

I am appalled by Phillip Childress's reckless and uninformed attack on President Reagan's and Bush's competence, ability and record in the breaking campaign finance laws. Just because Clinton gets better press coverage doesn't mean Reagan and Bush couldn't hold their own with Slick Willie when it comes to sucking in special interest dollars. Mr. Childress's rhetorical question "How is it that Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush occupied the White House for 12 years without violating campaign-finance laws?" is in itself a vicious misrepresentation of the Reagan-Bush record. Furthermore if there was a small shortfall in sleazy solicitation, Presidents Reagan and Bush might have had bigger fish to fry. What with shipping arms to Iran, smuggling tons of cocaine into the country to finance, train, and arm an illegal terrorist group (the Contras), laundering massive amounts of drug money, Iran Contra and Meese's Wedtech coverups, planning and executing the looting of the S&Ls, planning and executing Ruby Ridge, arming Saadam with U.S. Funds in preparation for the Gulf War, pardoning of arms and drug dealers after loosing the election and the planning of Waco, who has time for a lot of small stuff. Especially when you're already knee deep in freshly laundered arms and drug money. In my opinion Mr. Childress owes Presidents Reagan and Bush a sincere apology for so carelessly denigrating their abilities and records.

Ever So Sincerely,
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