more hard times and challenges than you could imagine, and I know for certain they would be insulted by your approach and attitude to what one needs to do personally to succeed in this country or any other, regardless of race. I'm not going to state their race because imho, their race isn't important - who they are and what they've accomplished in life is (no, these aren't millionaires - just people who've refused to use race as an excuse).

1 - we were talking about education, not welfare, health care or feeding the poor. Handouts don't make people want to become more educated, and lack of handouts don't prevent people from going to the public library, doing their homework, or listening in class. Granted not all schools have great teachers, but all schools have students that don't try. Sorry, but you won't get any sympathy by claiming that the "pull yourself up" mentality is wrong and a "white man's" point of view. See my previous paragraph for the reasons why.

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Therein lies the problem - "have expected handouts". Any program that gives handouts on a regular basis with no effective method of turning that handout into a basis for an individual to work on their own just creates a dependancy rather than true effective change. Like I said, helping each other is one of the best things we can do with our time and resources, but creating dependancy on handouts is dangerous. We all need help from time to time, and as a society I agree - the balance of wealth is dangerously skewed in many areas: artist, entertainers, and sports stars are at the top of my list, yet that's one area most people are happy to spend money on without a second thought of that imbalance, regardless of their economic capabilities. No need to talk about corporate greed - we're on the same page there, but I think your view that "Those Billionairs love to keep us scabbling and blaming, pointing fingers, while they continue to rape us of what little monies we try to save.." is about is victim minded as I've heard. Really Lamont, if you feel that oppressed by corporate America, just buy Japanese and Chinese. ;-)) It's easier than buying American. ;-)) Hope you see the sad humor in that given you are from the Detroit area - the home

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Imho the place to stop racism is by individually ceasing to judge people's potential based on skin color, and judging their skin color based on their point of view. The rest will follow. Don't judge just because you think it makes your argument stronger. Quite the opposite.

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>> and yes a blessing, gift, handout, bailout..
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>> Your kind of thinking is a typical white man's point of view. You take
out
>> the race. This country is not fair to all. Do we agree on that?
>> I know of folks (African Americans)who have tried but have been denied
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>> through qualified) oportunities,jobs, houses, loans
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>> So, you can traach a man to fish hunt, But, if that man, is told that
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>> can't hunt nor fish on this land or pond, or he is not qualified, then
what??
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>> I do'nt buy this pull you self up lingo in this country. Wait, I do belive
>> that if you are white.. And, yes, some of us blacks do make in by some
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>> this generation teeangers. This is all behavioral. Hip-Hop has had an
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>> -downside effect on American Teens..
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>> I don't have an answer to that..BTW, I'm a conservative Democrat(Aka Blue
>> Dog-Christain). I give Tithes and offering to help and feed/cloth the
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>> Your hero Ron Reagan was on Welfare. Did'nt stay on it, but like many
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>>> Hi Lamont - so you agree with me that urban school systems, and many
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>>> schools are not working under "status quo" (e.g. federally funded systems).
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>>> For reference, my info is from people who have dedicated years to this
>>> cause, so it isn't idle speculation or personal frustration, and the
>>> solution isn't even in the ballpark of a government program, policy,
or
>>> program. There are simple solutions that could improve the quality of
>>> education for each child in this country, but due to the complexity and
>>> sluggish nature of our education system (being federally tied), it will
>> take
>>> decades to make a dent, if at all. I've seen the program work - it's
>>> phenomenal and could do what no amount of federal funding could, and
for
>>> pennies per child, if not free. That's where personal/private innovation
>> is
>>> drastically more effective than waiting for a government to solve a problem.
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>>> For additional reference, my son goes to an alternative public school
(IB
>>> program) and it is excellent. Granted, at the elementary level, problems
>>> aren't as bad as higher grades (though there are exceptions). I attended
>>> schools in all parts of our home town (as a product of bussing) suburban
>> and
>>> urban - some were good, some were just okay (5 different ones due to
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>> 2
>>> year system, from first to 12th grade). That was a few years ago, and
>>> people have changed; society has changed. Problems are more widespread
>> at
>>> earlier ages. Is that the government's fault for not throwing more money
>> at
>>> the problem? No, it's a failure at the family and individual level,
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>>> transfers to every job and responsibility taken by any individual in
a given
>>> community or society. No one from federal or local governments, or local
>>> school systems is encouraging young teenagers to become pregnant, shoot
>> one
>>> another, or take drugs. That happens as a product of society and becomes
>> a
>>> part of every aspect of that society. We can make better opportunities
>> and
>>> better environments with enough money, but it only lasts so long. Schools
>>> that are now problematic, were probably great 20 years ago. Might be
>>> interesting to check the test scores and pass/fail rates for the history
>> of
>>> the school in your neighborhood.
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>>> If you check what Ron Paul and the Republican Liberty Caucus proposes,
it's
>>> abolishing the Federal Department of Education - leaving schools to be
>>> managed at the state and local levels, which the pretty much already
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>>> I'm not making a statement either way - just clarifying the facts and
the
>>> realities of what causes problems in society.
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>>> We are fast becoming a bleeding heart, woe-is-me country of victims rather
>>> than innovators and problem solvers. Handouts never work - we've all
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>>> hungry the next day. If you don't give him one then, he'll start
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>>> What I personally would discourage is a victim mentality. We are only
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>>> we are individually out of choice, unless you believe we are only what
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>>> environment allows, and nothing more. Circumstances aren't always
>>> favorable, or even tolerable, but blaming the government carte blanche
for
>>> the ills of society is in fact part of the problem, if not a majority
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>>> In support of this, 2/3 of today's billionaires were dirt poor when they
>>> started out... it takes more the open doors to become successful - it
takes
>>> determination. That's what isn't being taught in schools, at home or
in
>> our
>>> society. I know of other billionaires working on revamping the education
>>> system - not just the Gates Foundation.
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>>> The point is, we can change our government until the cows come home,
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>> if
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>>>> we did not expect the local school system to be this bad.
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>>>> BUT, do i want to kill public education. For it's ills, there still
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>>>> in this nation who are "learning". Can it improve, yes..
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>>>> Speaking of the goverment throwing more money..Well, your President
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Subject: Re: LaMont was right...
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 17:58:31 GMT
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I'll bet that if we got you two (LaMont and Dedic) in a room together, you would quickly find some common ground. Sometimes a text forum isn't the best form of communication...

Hey LaMont, on the off chance you could come on out to Colorado this Friday, we're having a little PARIS get-together that DeeJ inspired (but DeeJ can't come after all - we'll miss you DeeJ!).

