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Libertarians: None of the Above

By Rick Vandeven

There have been countless words written attempting to describe what it means to be "libertarian". Some of these writings were composed by deep thinking philosophers who possessed such great intellect and knowledge on the subject that newcomers approaching libertarianism are left feeling frustrated in their honest attempt to grapple the concept. Other formal works authored by "experts" are so contradictory to libertarianism that the student reverts back to supporting the duopoly establishment, or apathy.

By no means am I going to attempt to grab the mantle of expert libertarian leader. While I have embraced and studied libertarianism for almost two decades, I am just beginning my journey. However, there comes a time when philosophy must be put into political action. That is the

reason that I joined the Libertarian Party, and ran three times (2010, 2012, 2014) for US Representative (MO-8) on the Libertarian Party ticket. The title of "candidate" afforded me unique opportunities to advance the cause of individual liberty. That is an unfortunate reflection of a society which places undeserved significance on those who hold titles, but it is also reality.

An excellent reference as to the nature of the Libertarian Party can be found in our Statement of Principles...

"We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal



Austin Petersen, John McAfee and Gary Johnson take part in a presidential debate hosted by Stossel on FOX Business in 2016. Gary Johnson would go on to become the party's nominee for the 2016 Presidential race.

right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life -- accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and

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Be a County Committee Person for the Libertarian Party

By Greg Tlapek

Be a county committee person for the Libertarian Party. It's the kind of job everyone wants, you don't have to do any work and you get a title. (Sorry, no pay).

There are some advantages to being a county committee person.

* A county committee person is automatically a voting member of the Missouri Libertarian Party. Normally you have to contribute at least \$50 a year to be a voting member.

* You get to select who the Libertarian Party candidate is for special elections to fill open elective offices where you live.

File at the County Clerk's office sometime February 23 through March 30, 2010, your name will appear in the Missouri Blue Book the next time it's published and you can get a free copy. To find the address and phone number for your County Clerk see the List of County Clerks/Election Officials on the Missouri

Secretary of State website.

That's really all there is to it, but if you're the type that likes a more serious treatment of the subject, here goes.

Township or Ward Committeemen and Committeewomen: In Missouri, political parties are organized by committees which form every two years (except St. Louis where it's every 4 years). Committees may not be the best way to organize parties, but it's the law. The state and

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I'm a Libertarian

By Bill Slantz

I'm a Libertarian, and I not only think you should be one too, but I already believe you are. However, I am not going to try and convince you to become a Libertarian because that would be hypocritical. You see, fundamentally, Libertarians believe you should be free to follow your heart wherever it takes you and not have your beliefs stifled by others. You should be free to walk whatever path you choose. What we stand for is your right to do so, as long as you don't infringe on the equal freedoms of another. We should allow others the freedom of their own journey. In turn, others agree not to infringe on your freedom and liberties. In yet other words, don't hurt your neighbors and don't take their stuff, and most importantly, don't ask the state to do it for you.

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The Wasted Vote Argument



"You're wasting your vote," is an argument usually made by a Republican or Democrat who wants a Libertarian to vote for their candidate.

The wasted vote argument can be used by Libertarians, too. It can be an effective way to win the vote of a friend or relative sympathetic to the Libertarian Party. It is an easy argument to make when a race is not especially close, as is usually the case when an incumbent is seeking reelection.

The US congressional races are a good place to ask for a vote. There are no term limits for US Congress, so a congressman or congresswoman can usually hold their seat as long as they like.

It does not cost anything for a Republican or Democrat to vote for a Libertarian in a race where the incumbent is very likely to win, whether you vote for or against them.

Libertarians are sometimes told they are wasting their vote. They can politely disagree. Technically, the only people who don't waste their votes are the ones who vote for the winner. Everyone can't vote for the winner. That wouldn't be any fun at all.

Try it out. Ask for a vote.

Ask for a Vote

The state auditor's race is a good place to ask for a Libertarian vote. It has been an important race for the Missouri Libertarian Party.

For a political party to stay on the ballot in Missouri, it must pull at least 2% of the vote in a statewide race at least every other election. The state auditor's race assured the LP ballot access for two cycles as recently as the 2002 election.

