

Gerson Nails Rand Paul

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Regular readers will know that Michael Gerson is one of my favorite voices on the right, not least because of his principled stance against libertarianism. But, I also admire Gerson because of his ability to deliver a hard blow of reason in the face of over-heated rhetoric. In [his essay this morning](#) [1] about Senator Rand Paul's filibuster about the Obama administration's drone policy, Gerson notes that Sen. Paul, in sounding the alarm about the potential for a U.S. president to send drones into cafes, "is careful to point out that he is concerned about the possible abuses of some future Hitler-like president. (Though one imagines the advent of a Hitler-like president would present problems other than drone policy.)" That parenthetical is to Sen. Paul's analogy what a pin is to a balloon: Once inserted, you just sit back and watch the balloon fly around the room until it lands, empty and lifeless, on the floor. Bravo.

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