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKruz.com

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>> I personally know people who've seen more hard times and challenges than
> you
>> could imagine,
>> and I know for certain they would be insulted by your approach and attitude
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>> to what one needs to do personally to
>> succeed in this country or any other, regardless of race. I'm not going
> to
>> state their race because imho, their race isn't important - who they are
> and
>> what they've accomplished in life is (no, these aren't millionaires - just
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>> in many areas: artist, entertainers, and sports stars
>> are at the top of my list, yet that's one area most people are happy to
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> if
>>> he
>>>>> doesn't want to learn to fish and just wants you to give him one, he'll
>>>>> be
>>>>> hungry the next day. If you don't give him one then, he'll start
>>>>> considering stealing.
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>>>>> What I personally would discourage is a victim mentality. We are only
>>> what
>>>>> we are individually out of choice, unless you believe we are only what
>>> our
>>>>> environment allows, and nothing more. Circumstances aren't always
>>>>> favorable, or even tolerable, but blaming the government carte blanche
>>> for
>>>>> the ills of society is in fact part of the problem, if not a majority
>>> cause.

>>>>> Ralph Waldo Emerson
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>>>>> In support of this, 2/3 of today's billionaires were dirt poor when
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>>>>> they
>>>>> started out... it takes more the open doors to become successful -
> it
>>> takes
>>>>> determination. That's what isn't being taught in schools, at home
> or
>>> in
>>>>> our
>>>>> society. I know of other billionaires working on revamping the
>>>>> education
>>>>> system - not just the Gates Foundation.
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>>>>> The point is, we can change our government until the cows come home,
>>> but
>>>>> if
>>>>> people who work and live at the local level don't want to change, then
>>>>> voting for change is a fool's folly. Making one's own opportunities
>>> is
>>>>> the
>>>>> most certain way to solve a problem.

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>>>>> PS: Why do you say "your President"? Have you changed your
>>>>> citizenship?
>>>>> :-)
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>>>>> We don't have to go on with this - probably enough OT threads for this
>>> week.
>>>>> Email me offline if you prefer. I think I've about exhausted my time
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>>>>>) the
>>>>>> US educational system. It's horrible.
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>>>>>>> My wie and I are agonising over what school to send our baby (2 year
>>>>>)
>>>>>> old
>>>>>>> when shes turns five(school age). These suburban schools a horrible.
>>> The
>>>>>>> kids lack manners. Are having sex (in school). Cursing out the
>>>>>>> teachers.
>>>>>>> Girls dress like strippers. Horrible. When we invested into this
>>>>>>> community,
>>>>>>> we did not expect the local school system to be this bad.
>>>>>>> ANd, we're told the private schools are not that much better.
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>>>>>>> BUT, do i want to kill public education. For it's ill, there still
>>> students
>>>>>>> in this nation who are "learning". Can it improve, yes..
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Speaking of the goverment throwing more money..Well, your President
>>> (Bush)
>>>>>>> has underfunded the No Child Left Behind program big time. Then, stole
>>>>> major
>>>>>>> funding to our public universities, while letting Predatory Student
>>>>>>> loan(sharks)
>>>>>>> have their way and in-debt students for life..(I digress) :)
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> What's really broke is America. Our Gov has has been (for the last
>>> 20
>>>>> years)

>>>>>> made a concerted effort to dumb us all down and slow down technology
>>> in
>>>>> the
>>>>>> name of NATIONAL Security. We so behind in so many areas it's
>>>>>> saddening
>>>>> to
>>>>>> think about it.
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>>>>>>> I only read part of the originally posted transcript and don't know
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>>>>>>> views on race personally (and
>>>>>>> neither does anyone else apparently) so he may or may not have views
>>>>> we
>>>>>>> would all object to,
>>>>>>> but just have to interject that just saying someone's "good ole boy
>>>>>>> politics" makes them racist
>>>>>>> is in itself stereotyping and just as prejudiced.
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>>>>>>> His reasoning for getting rid of the Department of Education may
> well
>>>>> be
>>>>>>> because it is failing
>>>>>>> to do it's job (I don't know if getting rid of it is the solution,
>>> but
>>>>>>> keeping it "status quo" is not, for certain).
>>>>>>> Charter schools, private and alternative approach schools are
>>>>>>> significantly
>>>>>>> more
>>>>>>> successful currently (I have inside info to know this).
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Lamont, I worked with an entrepreneur (and his partner company)
>>>>>>> trying
>>>>> to
>>>>>>> change the education system from the inside out,
>>>>>>> starting with inner city schools. Did you know that urban schools
>>> across
>>>>>>> the US have an average
>>>>>>> of 80% student population falling below a basic proficiency level?
>>> That's
>>>>>>> basic reading and math - 80%
>>>>>>> are below a very basic level - not a higher than realistic level,
> but
>>>>> a
>>>>>>> lower than realistic level.
>>>>>>> I don't recall all of the stats, but it blew me away just how bad

> the
>>>>>> education system is. Atlanta is in terrible shape.
>>>>>> Others are doing poorly as well. These are their stats from schools
>>>>>> systems, not political parties.
>>>>>>
>>>>>> Who's failure is that? Politicians in Washington? Not unless
>>>>>> teachers,
>>>>>> community leaders and parents
>>>>>> look to Washington for instruction when they get up each morning.
>>> No,
>>>> it's
>>>>>> a public problem that
>>>>>> "we the people" are ignoring, and it's hard to not put a bit of
>>>>>> responsibility on the students for just
>>>>>> not caring enough to try harder. All the money in the world can't
>>> make
>>>>>> someone want to learn. To
>>>>>> the support of students who haven't had a chance, my friend's program
>>>> aims
>>>>>> to correct learning problems
>>>>>> that are holding a lot of kids back - and it works - but he estimates
>>>> 20
>>>>>> years to work through the
>>>>>> red tape and establishment that is the current public school system.
>>>> Doing
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>>>>>> save a few hundred thousand kids. They are already working with
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>>>>>>> issues, they were in line with the good O'l boy politics. When
>>>>>>> questioned
>>>>>>> about those thngs he tried to deny saying them and voting or even
>>>>>>> supporting
>>>>>>> those controversial views.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> One comment was: To do away with the Department of Education: Code
>>> word