Two percent may not sound like much, but it must not be that easy. The LP has maintained ballot access since 1992. Many other parties have come and most gone since then.

People do not get invested in the state auditor's race. It is not a glamorous office. Few people can name the state auditor.

It makes sense to people to vote for a Libertarian. It can be said that putting a Democrat or Republican in that office is like putting a fox in charge of the hen house.

The State Auditor is elected to serve four years terms in the slow election year. The governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer and secretary of state are all elected the same year as the president. Two years later the state auditor is the only statewide race, unless there is a US Senate race.

We have had really excellent candidates run for many statewide offices. Find out who the Libertarian candidates are and ask your friends and family to vote for them.

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action -- accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property -- accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market."

In summary, the Libertarian Party believes that every person should live their life however they want, so long as that person doesn't harm anybody else, and that they extend that right to all other individuals if we want to live in a truly free society. In my opinion the last part of that sentence is the most important and deserves repeating: all individuals should extend the right to live their lives

peacefully to all other individuals. It is that extension of individual rights to all that differentiates the Libertarian Party from the duopoly political parties. We believe that no person or group of persons has the right to forcibly prevent other people from peacefully living their lives.

Unfortunately, we do not live in a free society, and the State, through the establishment of social and corporate welfare programs, has forced our consideration of the behaviors and actions of others. American style democracy is such that personal vices such as using too much salt, not wearing a seat belt, or ingesting a banned plant, or the participation of a business in the marketplace have a negative effect on our property. If a driver who was not wearing his seat belt gets into an accident and is horribly maimed, society may have to support the driver for life. If a corporation makes a bad business decision, or loses money producing a product that is rejected by the market, society may have to provide a bailout to that corporation to prevent it from failing. I use the word "may" because government chooses the winners and losers in each of these scenarios based on political connections and voter bloc membership.

In order to maintain and fund these expensive welfare programs, the State must confiscate the property of the citizenry through a myriad of complicated tax codes that leave experienced professional accountants scratching their heads in confusion. The State enforces the tax code through a police force, and the threat of violence. This threat is usually enough to compel compliance. It is interesting that debtors' prisons are a relic of a barbaric past, yet the existence of prisons for those who do not hand the prescribed amount of the product of their lives' energies over the State is considered normal.

The "welfare/warfare state" that I described in the previous two paragraphs is the root cause of the conflict that the State has introduced into our lives. It is at direct odds with the Golden Rule: treat others as you want to be treated. Libertarians do not believe that anyone has the right to initiate force against anybody else; regardless if that force is instigated upon you by your neighbor, a mob, a uniformed policeman, or what the great anarcho-capitalist teacher Murray Rothbard called "a gang of thieves writ large": Congress.

If you are feeling let down by the duopoly parties, or have dropped out of the political process altogether; you do have a choice. We can build a more free society in which our lives will be immediately improved. Be Libertarian with me!

MEDIOCRE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

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The mediocre performance of public education is a good example to illustrate Libertarian principles. Public education on the surface sounds like a good idea. It is indeed important to have well educated citizens in society. Even Thomas Jefferson, a champion of freedom and individual rights supported the idea of public education. However upon further examination this idea, no matter how well intentioned has some serious problems.

The public schools have been in decline for several decades now. Students are little prepared for the workforce and dropout rates remain high. The public education system seems to be only concerned with maintaining their revenue stream, while the student academic performances continues to wane. We Libertarians understood that the public schools were doomed to mediocrity from the inception of our party back in 1971.

Many students claim they are bored in public schools, but education can and should be a rewarding experience. Children naturally want to learn. The public schools tend to squash a child a child's inborn curiosity. The public schools have no incentive to improve because they are guaranteed

an income through taxes regardless of performance. This amounts to a government enforced monopoly. If automobile manufacturers operated the same way we would all be driving olive drab jeeps.

The public schools seem to be more concerned with producing adults who conform and accept authority than encouraging students to think for themselves. Children learn all about the government in government schools. Different neighborhoods and individuals have different education needs and goals. There is no one size fits all solution that the public schools can implement, but they continue to try.

