

ATHEIST AGAINST ATHEIST

A war recently broke out over money between the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) and American Atheists. Both appeal to the same small pool of angry nonbelievers, and there is only so much dough to go around.

American Atheists sought to put its vile message on billboards in Tampa and Charlotte, home of the two political conventions. It got shut out of Tampa, and then announced it was pulling its billboards in Charlotte, allegedly because of threats. Enter FFRF: it succeeded in getting its billboards posted in both cities.

So what was the problem? FFRF was furious that many were mistakenly attributing its billboards to American Atheists. In a press release, FFRF said, "Please do not confuse FFRF's billboard message with that of another atheist group, which tried unsuccessfully to place a very different message in Tampa, and which has voluntarily removed its billboards in Charlotte." In other words, FFRF wanted the credit, and the cash that comes with it.

FFRF was right about one thing: the messages were not identical. American Atheists sought to dump on Mormons and Christians, saving its most vicious comments for the latter. The Christian God, it said, was "Sadistic," the product of a "Useless Savior" who "Promotes Hate." By contrast FFRF's message was not hate-filled: it simply said, "God Fixation Won't Fix This Nation." This may be moronic, but it is not negative.

The Republicans are largely composed of the faithful, and the Democrats are largely populated by secularists; the former won't convert and the latter already have. So why bother? To insult the GOP and loot Dems. Believe it.