>>>>>>> for:
>>>>>>> getting rid of public (Inner city) education..
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> While, I agree with his stance on the current administration and
> the
>>>>>>> so-called
>>>>>>> war, I disagree with his kind of politics in general, which is old
>>> Texas
>>>>>>> style politics..
>>>>>>> Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:
>>>>>>> Lamont,
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> What are the code words? What did he actually say? I want to know
>>> those
>>>>>>> words.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Where did he say he wants to take the US back to 1940 on race
>>>>>>> relations?
>>>>>>> I did not catch that.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> What I have heard him say is that he does not believe in addressing
>>>>>>> problems of groups, but that it should be of individuals. I agree
>>> with
>>>>>>> that. Any effort to lump people together as group, whether it be
>>> racial,
>>>>>>> religious, political or sexual generates generalities that may
> or
>>> may
>>>>>>> not apply. Only specific truths and viewpoints lead to solutions.
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>>>>>>> LaMont wrote:
>>>>>>>> Being a student of racial affairs of this nation, you learn the
>>> code
>>>>>>>> word
>>>>>>>> of Racist. It's a disguised language of codes words. When
>>>>>>>> interviews
>>>>>>> by
>>>>>>>> Russert,
>>>>>>>>> he RP started saying those coded words. When Russert pressed on
>>> about
>>>>>>>> his
>>>>>>>>> past voting record and writings, he got angry and then "cracked"..
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> He's a Texan Reacist. Period. Yeah, he's saying the right things
>>> about
>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>>> Iraq situation, but on the domestic front, this dude whats to

> take
>>>>>>>>>> America
>>>>>>>>>> back into the 1940-50s on race relations. That's not good.
>>>>>>>>>> Therefore,
>>>>>>>>>> he
>>>>>>>>>> is a Kook..A hack, a Third rate Racist Texas Politician..
>>>>>>>>>> "DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>> http://www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=e2f15397-a3c7-4720 -ac15-4532a
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>>>>>>>>>> a84ca
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>>>>>>>>>>> This is not good...
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Subject: Re: LaMont was right...
Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 18:06:56 GMT
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Wow. You even disagree that you don't know my race? You disagree that we agree about the problems with corporate greed? that education needs improvement? You did say *all* of my points....

No, Lamont, we don't have a divided nation. We have a nation increasingly filled with people (of all races) unwilling to take responsibility for improving it by working together, putting differences aside, not waiting for someone else to do it for them (McDonalds' syndrome); People not willing to look past their own baggage, prejudices, and perception of "the man", regardless of cultural background, to seek a positive solution; People not willing to recognize ill-placed pride and instead carry an attitude that it's always someone else's fault - "sue whoever hurts you or makes your coffee too hot", "blame whoever you disagree with", and if all else fails, blame the government, all the time talking about equality, freedom to choose, and empowering individuality. Pretty contradictory imho.

"And all your types do is look at a brand or group of folks to blame it on.."

Before you go accusing others of "blaming others", take a look at your own words my friend.

Let this cool down. We aren't enemies, but it saddens me that too many discussions seem to head down this road here. You are right, we will never be of like-mind until you are willing to see us as more alike than different.

"LaM0nt" <jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote in message news:47865796\$1 @linux...

>

> Let me just state, I totally disagree with you points..All Of them.

>

> That's why we have a divided nation..

>

> "Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:

>>So are you poor or just looking for sympathy at someone else's expense?

>>Sorry to be so blunt, but that's what it sounds like. To paraphrase your

>

>>admonishment,

>>if you aren't poor, then you have no right to fight a poor man's fight.

>

>>You are also still

>>making "your types" generalizations, and I don't appreciate it. You don't

>

>>know what you

>>are talking about and again, no offense, but you are using race as a

>>crutch,

>

>>and I find that offensive.

>>

>>I personally know people who've seen more hard times and challenges than

> you

>>could imagine,

>>and I know for certain they would be insulted by your approach and

>>attitude

>

>>to what one needs to do personally to

>> succeed in this country or any other, regardless of race. I'm not going

> to

>>state their race because imho, their race isn't important - who they are

> and

>>what they've accomplished in life is (no, these aren't millionaires - just

>

>>people who've refused

>>to use race as an excuse).

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>>1 - we were talking about education, not welfare, health care or feeding

> the

>>poor. Handouts don't make people want to become more educated, and lack

> of

>>handouts don't prevent people from going to the public library, doing

>>their

>

>>homework, or listening in class. Granted not all schools have great

>>teachers, but all schools have students that don't try. Sorry, but you

>
>>won't get any sympathy by claiming that the "pull yourself up" mentality
> is
>>wrong and a "white man's" point of view. See my previous paragraph for
> the
>>reasons why.
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>>2 - you said: "But, I totally disagree with you about "Handouts never work
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>>". People, companys,farmers,this
>> country needs bailouts , and have excpeted handouts, bailouts if you
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>>Therein lies the problem - "have expected handouts". Any program that
>>gives
>
>>handouts on a regular basis
>>with no effective method of turning that handout into a basis for an
>>individual to work on their own just creates a dependancy
>>rather than true effective change. Like I said, helping each other is one
>
>>of the best things we can do
>>with our time and resources, but creating dependancy on handouts is
>>dangerous. We all need help from time to
>>time, and as a society I agree - the balance of wealth is dangerously
>>skewed
>
>>in many areas: artist, entertainers, and sports stars
>>are at the top of my list, yet that's one area most people are happy to
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>>spend money on without a second thought of that imbalance, regardless of
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>>their economic capabilities. No need to talk about corporate greed -
>>we're
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>>page there, but I think your view that "Those Billionairs love to keep us
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>> while they continue to rape us of what little monies we try to save.."
> is
>>about is victim minded as I've heard.
>>Really Lamont, if you feel that oppressed by corporate America, just buy
>
>>Japanese and Chinese. ;-)) It's easier
>>than buying American. ;-)) Hope you see the sad humor in that given you
> are

>>from the Detroit area - the home
>>of companies that have for years resisted alternative fuels, more
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>>> Should
>>> we not help them?
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>>>>the poor and handing out token freebies as a government program in hopes
>>> of
>>>>changing a society. Monumental difference.
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>>>>In truth it's our society that should be helping one another at the
>>>>community, neighborhood and personal level. We develop programs to
>>>>expand
>>>>what we want to do personally on a smaller scale, but eventually the
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>>>>is watered down both financially among other costs, and certainly on a
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>>>>>>> issues, they were in line with the good O'l boy politics. When
>>>>>>> questioned
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>>>>>>> those controversial views.
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>>>>>>> for:
>>>>>>> getting rid of public (Inner city) education..
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> the
>>>>>>> so-called
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>>> Texas
>>>>>>> style politics..
>>>>>>> Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:
>>>>>>> Lamont,
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>>>>>>> What are the code words? What did he actually say? I want to know
>>> those
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> words.
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>>>>>>> Where did he say he wants to take the US back to 1940 on race
>>>>>>> relations?
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>>>>>>> I did not catch that.
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>>>>>>> What I have heard him say is that he does not believe in
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>>>>>>> problems of groups, but that it should be of individuals. I agree
>>> with
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> or

Subject: Re: LaMont was right...
Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 18:31:32 GMT
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I have no doubt whatsoever that you are right Jamie. And Lamont, hopefully I'll have the pleasure of meeting you in person someday - perhaps a future group trip/meet at a NAMM show or AES. And I'll ditto that invite for Friday, even though I know it's probably not realistic, it's still just as sincere.

