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Subject: MacBook Pro- advise needed.

Posted by [emarenot](#) on Sun, 18 Nov 2007 14:40:01 GMT

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;>>>> 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.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:  
>>>>>> I only read part of the originally posted transcript and don't know  
>RP's  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> 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.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> 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  
>>>>>  
>>>>> away with it just might  
>>>>> save a few hundred thousand kids. They are already working with over

>>> 80,000  
>>>>  
>>>>> in a private school system  
>>>>> (can't get access to public schools....).  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Regards,  
>>>>> Dedric  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote in message news:47855784\$1@linux...  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> Hey Bill, when Russert pressed RP on his past voting, written views  
>on  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> domestic  
>>>>>> 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:

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t;  
>db

He's one of our best field techs and has saved my butt many times when I needed something 40 feet in the air pointed just so, and it did not want to point that way.

Everyone does something stupid now and then. On the last job, my partner dropped a 2500.00 speaker 30 feet onto concrete. What a sound! He's never done anything like that before. I hope it isn't my turn to screw up now, but it probably is.

I ain't saying a word. Next time we need the extra 10% from him, he will pay us back many times over.

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"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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>  
>arrggghhh....  
>  
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>So, I either put this cable (full of coax RGBHV etc) back together  
>or we are out 1200.00.  
>  
>Ever solder a large cable full of coax to a 25-pin D-Sub?  
>  
>More fun than a "discussion" with yer wife.  
>  
>DC  
>Nope, he is our best field tech. As one of the bosses it is my  
job to be gracious when a good employee does something stupid.

I WILL get it back out of him on one job or another...

DC

"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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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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a 25-pin D-Sub?

>  
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>  
> DC  
>Lest anyone think I am singling out RP, let me say this:

Hillary - machine politics, angry, corrupt, unelectable

Edwards - Slimy kissup to Obama looking for a VP slot. Obama will run from him. Zillionaire trial lawyer phony.

Obama - Good guy, good heart. A bunch of scary ideas, and some good ones. If he can rise to the occasion when he has to face the real opponents (the GOP candidates) he could win. I don't think it will happen.

McCain - That man has a really bad temper. He scares me. All the idiots who have characterized Bush as a cowboy, when he is the most mild and cautious of men, are going to get a shock when they replace a "cowboy" with a really pissed-off ex POW and torture victim. I like him, but he has a serious temper, just watch him closely at the debates. Yes, he has a right to it, but I am not sure he has mastered it.

Mitt - Too much of a suit for me. Too calculating, too little moral center. McCain despises him and with good reason. nonetheless he did a good job in MA. May be a better pres. than public figure, but we really don't need another one of those after 8 years of Bush.

Rudi - Best man to have when the chips are down. Not really a conservative, but looks like one compared to the Dems. Why is he behind? Skeletons in his personal life? Trust?

Thompson - He doesn't care about the media or image management; cannot be bought. A true conservative. May not be electable.

Huck - No legs. Scares me. If he is the candidate, the GOP may lose.

I can only say one thing:

This is going to be one wild and wooly campaign.

DCBetter than a root canal? Worse?

DC

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>> DC  
>> 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.

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oor 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.  
>>>  
>>> Regards,  
>>> Dedric  
>>>  
>>> On 1/10/08 1:18 AM, in article 4785c6ad\$1@linux, "LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com>  
>>> wrote:  
>>>  
>>>> 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,  
>> whic

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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.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> 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.

>>>>> Ralph Waldo Emerson  
>>>>>  
>>>>> In support of this, 2/3 of today's billionaires were dirt poor when  
> they  
>>>>> started out... it takes more than 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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>>>>>>  
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>> )  
>>>> old  
>>>>>&g

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