



# Rand Paul Goes To School

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Rand Paul did just fine at Howard University, thank you very much. Or at least, that's how he remembers it.

Paul, GOP senator from Kentucky, told the Christian Science Monitor on Wednesday that his recent visit to Howard didn't go so bad at all. He said any perception to the contrary was created by — all together now — the "left-wing media."

Knowing what we do about the political right's capacity for self-deception, we may trust that he's telling it like it is — or at least, telling it like he believes it to be.

But reality-based Americans know it wasn't left-wing media that insulted students at the historically black school by acting as if a visit to their campus was like a visit with headhunters. "Some have said that I'm either brave or crazy to be here," Paul said, somehow resisting the urge to add, "Me come-um in peace."

And it wasn't left-wing media that lied to those students. "I've never wavered in my support for civil rights or the Civil Rights Act," claimed Paul who, in fact, told MSNBC's Rachel Maddow in 2010 that the act overreached in telling private businesses they could not discriminate against black people.

It wasn't left-wing media that told those students, "I want a government that leaves you alone," somehow neglecting the fact that, had government left their grandparents alone, those kids would still be legally required to feed their money into the colored-only slot of the Coca-Cola machine.

Finally, it wasn't left-wing media that condescended to those students, at one point telling them, "If I were to have said, 'Who do you think the founders of the NAACP are?' would everyone in here know they were all Republicans?"

"Of course they would," one woman grumbled. Indeed. Any first-year history student would know that. But they'd also know the Republicans are not the same party now that they were prior to 1968, when they essentially traded ideologies with the Democrats and inherited from them all those disaffected



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white Southern voters who were mortally offended by the aforementioned Civil Rights Act and its sequel, the Voting Rights Act.

And would someone please tell Paul and any other Republican planning "outreach" to African-Americans that if you must go back 104 years (the NAACP was founded in 1909) for examples of solidarity with black folks, it kind of illustrates the problem?

For decades, the Democratic Party has commanded the African-American vote. Yet, the Obama phenomenon aside, this dominance seems not to reflect love for the party so much as the fact that the Democrats are all that is left once the GOP has effectively removed itself from contention.

But let the record show that, as Paul had to reach back to 1909 to show solidarity with black folks, the Democrats themselves are still living on the 50-year-old fumes of Lyndon Johnson's legacy. So there is no reason the GOP cannot command a portion of the black vote.

To do that, it must repudiate its own recent legacy of bigotry. Stop acting as if going to Howard University is like traveling into the rainforest. Stop trying to repeal the Voting Rights Act. Stop trying to repeal the 20th century. Stop expecting a videotape parade for things that happened before movies had sound.

And begin to provide much-needed leadership on issues urgent to African-American voters in the here and now. For instance, mass incarceration, the failed drug war, the achievement gap and job discrimination.

In a word: compete. That, after all, is how the Democrats broke the Republican stranglehold on the African-American vote in the first place. It would be nice — it would create a healthier nation — if Republicans returned the favor. Unfortunately, Paul's performance at Howard suggests that we ought not hold our breath while we wait.

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# Health Care And Indian Country

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Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), There is much debate going on across this country regarding changes being proposed to create greater access (for poor to medium income folks) to affordable health. From the American Indian perspective, all this debate seems a bit irrelevant since the Indian Health Service (IHS) is the primary health care provider for Indian people who live on or near the reservation.

Here then, is some hopefully helpful information about the IHS according to Jack Utter's, "American Indians — Answers to Today's Questions."

"The primary federal health resource for American Indians is the Indian Health Service (IHS). It is located within the U.S. Public Health Service, which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. With a current annual budget of more than \$2.2 billion, the IHS developed out very meager beginnings in 1954. At that time, Congress transferred the badly ailing Indian health program out of the BIA [Bureau of Indian Affairs] and into the Public Health Service. Improvement of amount and quality of medical service available to American Indians was the reason behind the transfer, and it worked. But, as with the BIA, the IHS has had its share of problems regarding waste, mismanagement, and fraud. (See also the IHS website, [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov).)

"The Indian Health Service ... assists Indian tribes in developing their health programs through activities such as health management training, technical assistance, and human resource development.