Regards,
Dedric

"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:47865d69@linux...

>
> I'll bet that if we got you two (LaMont and Dedric) in a room together,
> you would quickly find some common ground. Sometimes a text forum isn't
> the best form of communication...

>
> Hey LaMont, on the off chance you could come on out to Colorado this
> Friday, we're having a little PARIS get-together that DeeJ inspired (but
> DeeJ can't come after all - we'll miss you DeeJ!).

>
> Cheers,
> -Jamie
> www.JamieKrutz.com

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> LaM0nt wrote:

>> Let me just state, I totally disagree with you points..All Of them.

>>
>> That's why we have a divided nation..

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>> "Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>>> So are you poor or just looking for sympathy at someone else's expense?
>>> Sorry to be so blunt, but that's what it sounds like. To paraphrase
>>> your

>>
>>> admonishment,
>>> if you aren't poor, then you have no right to fight a poor man's fight.

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>>> You are also still
>>> making "your types" generalizations, and I don't appreciate it. You
>>> don't

>>
>>> know what you
>>> are talking about and again, no offense, but you are using race as a
>>> crutch,

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>>> and I find that offensive.
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>>> I personally know people who've seen more hard times and challenges than
>> you
>>> could imagine,
>>> and I know for certain they would be insulted by your approach and
>>> attitude
>>
>>> to what one needs to do personally to
>>> succeed in this country or any other, regardless of race. I'm not going
>> to
>>> state their race because imho, their race isn't important - who they are
>> and
>>> what they've accomplished in life is (no, these aren't millionaires -
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>>> people who've refused
>>> to use race as an excuse).
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>>> 1 - we were talking about education, not welfare, health care or feeding
>> the
>>> poor. Handouts don't make people want to become more educated, and lack
>> of
>>> handouts don't prevent people from going to the public library, doing
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>>> homework, or listening in class. Granted not all schools have great
>>> teachers, but all schools have students that don't try. Sorry, but you
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>>> Therein lies the problem - "have expected handouts". Any program that
>>> gives
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>>> handouts on a regular basis

>>> with no effective method of turning that handout into a basis for an
>>> individual to work on their own just creates a dependency
>>> rather than true effective change. Like I said, helping each other is
>>> one
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>>> of the best things we can do
>>> with our time and resources, but creating dependency on handouts is
>>> dangerous. We all need help from time to
>>> time, and as a society I agree - the balance of wealth is dangerously
>>> skewed
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>>> in many areas: artist, entertainers, and sports stars
>>> are at the top of my list, yet that's one area most people are happy to
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>>> spend money on without a second thought of that imbalance, regardless of
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>>> their economic capabilities. No need to talk about corporate greed -
>>> we're
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>>> on the same
>>> page there, but I think your view that "Those Billionaires love to keep
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>>> scabbling and blaming, pointing fingers,
>>> while they continue to rape us of what little monies we try to save.."
>> is
>>> about is victim minded as I've heard.
>>> Really Lamont, if you feel that oppressed by corporate America, just buy
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>>> Japanese and Chinese. ;-)) It's easier
>>> than buying American. ;-)) Hope you see the sad humor in that given you
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>>> of companies that have for years resisted alternative fuels, more
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>>> and enduring engines, supporting the one
>>> industry that has more wealth than our country, and holds the whole
>>> world
>> by
>>> the cohonos - oil.
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>>> Oh.... 3 - you actually don't know what my race is, so aren't you just
>>> reading my post, point of view,
>>> and judging my race based on your own perception of stereotypes? How
>>> much
>>
>>> more racist could one possibly be?

>>> Imho the place to stop racism is by individually ceasing to judge
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>>>> Should
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>>>> You are speweing right-wing libritarian nonsense that keeps us poor
>>>> folks
>>>> arguing over "scraps".Meanwhile the rich just keep getting richer and
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>> It's
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>>>>> the
>>>>> same way.
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>>>>> To end on a less personal note, there is a huge difference between
>>>>> helping
>>>>> the poor and handing out token freebies as a government program in
>>>>> hopes
>>>> of
>>>>> changing a society. Monumental difference.
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>>>> In truth it's our society that should be helping one another at the
>>>> community, neighborhood and personal level. We develop programs to
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>>>> what we want to do personally on a smaller scale, but eventually the
>>>> effect
>>>> is watered down both financially among other costs, and certainly on a
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>>>>>>>>>> "cracked"..
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>>>>>>>>>> He's a Texan Reacist. Period. Yeah, he's saying the right
>>>>>>>>>> things
>>>> about
>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>> Iraq situation, but on the domestic front, this dude whats to
>> take
>>>>>>>>>> America
>>>>>>>>>> back into the 1940-50s on race relations. That's not good.
>>>>>>>>>> Therefore,
>>>>>>>>>> he
>>>>>>>>>> is a Kook..A hack, a Third rate Racist Texas Politician..
>>>>>>>>>> "DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>>> http://www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=e2f15397-a3c7-4720 -ac15-4532a
>>>>>>>>>>> 7d
>>>>>>>>>>> a84ca
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>>>>>>>>>>>>> This is not good...
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Subject: Re: LaMont was right...
Posted by [LaMontt](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 18:36:22 GMT
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Let me just state, I totally disagree with you points..All Of them.

That's why we have a divided nation..

"Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:

>So are you poor or just looking for sympathy at someone else's expense?

>Sorry to be so blunt, but that's what it sounds like. To paraphrase your

>admonishment,

>if you aren't poor, then you have no right to fight a poor man's fight.

>You are also still

>making "your types" generalizations, and I don't appreciate it. You don't

>know what you

>are talking about and again, no offense, but you are using race as a crutch,

>and I find that offensive.

>

>I personally know people who've seen more hard times and challenges than you

>could imagine,

>and I know for certain they would be insulted by your approach and attitude

>to what one needs to do personally to

> succeed in this country or any other, regardless of race. I'm not going to

>state their race because imho, their race isn't important - who they are and

>what they've accomplished in life is (no, these aren't millionaires - just

>people who've refused

>to use race as an excuse).

