



2010 Budget
Media Coverage
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The daily newspaper ran a story on the front of the Metro section this morning about the crowd of some 500 people who attended the public hearing held by the County Board last night on the 2010 budget. The majority of people who attended the hearing were there to advocate for spending programs. The paper did, however, note that another portion of the crowd was there to support a no tax levy increase budget.

Interestingly, this was reported in the same newspaper that did not print one word after more than 700 people showed up at Serb Hall to support our 2010 county budget. The entire crowd at that event was there to support a no tax levy increase budget. The people at that gathering were dismissed by the newspaper (and by many Supervisors) because the event was sponsored by Citizens for Responsible Government.

Yet, the story acknowledges that the majority of people at the hearing last night were organized by the largest union in the county (AFSCME) or a series of other smaller interest groups. Why is it that a group that is organized to represent taxpayers is dismissed, but groups that advocate more government spending are praised by many in the media and in politics?

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