"The IHS also facilitates and assists Indian tribes in coordinating health planning, in obtaining and utilizing health resources available through Federal, State, and local programs, in operating comprehensive health care services, and health care evaluation.

"Additionally, the IHS provides comprehensive health care services, including hospital and ambulatory medical care, preventive and rehabilitative services, development of community sanitation facilities and serves as the principal Federal advocate for Indians in the health field to ensure comprehensive health as services for American Indians and Alaska Native people.



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"A decentralized agency, the IHS is comprised of 12 geographic 'area offices' which administer programs officially covering 34 states.

"The areas are subdivided into approximately 150 geographic 'service units.' Recent reports show that 66 of the service units are operated by the IHS and 84 are operated by tribes. In the lower 48 states, the service units are usually centered around one or more Indian reservations, pueblos, Rancherias, colonies or former reservations. In Alaska they are centered around population concentrations.

"The IHS has about 15,800 employees, of whom 62 percent are American Indians. In recent years, the IHS has employed a medical staff of approximately 840 physicians, 100 physician assistants, 2,580 nurses, 350 pharmacists, 380 dentists, 60 optometrists, 45 physical therapists, seven nutritionists, 80 dieticians and 285 medical technologists.

"Who's eligible for IHS services? The IHS serves bona fide members of federally recognized tribes, bands, nations, villages, communities, organized groups, or Alaska Native Corporations and reside in a geographically designated Health Service Delivery Area. This also includes minor children who are not directly eligible but who have at least one parent who is.

"Non-Indian women who are pregnant with an eligible Indian's child are also eligible, but only during the pregnancy and for about six weeks after birth. Non-Indian members of an eligible Indian's household may be eligible for services if it is necessary to control an acute infectious disease or other public health hazard."

This is just some of the information you can access by contacting the local IHS at 384-3621 or by checking out their website mentioned earlier.

None of this means that the urban Indian populations don't have to be concerned with health care reforms or the on-reservation Indians who have health insurance, it is just the majority of Indian people who are eligible aren't really involved in the central conversation and many of whom regard health care as part of the U.S. Government's treaty obligations.

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nied by her father, she turned it in to the store's "lost and found." The pin is small, but its sentimental value is beyond price. I hope they see and read this letter so she will know how much her good deed was appreciated.

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## Neuharth Was A Man With A Vision

Perhaps one of the best tributes one can offer to the memory of Al Neuharth is that he was the most successful failure in the history of modern American journalism.

This argument would be fair, since Neuharth once tried to create a publication devoted the South Dakota sports scene, *SoDak Sports*, in the early 1950s. It was an ambitious idea in the age before the Internet, computers and even sound roadways crossing the state. It was too ambitious, in fact, and folded two years later. Nevertheless, the will to wade into innovative territory never left Neuharth, and it ultimately led to the founding of *USA Today*, a daily national newspaper that literally altered the look and feel of print journalism in America in the late 20th century.

Neuharth, the consummate newspaper man, reached his final deadline last Friday when he passed away at age 89. He leaves behind a legacy of change, challenge and triumph. And yet, as much as his vision of new kind of newspaper for a new kind of world reshaped the industry, he never lost sight of what newspapers — and in fact, all media — must be about.

South Dakota is rightly proud of this native son, who never forgot the state he called home. Neuharth was a fervent South Dakotan to his dying day.

Nor did he ever lose touch with his college alma mater, the University of South Dakota. He did more than touch base from time to time: He helped convert the ancient Old Armory athletic gym into a state-of-the-art media facility that now bears his name. He established an annual award, presented in Vermillion each fall, to honor journalistic excellence. And he worked to promote media education on the Native American reservations.

On the broader stage, of course, Neuharth will always be connected to *USA Today*, a national newspaper (founded in 1982) inspired by an earlier brainchild publication of his, *Today*, which was started in Florida. Both publications broke many of the conventional rules of print journalism, featuring static front-page designs, so the main story was always found in the same place, and color splashed everywhere. *USA Today* also featured news summaries from every state in its ambitious quest to connect with every corner of its market.

*USA Today* lost a lot of money for nearly a decade, but Neuharth persevered, and the publication eventually became one of the largest and, arguably, the most recognized newspapers in the country.

