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New Website; Same Insight

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Mark Silk's *Spiritual Politics* has long been one of the must-read blogs for those of us who are interested in the relationship of religion and politics in America. Now, Silk has joined a new website sponsored by Religion News Service, and his post there on the "Mormon Gap" shows that his incisive analysis has not changed, just his url.

I had not known that Romney did so well among Florida's evangelicals in 2008. But, I do know that one of the reasons he is polling so badly among evangelicals this year compared to Newt Gingrich is that white evangelicals, whatever their thoughts about Mormonism, are the core of the Tea Party and Newt's anti-establishment mantra's are Tea Party catnip and Romney's cool, coifed, considerate demeanor is not.

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