It's time to allow parents choices in the education of their children. Whether it's through vouchers or tax credits parents should be allowed to use their education dollars to send their children to the school of their choice, whether it would be public, private, home school, tutoring or parochial schools. This would introduce competition which in turn would bring about innovation. Competition and the resulting innovation have worked to bring us better cars, cameras and computers. It will work for education also. Almost every other aspect of our private lives have improved significantly over our lifetime while government run enterprises like education have remained stagnant.

There has been no innovation in the public schools for the last 100 years. The same model that existed 100 years ago is still is in practice today. The teacher stands at the head of the classroom and the students sit and listen. I am not and educator but I do know that the current system is not working and improvements can be made. An open competitive system would work much better.

The public schools will complain that this would be disruptive, but perhaps a little disruption is needed.

Public school officials have become way too complacent in their duties; it's time to shake things up.

Defund the Department of Education

By: Arvin Vohra

When we defund the Department of Education, we put a stop to One-Size-Fits-None programs like Common Core and No Child Left Behind, and we replace those blunders with parental choice programs that can actually work.

When you are allowed to make choices about the education of your children you can do research, you can find trustworthy sources to verify effectiveness, and you can mix and match styles of learning for different academic topics, or different ages of your child. You, the one person who cares the most about your child's education, will find much better programs than any third party could, especially when the third party doesn't even know your child.

And what about college?

We also defund federal student loans programs. But wait, that sounds bad! Here's why it's the best thing for your child: Colleges can no longer charge insanely high tuitions. When we eliminate the government's ability to back student loans, 17 and 18 year olds can no longer get \$40,000 loans each year. That means colleges won't have any new students.

But they need new students.

So they'll lower their tuition to whatever a bank is willing to loan a student instead of government "assurances". Now your child can get a college degree for a fraction of the cost and enter the work force with little to no debt (forget those \$100,000+ debt nightmares).

And what about jobs?

Now we have a populace educated by parents who care and make intelligent

decisions, instead of by politicians who want to get reelected and make political decisions. We have kids who grow up to be strong readers and writers, and who can approach mathematical and business problems with a developed understanding of problem solving and mathematical reasoning, and great ingenuity. And those same students, now adults, have little to no college debt.

Those adults have brilliant ideas and passions. They start new companies, hire employees, and boost the economy. They join technology, food, engineering, or education industries and contribute to new technological advancements, healthier foods and creative fusion dishes, the next generation of artificial intelligence, or the future of educating the next generation even better than the last. They help grow businesses that can then hire more employees; they help manage companies that no longer have to outsource overseas. These adults make our country great again.

And as noted above, these well-educated adults bring new jobs into our economy. They learn the skills of entrepreneurship and innovation from their parent-guided educations, instead of the obedience training of the government-misguided education system today. People at all levels benefit from the business and jobs created by parental choice education.

And don't forget the money.

When we defund the Department of Education and federal student loan programs, you get to keep more of your money that would have been collected in taxes. You no longer have to pay to have your child educated poorly. Now you get to keep your money and spend it on education that works.

We want a world where big government One-Size-Fits-None education (peppered with big government propaganda) is erased from our country. We want American citizens to receive an education that makes them competitive on the job market, not one where high school graduates can't do algebra and can barely read one sentence.

I want a country where an intelligent populace leads to positive decisions in business and international relations, not tariffs upon tariffs and endless massacres framed as wars.

We want to rebuild America to new heights. Our Candidates will sponsor legislation to defund the Department of Education, end federally backed student loans, and return all that tax money to you.

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Libertarian, Not Authoritarian

Libertarian Party candidates are free to take positions on issues as they see fit.

What follows is a popular interpretation of the Statement of Principles as it applies to key civil and economic issues. It was written by a former Missouri Libertarian Party candidate by the name of Dick Illyes, and last published in booklet form by the St. Louis County LP in about 2004.

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The libertarian philosophy is open to interpretation. For example, while the Libertarian Party platform opposes government intervention in abortion, some Libertarians disagree based on their belief that a fetus is an

individual with rights deserving the protection of the state.