>

>1 - we were talking about education, not welfare, health care or feeding the

>poor. Handouts don't make people want to become more educated, and lack of

>handouts don't prevent people from going to the public library, doing their

>homework, or listening in class. Granted not all schools have great

>teachers, but all schools have students that don't try. Sorry, but you

>won't get any sympathy by claiming that the "pull yourself up" mentality is

>wrong and a "white man's" point of view. See my previous paragraph for the

>reasons why.

>

>2 - you said: "But, I totally disagree with you about "Handouts never work

>". People, companys,farmers,this

> country needs bailouts , and have excpeted handouts, bailouts if you

>will."

>

>Therein lies the problem - "have expected handouts". Any program that gives

>handouts on a regular basis

>with no effective method of turning that handout into a basis for an

>individual to work on their own just creates a dependancy

>rather than true effective change. Like I said, helping each other is one

>of the best things we can do

>with our time and resources, but creating dependancy on handouts is

>dangerous. We all need help from time to
>time, and as a society I agree - the balance of wealth is dangerously skewed

>in many areas: artist, entertainers, and sports stars
>are at the top of my list, yet that's one area most people are happy to

>spend money on without a second thought of that imbalance, regardless of

>their economic capabilities. No need to talk about corporate greed - we're

>on the same
>page there, but I think your view that "Those Billionaires love to keep us

>scabbling and blaming, pointing fingers,
> while they continue to rape us of what little monies we try to save.." is

>about is victim minded as I've heard.
>Really Lamont, if you feel that oppressed by corporate America, just buy

>Japanese and Chinese. ;-)) It's easier
>than buying American. ;-)) Hope you see the sad humor in that given you are

>from the Detroit area - the home
>of companies that have for years resisted alternative fuels, more efficient

>and enduring engines, supporting the one
>industry that has more wealth than our country, and holds the whole world by

>the cohomones - oil.

>

>Oh.... 3 - you actually don't know what my race is, so aren't you just
>reading my post, point of view,
>and judging my race based on your own perception of stereotypes? How much

>more racist could one possibly be?
>Imho the place to stop racism is by individually ceasing to judge people's

>potential based on skin color, and judging their
>skin color based on their point of view. The rest will follow. Don't judge

>just because you think it makes your argument
>stronger. Quite the opposite.

>

>Regards,
>Dedric

>

>"LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote in message news:478633ad@linux...
>>

>> Good Morning,
>>
>> I apologize if my statements come off as racist, they are not..Just a fact
>> from a Black man in America. Our view points are differnt because our

>> cultural
>> upbringing.
>>
>> I disagree with you about giving and so-called gov freebies. First, it's
>> not the Govs money. It's our. So, we the people have a right to choose
how
>> to spend it. Helping people in need is Trait from God. He (God) does not
>> turn his back on us when we ar e in need, so why are to turn a blind eye
>> to someone who is?
>>
>> Not to mention, Corp bailouts all in name ad cause of "good for the
>> economy"..Oh
>> Yeah, what about all those who have been and are facing foreclosure..

>> Should
>> we not help them?
>>
>> You are speweing right-wing libritarian nonsense that keeps us poor folks
>> arguing over "scraps".Meanwhile the rich just keep getting richer and

>> richer.
>> And all your types do is look at a brand or group of folks to blame it

>> on..
>>
>> It's all about the 'Distribution Of Wealth'. \$\$\$\$ Nothing more, nothing

>> less.
>> Those Billionairs love to keep us scabbling and blaming, pointing fingers,
>> while they continue to rape us of what little monies we try to save..
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>> Unless you are rich, you have no right to "fight/debate a richman's
>> fight".
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>> Detric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>>>Lamont, don't take offense to this, but your post sounds as racist and
>>>prejudiced as I've heard, and certainly in the context that it is directed
>>>at me. I'm not going to get into this further as it's going nowhere and

>> I
>>>don't have any interest in sharing my personal life experiences online

>>>(that
>>>would have to be over coffee in person - perhaps we'll have a chance
>>>someday), but trust me when I say, when referring to me as "typical white
>>>man" or "your hero Ron Reagan" you have no idea what you are talking
>>>about.
>>>None. You are judging me without knowing me or any facts whatsoever.
>>>That's
>>>shortsighted at best, racist at worst - not an accusation, just an
>>>observation. Again, no personal offense intended at all - just hoping
you
>>>can see the reality of how your words and point of view come across.
It's
>>>hard to gain sympathy for a problem you may face if you treat others the
>>>same way.
>>>
>>>To end on a less personal note, there is a huge difference between helping
>>>the poor and handing out token freebies as a government program in hopes
>> of
>>>changing a society. Monumental difference.
>>>
>>>In truth it's our society that should be helping one another at the
>>>community, neighborhood and personal level. We develop programs to expand
>>>what we want to do personally on a smaller scale, but eventually the
>>>effect
>>>is watered down both financially among other costs, and certainly on a
>>>personal level as there is no personal interaction. I think most of us
>> are
>>>guilty of relying on another organization, church, or government to do
the
>>>work while we drop a check in the mail or the basket to feel better for
>> it,
>>>when the person who needs a hand most might be next door. I know I am
>>>guilty of that. Just a thought.
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>>>Regards,
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>>>On 1/10/08 1:18 AM, in article 4785c6ad\$1@linux, "LaMont"
>>><jjdpro@gmail.com>
>>>wrote:
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>>>> I would agree withg you that some federal spending on education could
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>>>> needs to be reworked..

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>>>> companys,farmers,this
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>>>> If you are a spiritual man, than you lean to rely on the Lord for things
>>>> that you can't do. Bottom line, everybody form time to time needs a

>>>> helphand,
>>>> and yes a blessing, gift, handout, bailout..
>>>>
>>>> Your kind of thinking is a typical white man's point of view. You take
>> out
>>>> the race. This country is not fair to all. Do we agree on that?
>>>> I know of folks (African Americans)who have tried but have been denied
>> (even
>>>> through qualified) oportunities,jobs, houses, loans
>>>>
>>>> So, you can traach a man to fish hunt, But, if that man, is told that
>> he
>>>> can't hunt nor fish on this land or pond, or he is not qualified, then
>> what??
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>>>> I do'nt buy this pull you self up lingo in this country. Wait, I do

