

Independent Libertarian Presidential Candidate Weighs in on Republican Debate Controversy over 9/11, Rudy Giuliani, and Ron Paul

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West Palm Beach, FL – After Tuesday's Republican Presidential Debates in South Carolina, the hot topic of debate swirled around comments made by Republican Presidential Candidate Ron Paul regarding the causes of 9/11.

(excerpt from Republican Presidential Debate May 15, 2007)

REP. RON PAUL, R-TEXAS, GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: They attack us because we've been over there, we've been bombing Iraq for 10 years. We've been in the Middle East. I think Reagan was right. We don't understand the irrationality of Middle Eastern politics.

RUDY GIULIANI, GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: That's an extraordinary statement of someone who lived through the attack of Sept. 11, that we invited the attack because we were attacking Iraq. I don't think I've ever heard that before and I've heard some pretty absurd explanations for Sept. 11.

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Weighing in on the discussion was Daniel Imperato, a libertarian, and a 2008 Presidential Candidate.

Imperato stated, "first of all, I find it interesting that Giuliani took such offense to Ron Paul's comment when he needed to look no further than himself. Why didn't Giuliani protect the city after the 1993 bombings?"

The 2008 Presidential Candidate pointed to Giuliani's poor track record for not following recommendations given to him after the 1993 World Trade Center bombings.

"He did not fully implement a single recommendation made by the fire department official who identified crucial emergency response failures after the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993. Giuliani also did not implement a clear chain of command for police officers and firefighters prior to 9/11, in order to create an effective response system. In addition, he made no structural adjustments and improvements to the World Trade Towers to make them less susceptible to an attack and collapse."

In addition, Imperato felt that Giuliani was not the only one to blame for not taking the appropriate steps to secure America's borders and New York City .

"He was asleep and it took 3000 lives and an economic disaster for him to wake up. While Giuliani and Bill Clinton where in power, they allowed all of the al-Qaeda members to infiltrate New York and our country. They took no steps to enhance

security, check visas, and make sure that our country wasn't being quietly invaded."

Imperato also called for a debate between Ron Paul, Rudy Giuliani, and himself.

"Ron Paul has a valid point about American foreign policy but he needs to explain and detail his position, which may have been misconstrued. I would like to invite Giuliani, and Ron Paul to debate me on my site, so that America can be clear on the issues and decide for themselves."

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