"Taxation is Theft" is a bumper sticker most Libertarians would like. The very same Libertarians would probably support having gasoline taxes and consider them a "user fee." Most aren't offended by paying tolls or postage, because people who don't use the service don't have to pay. While complete separation of school and state might be the pure Libertarian position, some Libertarian candidates believe a reasonable proposal is public school tuition, based on a parent's ability to pay.

The initiation of force is absolutely contrary to libertarianism, and yet Libertarians understand that if someone has a gun pointed at your head, you don't have to wait until after the trigger is pulled to defend yourself.

There is fundamental agreement on this. Peaceful and honest people really do have the right to live their lives however they want.

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Fundamental Beliefs of the Libertarian Party

Limited Government

Libertarians believe that the fundamental ideas of restraint of government, embodied in the United States Constitution, are what make America different and better than most other countries. Legitimate government is created when citizens give it specific limited powers to provide for protection of their persons and property through the creation of court systems and laws. Governments do not have rights, only citizens have right. The most important lesson of America is not democracy, it is limitation of the power of government.

Avoidance of Government Programs

Libertarians understand that government agencies are the only organizations that grow when they fail, and that have a built in bias against truly solving problems. Government problem solving programs create government employees whose jobs may go away if they succeed, but whose jobs and power will expand if the problem gets worse. Libertarians are committed to finding practical ways to get government out of everything possible.

Individual Liberty

Libertarians want to take back government, not to make it work better or use it to fix certain problems, but to reduce and limit it. Activist government is a drag on the economy and a threat to individual freedom. Libertarians do not believe in legislating morality. The separation of church and state embodied in the Constitution has kept America free from the ravages of religious zealotry that afflict much of the world. Private behavior is private. No one has the right to force private behavior or belief on someone else, and government should never be given this power.

Abortion

Libertarians do not believe that government should have the power to interfere in a woman's decision concerning abortion. Libertarians do not advocate abortion, and many do not find it personally acceptable, but they are absolutely committed to keeping the government out of this issue. Libertarians are also against using tax dollars for abortions.

Drugs

Libertarians understand that the only amendment to the Constitution ever to be repealed was the 18th Amendment prohibiting alcohol. Libertarians do not advocate drug use, but they believe that the war on drugs should be stopped. Tax dollars and government power should not be used to protect people from themselves. The war on drugs is having no real effect on actual drug use, is causing crime and creating an incredibly wealthy criminal class, is corrupting the court system and police, and is endangering civil liberties.

Guns

Libertarians believe that all law abiding citizens have the right to own guns. The right of self-protection is a fundamental human right. The right to own guns is not about hunting, as the Democrats and some misguided Republicans would have us believe, but is based on the right of self-defense. The criminal misuse of guns should be punished severely. Libertarians support concealed carry laws.

Free Trade-Free Markets

Libertarians believe in free trade. It is not foreign competition, but high taxes and excessive government regulations that prevent American workers from doing as well as they should financially. Free trade has created an abundance of affordable consumer goods unparalleled in human history. The ideal that low foreign wages cause low wages here is wrong. It is based on the incorrect idea that there is a certain fixed number of jobs in the world. Foreign workers doing some jobs for less allow American workers to do different jobs that pay more. Blocking imports of foreign goods, in the mistaken belief that this will save American jobs, only makes everyone poorer. Free markets, free enterprise, and private property are the foundations of civilized societies.

Foreign Affairs and National Defense

Libertarians believe in limited involvement in the affairs of foreign governments. Government to government foreign aid is almost always a waste of money. Libertarians believe the purpose of the US Military is to protect America, not to police the word. The Japanese, South Koreans, Europeans, and others are capable of protecting themselves, and probably don't need nearly as much protecting as we are providing. The best way to improve the world is through promotion of free trade, free interchange of ideas, and setting an example by showing the benefits of limited government.