>>>> belive
>>>> that if you are white.. And, yes, some of us blacks do make in by some
>>>> unbelievable
>>>> obstacales that would have made most quit..
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>>>> Back to education: I would say that our elementary and middle education
>> is
>>>> fine...but, it's the high schools, and better the students..These kids
>> are
>>>> out of control. Reguardless of race. The teachers are of at cross-roads
>> with
>>>> this generation teeangers. This is all behavioral. Hip-Hop has had an
>> major
>>>> -downside effect on American Teens..
>>>>
>>>> I don't have an answer to that..BTW, I'm a conservative Democrat(Aka

>>>> Blue
>>>> Dog-Christain). I give Tithes and offering to help and feed/cloth the
>> poor.
>>>> Your hero Ron Reagan was on Welfare. Did'nt stay on it, but like many
>>>> others,needed

>>>> that helping hand (AKa Hand out)..
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>>>> Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>>>>> Hi Lamont - so you agree with me that urban school systems, and many
>> public
>>>>> schools are not working under "status quo" (e.g. federally funded
>>>>> systems).
>>>>>
>>>>> For reference, my info is from people who have dedicated years to this
>>>>> cause, so it isn't idle speculation or personal frustration, and the
>>>>> solution isn't even in the ballpark of a government program, policy,
>> or
>>>>> program. There are simple solutions that could improve the quality
>>>>> of
>>>>> education for each child in this country, but due to the complexity
>>>>> and
>>>>> sluggish nature of our education system (being federally tied), it
>>>>> will
>>>> take
>>>>> decades to make a dent, if at all. I've seen the program work - it's
>>>>> phenomenal and could do what no amount of federal funding could, and
>> for
>>>>> pennies per child, if not free. That's where personal/private
>>>>> innovation
>>>> is
>>>>> drastically more effective than waiting for a government to solve a

>>>>> problem.
>>>>>
>>>>> For additional reference, my son goes to an alternative public school
>> (IB
>>>>> program) and it is excellent. Granted, at the elementary level,
>>>>> problems
>>>>> aren't as bad as higher grades (though there are exceptions). I
>>>>> attended
>>>>> schools in all parts of our home town (as a product of bussing)
>>>>> suburban
>>>> and
>>>>> urban - some were good, some were just okay (5 different ones due to
>> our
>>>> 2
>>>>> year system, from first to 12th grade). That was a few years ago,
>>>>> and
>>>>> people have changed; society has changed. Problems are more widespread
>>>> at
>>>>> earlier ages. Is that the government's fault for not throwing more

>>>> money
>>>> at
>>>> the problem? No, it's a failure at the family and individual level,
>> which
>>>> transfers to every job and responsibility taken by any individual in
>> a given
>>>> community or society. No one from federal or local governments, or

>>>> local
>>>> school systems is encouraging young teenagers to become pregnant, shoot
>>>> one
>>>> another, or take drugs. That happens as a product of society and
>>>> becomes
>>>> a
>>>> part of every aspect of that society. We can make better opportunities
>>>> and
>>>> better environments with enough money, but it only lasts so long.
>>>> Schools
>>>> that are now problematic, were probably great 20 years ago. Might
be
>>>> interesting to check the test scores and pass/fail rates for the
>>>> history
>>>> of
>>>> the school in your neighborhood.
>>>>
>>>> If you check what Ron Paul and the Republican Liberty Caucus proposes,
>> it's
>>>> abolishing the Federal Department of Education - leaving schools to
be
>>>> managed at the state and local levels, which the pretty much already
>> are.
>>>> I'm not making a statement either way - just clarifying the facts and
>> the
>>>> realities of what causes problems in society.
>>>>
>>>> We are fast becoming a bleeding heart, woe-is-me country of victims

>>>> rather
>>>> than innovators and problem solvers. Handouts never work - we've all
>> heard
>>>> the Chinese proverb - "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.
>> Teach
>>>> a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime"... it is true. But
if
>> he
>>>> doesn't want to learn to fish and just wants you to give him one, he'll
>>>> be
>>>> hungry the next day. If you don't give him one then, he'll start

>>>> considering stealing.
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>>>> What I personally would discourage is a victim mentality. We are only
>> what
>>>> we are individually out of choice, unless you believe we are only what
>> our
>>>> environment allows, and nothing more. Circumstances aren't always
>>>> favorable, or even tolerable, but blaming the government carte blanche
>> for
>>>> the ills of society is in fact part of the problem, if not a majority
>> cause.
>>>>

>>>> Ralph Waldo Emerson

>>>>

>>>> In support of this, 2/3 of today's billionaires were dirt poor when

>>>> they

>>>> started out... it takes more the open doors to become successful -
it

>> takes

>>>> determination. That's what isn't being taught in schools, at home
or

>> in

>>>> our

>>>> society. I know of other billionaires working on revamping the

>>>> education

>>>> system - not just the Gates Foundation.

>>>>

>>>> The point is, we can change our government until the cows come home,

>> but

>>>> if

>>>> people who work and live at the local level don't want to change, then

>>>> voting for change is a fool's folly. Making one's own opportunities

>> is

>>>> the

>>>> most certain way to solve a problem.

>>>>

>>>> PS: Why do you say "your President"? Have you changed your

>>>> citizenship?

>>>> :-)

>>>>

>>>> We don't have to go on with this - probably enough OT threads for this

>> week.

>>>> Email me offline if you prefer. I think I've about exhausted my time

>>>> allocation for OT this month. ;-))

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>>>>> Cont: I'm a big supporter of the Bill and Melinda Gates (re-inventing
>>>>) the
>>>>> US educational system. It's horrible.
>>>>>
>>>>> My wie and I are agonising over what school to send our baby (2 year
>>)
>>>> old
>>>>> when shes turns five(school age). These suburban schools a horrible.
>> The
>>>>> kids lack manners. Are having sex (in school). Cursing out the
>>>>> teachers.
>>>>> Girls dress like strippers. Horrible. When we invested into this
>>>>> community,
>>>>> we did not expect the local school system to be this bad.
>>>>> ANd, we're told the private schools are not that much better.
>>>>>
>>>>> BUT, do i want to kill public education. For it's ills, there still
>> students
>>>>> in this nation who are "learning". Can it improve, yes..
>>>>>
>>>>> Speaking of the goverment throwing more money..Well, your President
>> (Bush)
>>>>> has underfunded the No Child Left Behind program big time. Then, stole
>>>> major
>>>>> funding to our public universities, while letting Predatory Student
>>>>> loan(sharks)
>>>>> have their way and in-debt students for life..(I digress) :)
>>>>>
>>>>> What's really broke is America. Our Gov has has been (for the last
>>>> 20
>>>> years)
>>>>> made a concerted effort to dumb us all down andslow down technology
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>>>>> name of NATional Security. We so behind in so many areas it's
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>>>>> keeping it "status quo" is not, for certain).
>>>>> Charter schools, private and alternative approach schools are
>>>>> significantly
>>>>>
>>>>> more
>>>>> successful currently (I have inside info to know this).
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>>>>> Lamont, I worked with an entrepreneur (and his partner company)
>>>>> trying
>>>> to
>>>>>
>>>>> change the education system from the inside out,
>>>>> starting with inner city schools. Did you know that urban schools
>> across
>>>>>
>>>>> the US have an average
>>>>> of 80% student population falling below a basic proficiency level?
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that? Are we so insecure with out beliefs that we must disrespect others merely for having a different opinion?

