



Illuminating the folly of attacking Iran

Because a Democrat occupies the White House, the commentary on the Intelligencer Journal side of the editorial pages has nothing critical to say about the belligerence of U.S. policy toward Iran. Much of the commentary from the New Era isn't critical either; it's too much fun watching Democrats follow Barack Obama down the same path George W. Bush led Republicans 10 years ago.

So I found it very encouraging to read Steve Chapman's "The folly of attacking Iran," Feb. 14. Thank you for publishing it.

On a daily basis now, most of your news coverage related to Iran is marked by distortion and inaccuracy. I can only conclude the fix is in and that another war of aggression is about to be launched by my country. Why else would my daily newspaper -- as well as National Public Radio and network television -- feed us a steady diet of pro-war propaganda?

Until your newspaper is wealthy enough to hire its own international reporters, you may have little choice but to republish news articles that are little more than recycled government media releases. But you do have a choice about whose perspective to publish on your editorial page. And by publishing commentary such as Chapman's, you are lighting a candle of truth within this ocean of darkness we have entered as a nation.

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Ron Paul is the true conservative

Congratulations to the volunteers who are getting signatures to become delegates for

Pennsylvania's Republican primary and the Republican convention. Delegates need to vote for the best candidate, not (reflect) the popular vote. Why?

Newspaper column yards are printed about Romney, Gingrich and Santorum. Column inches are published about Rep. Ron Paul. Is this fair and balanced reporting for the electorate?

Paul has won 12 times as a Republican, even when Gingrich campaigned against him. This year he is winning delegates.

Who else is proposing \$1 trillion in actual cuts the first year? How? He would cut empire-building abroad, cut foreign welfare, which robs American taxpayers by using the savings to shore up the safety net for those less fortunate who can't opt out.

The only veteran on the ballot, Paul wants to reopen military bases here at home and close them in Japan, Germany and elsewhere.

There has been blatant election-vote-rigging in other states and outright not counting Ron Paul votes.

This year, I will register Republican, cast my vote for Paul, Sam Rohrer for U.S. Senate and those delegates who vote for the true conservative, the taxpayers friend.

March 29 is the deadline to register.

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