Pollution and the Environment

Libertarians are against pollution and for a clean environment. However, they are against the current methods of dealing with these problems by creating new government agencies with sweeping powers. Those managing and working in these agencies often believe that humans are the problem, and that everything that humans have done in building civilization should be undone. Libertarians believe that pollution problems can be understood by normal people, and should be addressed by legislators on a case by case basis, after study and public debate about each actual problem. Libertarians totally reject the idea that growth must be stopped.

Government Limited to Assisting Citizens in Self Defense

Government is about the use of force, controlled by law. Libertarians believe that the simplest test of which laws are legitimate is whether they bring government force to the aid of citizens protecting themselves from the aggression of others. Laws against fraud, robbery, trespass assault, murder, rape, etc. are obviously legitimate. Victimless crimes are not real crimes. Laws which do not meet this self-defense test expand government power improperly. This leads to situations where some can enrich themselves unfairly, force their views on others, entrench themselves in power, and turn government into the master instead of the servant.

Restitution as the Primary Objective of Law Enforcement

Libertarians believe that compelling

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criminals to pay restitution to their victims should be the most important outcome of law enforcement. Fining criminals puts the government in the position of receiving stolen property, and locking them up without also forcing them to repay their victims, only adds additional burdens on taxpayers. Forcing criminals to actually repay their victims, allowing no evasion or escape, is the most effective means the government has and to deter crime, reform criminals and maintain a fair and orderly civil society.

The Libertarian Party is About Politics, Not Lifestyles

The Libertarian Party does not advocate any specific lifestyle, and it is not unusual for individual Libertarians to disapprove of the lifestyles of other members. Libertarians are united only by their agreement with that concept of limited government. Libertarians cover the lifestyle spectrum from atheists to evangelists,

from Christian Scientists to open heart surgeons, and from hunters to vegetarians. They support the Libertarian Party not to promote some specific lifestyle, but to elect Libertarians and put the philosophy of limited government into practice. Tolerance is a fundamental Libertarian characteristic.

The Differences Between Democrats, Republicans, and Libertarians

Democrats are the party of total government. The search constantly for problems, so they can start tax supported programs, which create government jobs for Democrats. They view politics as a career, and having voted in outrageously high pay scales, benefits, and retirement packages for elected officials and government employees. They will say anything to get elected. They fear, and fight against, nongovernment solutions to problems. They ridicule self-sufficient people and work to make everyone dependent on the government in some way.

Republicans are the party of enforced morality. Republicans believe that

government should take sides in religious issues such as outlawing abortion. Most profess to believe in limited government. They often cut out the more ridiculous Democrat programs when they come into office, but they almost never actually reduce government. They usually become captives of the government agencies and programs they are trying to reform, and wind up enjoying the gravy train created by Democrats. They support a large military and believe that America should police the world. When Republicans have large majorities, they try to pass laws to force their views of proper behavior on others. This usually brings the return of Democrats, and the size of government ratchets up another notch.

Libertarians believe that most people do well in spite of, not because of, government involvement in their lives. Libertarians want to actively downsize and limit government. Libertarians believe in free market solutions, individual liberty, and personal responsibility.

STATE SOVEREIGNTY

As Missourians we should support efforts to assert state sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment of the US Constitution for all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government under the Constitution. Let's call on all Missouri elected and campaigning officials for state and congressional seats to sign a pledge upholding the 10th Amendment.

To be clear we don't seek secession from the union. We simply seek the ability to have supreme governing control over a specific territory (in this case Missouri). The intent of the Founders was to specifically limit the powers and responsibilities of the federal government to these and only these powers. All other powers and responsibilities remained in the hands of the states.

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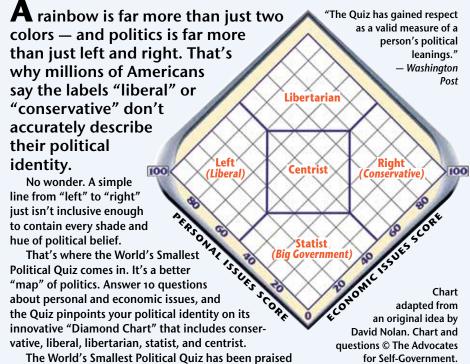
or "Conservatives" I observe as moot. As a Libertarian one should not win over the other. Instead, each should be able to live their life as they wish, without the judgement of others. The conundrum is, we too often look to the state (the government) to impose our will on one another. This is where a libertarian gets off the train. You see, in order for the state to get involved, their first course of action will result in eroding a Liberty from one side or the other or both.

