

# WHAT WOULD RONALD REAGAN THINK OF CPAC TODAY?



## CPAC AND THE CONSCIENCE OF CONSERVATIVES

The undersigned are deeply troubled by the direction of the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) which threatens to divide the movement and undermine everything conservatives have worked to achieve since the era of Ronald Reagan.

As President Reagan noted, conservatism is a “three-legged stool” – social conservatism (*family values*), fiscal conservatism (*the free market*) and defense/foreign policy conservatism (*peace through strength*).

When one leg is removed, the entire structure collapses. Who undermines the family, undermines America. Our nation can't have a sound economy or an effective national defense without strong families.

CPAC is betraying conservative principles and threatening conservative unity by creating the false impression that gay activism is somehow compatible with conservatism.

GO Proud is a participating organization in CPAC 2011, as it was in 2010.

The self-proclaimed gay *Republicans* support hate crime laws (which will be used to bludgeon the church) and oppose the Federal Defense of Marriage Amendment, without which judges will ultimately legislate homosexual “marriage” – making the natural family an endangered species.

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Last year, GO Proud advocated for homosexuals serving openly in the military, which will devastate our armed forces and sacrifice unit cohesion on the altar of “inclusiveness.”

Ask yourself: Would CPAC allow participation by the Democratic Socialists of America? Why is the free market an inviolable conservative principle, but not family values?

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Would organizers invite George Soros to address the gathering? Then why associate with groups which share his worldview?

**What does it profit us to gain tax cuts and lose the family – the foundation of a free society?**

CPAC is the largest conservative event of the year. Speakers include many of the movement's luminaries. CPAC is a focus of media attention. It has been considered by many to confer conservative legitimacy and credentials on participants.

Once, that was true. It is no longer. Because of the participation by organizations openly at war with family values, many of the largest and most prominent conservative groups are staying away from an event they once participated in proudly.

Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC), a regular speaker at past CPACs, has announced he won't participate in this year's conference, in hopes that conservative unity will be restored at next year's event.

President Reagan used to say that he didn't leave the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party left him. Sadly, that's the way many conservatives increasingly feel about CPAC's current direction.

We appeal to the Board of Directors of the American Conservative Union (CPAC's parent organization) to end the moral confusion.

Until that happens, we call on CPAC sponsors and participating organizations to re-think their involvement with the conference -- involvement which tacitly condones the direction in which CPAC is moving.

In the war on the family, Judeo-Christian morality and authentic conservative principles, neutrality is impossible. **We call for a return to first principles.**

**"Without God, there is no virtue, because there is no prompting of the conscience.... And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure."**

— Ronald Reagan

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