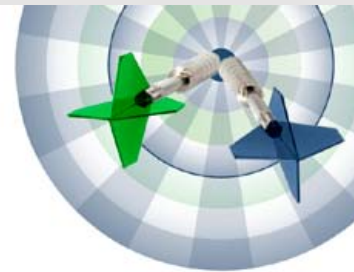


The impalement of Ron Paul

Ron Paul's third-place finish yesterday in the Iowa caucuses will be the subject of much analysis and discussion. Did he do so well (or poorly, if you thought he should have won) in spite of all the negative media attention leveled against him, or because of it? There's little doubt that the U.S. media's initial snubbing of him led to a rise in his appeal among young voters. [Jon Stewart](#) made it a point to give him airtime. Overall, though, the attacks against him by the mainstream media have been devastating. NBC News called him the Pied Piper of the young. The Pied Piper, if you recall, led the children to their death. In reality, Ron Paul is the only candidate offering any kind of plan for *preventing* the U.S. from going off a cliff. Refusing to seriously consider his ideas for addressing the de facto bankruptcy of the U.S. and the unsustainability of its war policy means that Americans are resigning themselves to their fate. Czechs, too, should pay attention to the impalement of Ron Paul by the U.S. media, because it ultimately affects them as well.



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