Neuharth's formula was not without its detractors. In particular, his blueprint insisted on short, tight stories. We're talking really short. Extremely tight. Tiny. According to critics, this bare bones structure sometimes left out some details to get to the overall idea as quickly as possible. However, this point-blank journalistic approach was as much a part of Neuharth's vision as the color and the design schemes. It was his belief that it was what the readers really wanted, especially in a fast-paced age. Judging from the phenomenal, game-changing success of *USA Today*, it's hard to argue with his methods.

That may be Neuharth's greatest legacy: He gave the people what they wanted. It's a simple idea that sometimes needs great vision to be achieved. Neuharth was that visionary.

The kid from South Dakota did pretty well. End of story. That's the kind of straightforward final line Neuharth would have appreciated. And insisted upon.

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### ONLINE OPINION

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the *Press & Dakotan's* Web site are as follows:

#### LATEST RESULTS:

Which May blockbuster are you most excited to see?	
The Hangover Part III	45%
Star Trek Into Darkness	30%
Iron Man 3	25%
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	<b>134</b>
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#### CURRENT QUESTION:

Do you think the surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect should be tried as an enemy combatant?  
To vote in the *Press & Dakotan's* Internet poll, log on to our website at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, April 23, the 113th day of 2013. There are 252 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On April 23, 1943, U.S. Navy Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy assumed command of PT-109, a motor torpedo boat, in the Solomon Islands during World War II. (On Aug. 2, 1943, PT-109 was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer, the Amagiri, killing two crew members; Kennedy and 10 others managed to survive.)

**On this date:** In 1616, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare, 52, died on what has been traditionally regarded as the anniversary of his birth in 1564.

In 1789, President-elect George Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

In 1910, former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous "Man in the Arena" speech at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1968, student protesters began occupying buildings on the campus of Columbia University in New York; police put down the protests a week later.

In 1969, Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

In 1993, labor leader Cesar Chavez died in San Luis, Ariz., at age 66.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who'd confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville, Tenn., hospital at age 70.

In 2007, Boris Yeltsin, the first freely elected Russian president, died in Moscow at age 76.

Ten years ago: Global health officials warned travelers to avoid Beijing and Toronto, where they might get the SARS virus and export it to new locations. U.S. negotiators met with North Korean and Chinese representatives in Beijing for the first three-way meeting by the governments since the Korean War. American Airlines reported a billion-dollar first-quarter loss.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush, pushing for a Mideast peace agreement, met at the White House with Jordan's King Abdullah II. Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced that Army Gen. David Petraeus would be nominated by President George W. Bush to be the next commander of U.S. Central Command. The Supreme Court unanimously affirmed that police had the power to conduct searches and seize evidence, even when done during an arrest that turned out to have violated state law. The Chicago Cubs won their 10,000th game, joining the Giants in reaching that mark with a 7-6 victory in 10 innings at Colorado.

**One year ago:** Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson broke down in tears while testifying at the Chicago trial of William Balfour, the man accused of killing her mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew in a jealous rage in 2008. (Balfour was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.) The government reported that Social Security was rushing even faster toward insolvency, with its trust funds expected to run dry in 2033, three years earlier than previously projected.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 85. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 83. Actor David Birney is 74. Actor Lee Majors is 74. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 66. Actress Blair Brown is 65. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 64. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 64. Actor James Russo is 60. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 59. Actress Judy Davis is 58. Actress Jan Hooks is 56. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 53. Actor Craig Sheffer is 53. Actor-comedian-talk show host George Lopez is 52. Rock musician Gen is 49. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 48. Actress Melina Kanakaredes is 46. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 45. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 45. Actor Scott Bairstow is 43. Actor Barry Watson is 39. Actor Kal Penn is 36. MLB All-Star Andruw Jones is 36. Actress Jaime King is 34. Pop singer Taio Cruz is 30. Actor Aaron Hill is 30. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 28. Tennis player Nicole Pietrangola is 24. Actor Dev Patel is 23. Actor Matthew Underwood is 23. Actor Camryn Walling is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." — From Act II, scene five of "Twelfth-Night," by William Shakespeare (1564-1616).

### FROM THE BIBLE

Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Matthew 6:25. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

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