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Lost in the announcement of Newt Gingrich suspending his presidential campaign is the fact that he also announced his support for a ban on gay marriage in North Carolina. He declared that marriage "is at the heart of our civilization" and is "at the core of defining who we are."

Aside from the hypocrisy of such statements coming from a man who has been divorced multiple times and cheated on his previous wife, I would like to point out his use of the collectivist terms "our" and "we."

Marriage is an institution between two individuals. How can ANY transaction or agreement between two parties have an effect on another agreement between two completely unrelated parties?

These statements are a clear indication of how conservatives operate under the same collectivist premises as the liberals. While the liberals want to control of us in the material realm, via taxes and regulations, the conservatives want control in the spiritual and intellectual realm (Rick Santorum is a perfect example).

Ayn Rand identified these dual factions as the mystics of muscles and the mystics of spirit. Neither side embraces the concept of individual rights and will gladly use the power of government to coerce people toward their ideals.

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