

FIRST THEY CAME FOR WOMEN ENJOYING SEX, THEN THEY CAME FOR MEN JACKING OFF

I know Democrats are thrilled that Chris Coons, the Democratic candidate for Senate in Delaware, will be running against the kook Christine O'Donnell.

But I'm a little troubled by the treatment of O'Donnell's anti-masturbation stance as just one more kooky proposal.

It's not.

Rather, it's the logical extension of the conservative assault on reproductive freedom. Sure, most conservative efforts to regulate reproduction are targeted exclusively at women (not even on their doctors). Because they bear wombs, after all, it's a lot easier to regulate and politicize the sexual conduct of women.

But the logic is always the same—and it's precisely the "logic" O'Donnell gave for her opposition to masturbation. (And, incidentally, the same logic the Prop 8 defenders used in their case in San Francisco.) It's about ensuring that all sexual enjoyment—all of it—is tied to procreation within marriage.

So while she may be a nut, she's really only advocating for the same oppressive treatment of men as mainstream Republicans advocate for women of child-bearing age.