Robert Redford's views place unfair focus on the GOP

Actor Robert Redford worries that, under the Bush administration, dissent is being branded "unpatriotic" and if the branding isn't checked, "somebody's going to start trying to rearrange our Constitution" ("Redford may move beyond 'Candidate' to president," Life, Monday).

I agree that the Constitution should not be changed. But I don't remember Redford being bothered when former vice president Al Gore, when running for president as Democratic candidate in 2000, stated, "I think the Constitution is a living document that needs to change as we do." I guess liberals such as Redford don't think revising the Constitution is as scary as who does the changing.

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Cut the act, get involved

Robert Redford is concerned that the Bush administration may be a threat to the arts and warned that "the next thing we'll have is a blacklist."

Redford's view probably reflects those of a Hollywood liberal elite, which believes it has valuable opinions about politics, but finds -- as the article says -- that "politics is too narrow and corrupt to consider abandoning a (a) day job."

Actors such as Rob Reiner, Barbra Streisand, Susan Sarandon, Martin Sheen and Redford seem sure they know what's best for the common folk, but they won't be troubled to get their hands dirty by participating directly in the political process. I believe they don't have the courage of their convictions.

So why should anyone take seriously anything they say?
By the way, wasn't there an actor a few years ago who was willing to get involved in the electoral process? I seem to remember that his effort had a profound impact on the United States.

I think his name is Ronald Reagan.

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