And anyway, if the pundits in question had actual factual support for whatever points of view they were flogging, derisive terms would be totally unnecessary.

We're in for a long election season, stand by with the off buttons. That goes for negative political commercials, too.

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 22:22:10 GMT
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Well, I believe him. Take a look at his congressional voting record and see if it does not align tightly with what he says is his platform. To me a voting record consistent with your candidacy promises and stated beliefs shows integrity and i like that in a candidate.

DC wrote:

> <http://www.ronpaul2008.com/press-releases/125/ron-paul-statement-on-the-new-republic-article-regarding-old-newsletters>

>

> Sorry, I find this unconvincing.

>

> Essentially, RP says:

>

> Old News

>

> Already Dealt With

>

> Rehashed

>

> I didn't write that stuff

>

> Dirty Trick on day of NH primary

>

> I am sorry for not editing those comments more closely

>

> I love MLK!

>

>

> Sorry, no sale... I suspect those newsletters were unattributed
> (no author listed) for precisely these reasons: they would then
> be deniable.
>
> They went out under his name. He is responsible.
>
> Now, if those stupid articles had come out under MY name,
> I would have resigned from the org and LOUDLY denounced the
> author by name the next morning.
> If RP had done that, all he would have to do is quote himself.
> He did not. He is responsible for those stupid and ignorant
> articles.
>
> I don't think he is a closet kluxer,
> but those articles describe how he really feels IMO.
>
> And if it was a dirty trick, why in hell use it now? Paul is not
> a factor in the race at this point. If it was a dirty trick, you save
> it for when he becomes a real threat to win, then you drop
> the bomb.
>
> And, suppose a real kluxer, (or former kluxer) say Dukes or Byrd,
> was running. Would you buy the "old news" defense?
>
> We need a Libertarian candidate to run. Not this one however.
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> DC

Subject: Re: LaMont was right...
Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 22:27:12 GMT
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>>>>> Charter schools, private and alternative approach schools are significantly
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> That's
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>>>>> systems, not political parties.
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>>>>>
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>>>>>>> a84ca
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 23:09:34 GMT
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<http://www.ronpaul2008.com/press-releases/125/ron-paul-state-ment-on-the-new-republic-article-regarding-old-newsletters>

Sorry, I find this unconvincing.

Essentially, RP says:

Old News

Already Dealt With

Rehashed

I didn't write that stuff

Dirty Trick on day of NH primary

I am sorry for not editing those comments more closely

I love MLK!

Sorry, no sale... I suspect those newsletters were unattributed (no author listed) for precisely these reasons: they would then be deniable.

They went out under his name. He is responsible.

Now, if those stupid articles had come out under MY name, I would have resigned from the org and LOUDLY denounced the author by name the next morning.

If RP had done that, all he would have to do is quote himself.

He did not. He is responsible for those stupid and ignorant articles.

I don't think he is a closet kluxer, but those articles describe how he really feels IMO.

And if it was a dirty trick, why in hell use it now? Paul is not a factor in the race at this point. If it was a dirty trick, you save it for when he becomes a real threat to win, then you drop the bomb.

And, suppose a real kluxer, (or former kluxer) say Dukes or Byrd, was running. Would you buy the "old news" defense?

We need a Libertarian candidate to run. Not this one however.

DC

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Posted by [rick](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 12:27:30 GMT
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at least he didn't say a 1000 years...;o)

On Thu, 10 Jan 2008 17:31:12 -0500, Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com>
wrote:

>Leno had Paul on the other night when he was excluded from the recent
>Fox Republican debate (I love Leno for that) and he said he would pull
>every soldier (about 1/2 mill) we have on foreign soil back home and
>save us hundreds of billions a year. We don't want to and frankly can
>not afford to be the policemen of the world.

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>Meanwhile McCain says he will stick in Iraq for the next 100 years if it
>takes that long. What the FUCK! That is the stupidest statement I have
>heard form any candidate. I'd vote for Obama over him.

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>James McCloskey wrote:

>> Ron Paul clearly says the we, (our Government) Should take care of our homeless
>> and poor, and he doesn't care what race they are. He also says we should
>> help them get on their feet. As opposed to handing out billions of dollars
>> like breath mints to the rest of the world. He wants to get rid of the useless
>> federal bureaucracies. He wants the government to focus on we the people,
>> and not the bureaucracies. Go check out his web site and watch his speeches.

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>> "LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> Good Morning,

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>>> I apologize if my statements come off as racist, they are not..Just a fact
>>>from a Black man in America. Our view points are differnt because our cultural
>>> upbrining.

>>>

>>> I disagree with you about giving and so-called gov freebies. First, it's
>>> not the Govs money. It's our. So, we the people have a right to choose how
>>> to spend it. Helping people in need is Trait from God. He (God) does not
>>> turn his back on us when we ar e in need, so why are to turn a blind eye
>>> to someone who is?

>>>

>>> Not to mention, Corp bailouts all in name ad cause of "good for the economy"..Oh
>>> Yeah, what about all those who have been and are facing foreclosure.. Should
>>> we not help them?

>>>

>>> You are speweing right-wing libritarian nonsense that keeps us poor folks
>>> arguing over "scraps".Meanwhile the rich just keep getting richer and richer.
>>> And all your types do is look at a brand or group of folks to blame it on..

>>>

>>> It's all about the 'Distribution Of Wealth". \$\$\$\$ Nothing more, nothing
>> less.

