

Letters to the editor: IRS profiling is beyond justification

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The article titled 'stop whining about IRS, tax-exempt status' is an ingenious work of fiction. I wonder if this writer knows the actual number of conservative groups targeted by the IRS and how many are still waiting for 501(c)(3) approval? The article is a masterpiece of distortion.

A good example: it was convenient to note that these organizations "regularly participate in political activities and campaigning against candidates." Funny, he never mentioned all the liberal tax exempt organizations that do precisely what he accuses the conservative groups of doing. If you can't name them, Mr. Jeames, I surely can.

Then when he accuses the tea party of anti-Obama posters, he failed to mention that these posters were about national debt, irresponsible spending, anti-American policies—those things in which they believe Obama has failed to provide leadership. Without factual content, just lie to anyone who will listen.

The kicker was the idiotic example of parents holding back on a car for their child's 16th birthday, and delaying the car for a year to grant a Ferrari at 17. He then asked: 'would they be considered tyrants too?' If this is to justify the actions of the IRS, it is indeed a lowly correlation.

If the pendulum swings against liberals and the IRS comes looking for you, oh I can only imagine the whining, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

This article reminds me of an old schoolyard saying: "Birdie, birdie in the sky, gee I'm glad cows don't fly."

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Stop whining about IRS, tax-exempt status

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I am growing quite weary listening to various conservative groups whine about how they were terrorized by the Internal Revenue Service when applying for tax-exempt status. They use terms like “jackboot of tyranny” and “intimidation” while describing their interaction with the IRS.

Of course, they do mention, in passing, that they were actually granted the request for tax-exempt status.

What really bothers me is that anyone who takes the time to check the law would see that to qualify for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, an organization must be organized exclusively for reasons such as charitable, religious and educational purposes. It further states that the organization may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

These groups, however, regularly participate in political activities and campaign against candidates. If you don't think they do, how do you explain all the anti-Obama posters that show up at tea party gatherings?

It's obvious, based on the requirements listed, that these organizations should not have been granted tax-exempt status at all. Yet they were.

Instead of being grateful for being granted 501(c)(3) that they do not qualify for, these groups whine about having to wait over a year for that status. Tell me this: If you asked for a car for your 16th birthday, but your parents waited until you turned 17 and then bought you a Ferrari, would they be considered tyrants too?

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