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## GIULIANI WINS KEY GOP TOWNSHIP STRAW POLL

Last night in DuPage County, Milton Township GOP's annual Oktoberfest fundraiser featured a presidential straw poll. [Rudy Giuliani easily won](#), not a surprise, with DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett, former IL AG Jim Ryan and other key DuPage leaders backing him. The former NYC mayor continues to lead national polling for the GOP's presidential nomination.



Giuliani spoke last weekend to Family Research Council's Washington Briefing. The audience, consisting of social conservatives, broke into spontaneous applause several times...

*... Go back and read the New York Times editorials at that time and what they were saying about me and all of the others. But they never, ever really got the point. Of course you have a Constitutional protected right of free speech. But we also have the same right of free speech. We also have the same right to express our beliefs.*

*(APPLAUSE)*

*And we have the same right to express what we believe is important to us and to our future and to stand up for it and the government should never be required to give out taxpayer money to desecrate religion. It's just plain wrong.*

*(APPLAUSE)*

*People of faith should not be marginalized in our civic debates. Believers have every right to participate in the political process. There's no exception in the First Amendment that says we have the right of free speech except for people of faith or people of religion or people of strong religious views. I believe America is stronger and better for you expressing your views. I encourage your participation. It makes our country better. It makes our country more charitable. It makes our country more moral and it makes our country just that much more decent.*

(APPLAUSE)

*It shouldn't be so difficult to raise your children consistent with the values you hold dear. Our country needs to do a much better job of protecting the innocence of our children.*

(APPLAUSE)

The whole speech is posted [here](#).

(Photo is from Giuliani's Oct 2007 visit to DuPage County.)

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