>>> Those Billionaires love to keep us scabbling and blaming, pointing fingers,
>>> while they continue to rape us of what little monies we try to save..
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>>> Unless you are rich, you have no right to "fight/debate a richman's fight".
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>>> Detric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>>>> Lamont, don't take offense to this, but your post sounds as racist and
>>>> prejudiced as I've heard, and certainly in the context that it is directed
>>>> at me. I'm not going to get into this further as it's going nowhere and
>>>> I
>>>> don't have any interest in sharing my personal life experiences online
>> (that
>>>> would have to be over coffee in person - perhaps we'll have a chance
>>>> someday), but trust me when I say, when referring to me as "typical white
>>>> man" or "your hero Ron Reagan" you have no idea what you are talking about.
>>>> None. You are judging me without knowing me or any facts whatsoever. That's
>>>> shortsighted at best, racist at worst - not an accusation, just an
>>>> observation. Again, no personal offense intended at all - just hoping
>> you
>>>> can see the reality of how your words and point of view come across. It's
>>>> hard to gain sympathy for a problem you may face if you treat others the
>>>> same way.
>>>>
>>>> To end on a less personal note, there is a huge difference between helping
>>>> the poor and handing out token freebies as a government program in hopes
>>> of
>>>> changing a society. Monumental difference.
>>>>
>>>> In truth it's our society that should be helping one another at the
>>>> community, neighborhood and personal level. We develop programs to expand
>>>> what we want to do personally on a smaller scale, but eventually the effect
>>>> is watered down both financially among other costs, and certainly on a
>>>> personal level as there is no personal interaction. I think most of us
>>> are
>>>> guilty of relying on another organization, church, or government to do
>> the
>>>> work while we drop a check in the mail or the basket to feel better for
>>> it,
>>>> when the person who needs a hand most might be next door. I know I am
>>>> guilty of that. Just a thought.
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>>>> Regards,
>>>> Detric
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>>>> On 1/10/08 1:18 AM, in article 4785c6ad\$1@linux, "LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com>
>>>> wrote:
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>>>>> I would agree withg you that some federal spending on education could
>>> and
>>>>> needs to be reworked..
>>>>>
>>>>> But, I totaly disagree with you about "Handouts never work ". People,
>>>>> companys,farmers,this
>>>>> country) needs bailouts , and have excpeted handouts, bailouts if you
>>> will.
>>>>> If you are a spiritual man, than you lean to rely on the Lord for things
>>>>> that you can't do. Bottom line, everybody form time to time needs a
>> helphand,
>>>>> and yes a blessing, gift, handout, bailout..
>>>>>
>>>>> Your kind of thinking is a typical white man's point of view. You take
>>> out
>>>>> the race. This country is not fair to all. Do we agree on that?
>>>>> I know of folks (African Americans)who have tried but have been denied
>>> (even
>>>>> through qualified) oportunities,jobs, houses, loans
>>>>>
>>>>> So, you can traach a man to fish hunt, But, if that man, is told that
>>> he
>>>>> can't hunt nor fish on this land or pond, or he is not qualified, then
>>> what??
>>>>> I do'nt buy this pull you self up lingo in this country. Wait, I do belive
>>>>> that if you are white.. And, yes, some of us blacks do make in by some
>>>>> unbelievable
>>>>> obstacales that would have made most quit..
>>>>>
>>>>> Back to education: I would say that our elementary and middle education
>>> is
>>>>> fine...but, it's the high schools, and better the students..These kids
>>> are
>>>>> out of control. Reguardless of race. The teachers are of at cross-roads
>>> with
>>>>> this generation teeangers. This is all behavioral. Hip-Hop has had an
>>> major
>>>>> -downside effect on American Teens..
>>>>>
>>>>> I don't have an answer to that..BTW, I'm a conservative Democrat(Aka
>> Blue
>>>>> Dog-Christain). I give Tithes and offering to help and feed/cloth the
>>> poor.
>>>>> Your hero Ron Reagan was on Welfare. Did'nt stay on it, but like many
>>>>> others,needed

>>>> that helping hand (AKa Hand out)..
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>>>> Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>>>>> Hi Lamont - so you agree with me that urban school systems, and many
>>> public
>>>>> schools are not working under "status quo" (e.g. federally funded systems).
>>>>>
>>>>> For reference, my info is from people who have dedicated years to this
>>>>> cause, so it isn't idle speculation or personal frustration, and the
>>>>> solution isn't even in the ballpark of a government program, policy,
>>> or
>>>>> program. There are simple solutions that could improve the quality
>> of
>>>>> education for each child in this country, but due to the complexity
>> and
>>>>> sluggish nature of our education system (being federally tied), it will
>>>>> take
>>>>> decades to make a dent, if at all. I've seen the program work - it's
>>>>> phenomenal and could do what no amount of federal funding could, and
>>> for
>>>>> pennies per child, if not free. That's where personal/private innovation
>>>>> is
>>>>> drastically more effective than waiting for a government to solve a
>> problem.
>>>>> For additional reference, my son goes to an alternative public school
>>> (IB
>>>>> program) and it is excellent. Granted, at the elementary level, problems
>>>>> aren't as bad as higher grades (though there are exceptions). I attended
>>>>> schools in all parts of our home town (as a product of bussing) suburban
>>>>> and
>>>>> urban - some were good, some were just okay (5 different ones due to
>>> our
>>>>> 2
>>>>> year system, from first to 12th grade). That was a few years ago, and
>>>>> people have changed; society has changed. Problems are more widespread
>>>>> at
>>>>> earlier ages. Is that the government's fault for not throwing more
>> money
>>>>> at
>>>>> the problem? No, it's a failure at the family and individual level,
>>> which
>>>>> transfers to every job and responsibility taken by any individual in
>>> a given
>>>>> community or society. No one from federal or local governments, or
>> local
>>>>> school systems is encouraging young teenagers to become pregnant, shoot
>>>>> one

>>>>> another, or take drugs. That happens as a product of society and becomes
>>>>> a
>>>>> part of every aspect of that society. We can make better opportunities
>>>>> and
>>>>> better environments with enough money, but it only lasts so long. Schools
>>>>> that are now problematic, were probably great 20 years ago. Might be
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>>>>> of
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>>>>> a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime"... it is true. But if
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>>>>> considering stealing.
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>>>>> What I personally would discourage is a victim mentality. We are only
>>> what
>>>>> we are individually out of choice, unless you believe we are only what
>>> our
>>>>> environment allows, and nothing more. Circumstances aren't always
>>>>> favorable, or even tolerable, but blaming the government carte blanche
>>> for
>>>>> the ills of society is in fact part of the problem, if not a majority
>>> cause.

>>>>> Ralph Waldo Emerson

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>>>>> In support of this, 2/3 of today's billionaires were dirt poor when
>> they
>>>>> started out... it takes more the open doors to become successful - it

>>> takes
>>>>> determination. That's what isn't being taught in schools, at home or
>>> in
>>>>> our
>>>>> society. I know of other billionaires working on revamping the education
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>>>>> The point is, we can change our government until the cows come home,
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>>>>>> ANd, we're told the private schools are not that much better.
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