

## Abe Lincoln and Eric Cantor

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There floats around a story of a trusted advisor of President Abraham Lincoln who recommended a candidate for Lincoln's cabinet. Lincoln declined and when asked why, he said, "I don't like the man's face."

"But the poor man is not responsible for his face," his advisor insisted.

"Every man over forty is responsible for his face," Lincoln replied, and the prospect was considered no more.

Personally, I think there is a lot of truth in the above story. Most folk can recognize a face that is habitually angry or happy or sad. It does take living awhile for what has happened to you and what is inside of you to become stamped on your features.

I don't like Eric Cantor's face. It strikes me as a combination of arrogant, angry and prudishness (picture someone sucking on green persimmons). Every time I see a picture of this fellow it appalls me that he is a Congressman, let alone a leader in the not so august body. I want to see someone with compassion and acceptance stamped on their face.

On the other hand John Boehner looks like he wants to fleece me. Not so surprisingly that is exactly what he is doing to the middle class and poor in this country.

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