

## The Problem with Moderation

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E. J. Dionne this morning has a [hilarious -- and thoughtful -- takedown](#) [1] of the "No Labels" group which has pledged itself to moderation.

I agree with everything he writes but [another article by Ed Kilgore](#) [2] shows how endangered certain (relatively) moderate GOP Senators are in 2012: Snowe, Ensign, Lugar, Hatch and Hutchison. I say "relatively" because Orrin Hatch has never struck me as a moderate, eh?

Let's hope the "No Labels" crowd is able to extend a hand to genuine moderates like Snowe and call out the extremists who will challenge some of these senators from the right. It is scary to think that there is anyone to the right of Orrin Hatch, but for the extremists, working with Democrats is cause for excommunication in some circles these days.

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[1] <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/15/AR2010121505673.html>

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