

BEWARE OF DISRUPTORS!

The Netroots/Progressive Left is frightened by the groundswell of grassroots support for **small government, low taxes, fiscal responsibility, and liberty** embodied by the Tea Parties.

Acting on this fear, the Huffington Post and other netroots websites are sending out citizen journalists equipped with video cameras to document instances of racism, bigotry, and other stupidity, to reinforce their own hate and bigotry towards us and persuade others to dismiss the Tea Party movement.

Rumors have it that disruptors may also attend our rallies to stir up trouble, and to embarrass the movement by pretending to be “one of us” while displaying inappropriate messages and unwelcome behavior.

BOTTOM LINE:

Crashers are looking to incite a response from you, so that you overreact or unwittingly embarrass yourself and the Tea Party movement.

Be warned, be aware, be positive, but most of all, have fun with your friends and neighbors getting the message of **small government, fiscal responsibility, low taxes and liberty** out to your fellow citizens and your elected officials!

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HOW TO HANDLE THESE FOLKS:

ENGAGE THE OBSERVERS: If you encounter a “citizen journalist” from the 'other side', consider politely engaging them in on-camera conversation. Calmly and clearly articulate the Tea Party message. Do your best to be a positive, articulate, and informed spokesperson – you might persuade them!

DISTRACT THE DISRUPTORS: If you encounter disruptors, distract them with kindness. Welcome them and listen to them talk about why they disagree with you. Smile, nod and pretend that you are interested in hearing what they have to say.

ADMONISH THE OFFENSIVE: If crashers or your fellow rally-goers bring off-message or offensive signs, get yourself on video *politely* telling them you believe their signs are inappropriate, then post the video to YouTube. Show the public that you *don't* approve, regardless of what the netroots folks get on video.

KEEP IT IN PERSPECTIVE: You know the Tea Party message of **small government, fiscal responsibility, low taxes, and liberty** is right...but those who oppose it are still your fellow citizens, however misguided. Be patient, be positive, and be informed, and you might just persuade them.

DON'T BE DUPED!

The term “teabagging” has strong sexual connotations. Be wary of anyone with a camera asking you if you are a “teabagger” or if you enjoy “teabagging” or similar leading questions – they are trying to make a fool of you.

Netroots interviewers might ask leading questions about immigration, President Obama, etc., to bait you into making **comments they can paint as racist**. Remember: *the Tea Party is about responsible government and liberty for all Americans, regardless of our differences.*

Interviewers might also ask questions designed to show **you are uneducated and ignorant**. *If you don't know an answer to what they ask you, be honest and say that you don't know.*