I stand by the principle that individual liberty, limited government, and free markets turn out to be even more powerful in today's world. Social and economic freedom is not just the best policy for a free people, it is the indispensable framework for the future.

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THERE'S MORE TO COLOR THAN BLACK AND WHITE. THERE'S MORE TO POLITICS THAN LEFT AND RIGHT.



by the Washington Post, and more than 7 million people have taken it online. What's your real political identity? Take the Quiz. For each statement below, circle A for agree, M for maybe, and D for disagree/not sure. Then find your position on the chart.

How do you stand on PERSONAL issues?

Government should not censor speech, press, media or Internet. М D Α Military service should be voluntary. There should be no draft. М D М There should be no laws regarding sex between consenting adults. D Repeal laws prohibiting adult possession and use of drugs. М D There should be no National ID card. М PERSONAL SCORING: take 20 for every A, 10 for every M, and O for every D: Marian How do you stand on ECONOMIC issues? 20 10 0 End government barriers to international free trade. Let people control their own retirement: privatize Social Security. D

Cut taxes and government spending by 50% or more. **ECONOMIC SCORING**: take **20** for every A, **10** for every M, and **0** for every D:

Replace government welfare with private charity.

Find Your Place on the Chart Mark your PERSONAL score on the lower left scale; your ECONOMIC score on the lower right. Then follow the grid lines until they meet at your political position. The chart shows the political group that agrees with you most. LIBERALS tend to value personal freedom. CONSERVATIVES tend to value economic freedom. LIBERTARIANS value both. STATISTS are against both. CENTRISTS tend to hold different values depending on the issue.

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¡Si eres libertario, únete a tu partido!

- Mis derechos son iguales que los de cualquier otra persona.
- Tengo un derecho pleno a escoger mi propia forma y estilo de vida.
- El Estado no debe velar por la conducta ética de sus ciudadanos.
- Mi cuerpo me pertenece sola y exclusivamente a mí.
- Tengo derecho a escoger mi religión o a no tener ninguna.
- No corresponde al Estado decidir qué drogas son legales y cuáles no.
- Para acabar con las mafias del narco hay que legalizar las drogas.
- La prostitución es una profesión más.
- La orientación sexual de las personas no debe condicionar sus derechos y obligaciones en la sociedad.
- Estoy en mi derecho de emprender cualquier actividad comercial.
- El dinero que gano legítimamente me pertenece a mí. Los impuestos podrán ser necesarios pero eso no los hace éticos.
- Habría que reducir drásticamente los impuestos y cobrar en su lugar tasas por los servicios. Que no los page quien no los utilice.
- Cada persona debe poder escoger el seguro médico que desee, sin que el Estado le obligue a comprar.
- No es justo que los países establezcan un servicio militar o social para que sus ciudadanos contribuyan al bien común.
- La propiedad privada es un derecho humano de la máxima importancia, y su violación destruye la libertad y la convivencia.
- Todo el mundo tiene derecho a decir lo que quiera sin censura. La libertad de expresión está por encima de los intereses del Estado.
- Es un derecho básico asentarse pacíficamente en cualquier lugar, más allá de las fronteras del propio país. Es un derecho cruzar libremente cualquier frontera.
- El llamado Estado del bienestar se ha convertido en el bienestar del Estado, no de los ciudadanos. Es un modelo fracasado.
- El derecho de cada persona es superior a las obligaciones sociales, culturales o religiosas que pretenda imponerle la mayoría. En caso de conflicto con cualquier otro valor, la libertad del individuo debe prevalecer.

Plataforma del Partido Libertario EEUU

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lp.org/plataforma-en-espa%C3%B1ol

Como libertarios, buscamos un mundo de libertad, un mundo donde todos sean soberanos de su propia vida, sin que se obligue a nadie a sacrificar sus valores para beneficio de otros.

