

Louisiana: We're Still Here
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When the members of the Louisiana delegation gathered for pre-CONA only a short while ago, they discussed many serious and pending issues. Of course, the most important issue was the design for our t-shirts. After agreeing upon it being of utmost importance, we exercised our political smart mouths while brainstorming and several ideas were brought up. Two ideas went to the showdown: how to say the commonly mispronounced "Louisiana Style," and secondly, the phrase "We're still here."

Delegates laughed and rolled their eyes at the questions we foresaw: "Did your pet alligator survive Katrina?," "Is New Orleans still underwater?," and our personal favorite, "Did you survive?" (Sorry if anyone's intelligence is offended, fellow delegates, but we all have those state stereotypes that tickle our sensibility bones. I still wonder how the New England states can bear to gorge themselves with lobster and crabs at every meal.) Louisiana, even through our problems and disasters, is here at the 2007 CONA conference debating over issues we all relate to.

Our ideas over gun control may oppose yours, but here we are, defending our positions on the issues. Here we are, representing our state and giving you a taste of our "southern spice." So yes, we are still here.