Creemos que el respeto de los derechos individuales es la condición esencial para un mundo libre y próspero, que la fuerza y el fraude deben ser desterrados de las relaciones humanas y que solo por medio de la libertad se puede alcanzar la paz y la prosperidad.

Por lo tanto, defendemos el derecho de cada persona a dedicarse a cualquier actividad pacífica y honesta y celebramos la diversidad que la libertad implica. El mundo que queremos construir es uno donde las personas tengan libertad para perseguir sus sueños a su manera, sin injerencia del Estado ni de ningún poder autoritario.

Libertarian Party

DECLARACIÓN DE PRINCIPIOS

Nosotros, los miembros del Partido Libertario, impugnamos el culto al Estado omnipotente y defendemos los derechos de la persona.

Sostenemos que todas las personas tienen derecho a ejercer dominio exclusivo sobre su propia vida y a vivir como les plazca con tal que no interfieran por la fuerza en el derecho igual que tienen los demás a vivir como a ellos les plazca.

A lo largo de la historia, los gobiernos han operado regularmente sobre la base del principio opuesto, es decir, que el Estado tiene derecho a disponer de la vida de las personas y de los frutos de su trabajo. Incluso en Estados Unidos, todos los partidos políticos excepto el nuestro conceden al Estado el derecho de regular la vida de las personas y apoderarse de los frutos de su trabajo sin su consentimiento.

Nosotros, en cambio, negamos el derecho del Estado de hacer estas cosas y sostenemos que, donde haya un gobierno, no debe violar los derechos de ninguna persona, a saber, 1) el derecho a la vida; en consecuencia, apoyamos la prohibición del

inicio del uso de la fuerza física contra otros; 2) el derecho a la libertad de expresión y de acción; en consecuencia, nos oponemos a todos los intentos del Estado de coartar la libertad de expresión y de prensa, así como a la censura de todo tipo por el Estado; 3) el derecho a la propiedad; en consecuencia, nos oponemos a toda injerencia del Estado en la propiedad privada, como la confiscación, la nacionalización y el dominio eminente, y apoyamos la prohibición del robo, el allanamiento de propiedad ajena, el fraude y las declaraciones falsas.

Como los gobiernos, cuando se los instituye, no deben violar los derechos individuales, nos oponemos a toda injerencia del Estado en los ámbitos de las relaciones voluntarias y contractuales entre personas. Las personas no deberían verse obligadas a sacrificar su vida y sus bienes en beneficio de los demás. El Estado debe dejarlas en libertad para hacer tratos entre ellas en un intercambio libre. El sistema económico resultante, el único que es compatible con la protección de los derechos individuales, es el sistema de mercado libre.



Libertarian Party Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

Preamble of the LP Platform

As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and no one is forced to sacrifice his or her values for the benefit of others.

We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from

human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized.

Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power.

Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.

Platform of the Missouri Libertarian Party is online at LPMO.org/platform

Platform of the National Libertarian Party is online at LP.org/platform

Please Donate

In order to enable the necessary change and right our governmental ship, we need your help. All too often, the current Jefferson City machine takes the easy way out by making small, seemingly harmless decisions, without truly understanding the impact felt by our local communities. For this reason, we are asking you to share your concerns with us. Email us at info@ lpmo.org. Help us to fully understand the short-term and long-term needs of our state.

Additionally, it takes significant resources to position ourselves to serve the needs of all Liberty-minded Missourians. Please help us to get the message of freedom out out by making any donation that you can, however small. Every \$10, or \$25, or \$50, or \$100, goes a long way toward restoring the ideals that have drifted away from our community and state under recent leadership. It's easy to do through our website - http://www.lpmo.org/

Check out the Libertarian Party on the web

Both the Missouri LP (LPMO. org), pictured below, and the national LP (LP.org), pictured at right, websites are resources for Libertarians. Join, donate, volunteer and get information about Libertarian Party candidates, activities and news.







Libertarianism.org Reading List

Start Here

The Libertarian Mind by David Boaz

Boaz's The Libertarian Mind is a quick and easy read.

Further Reading

The Law by

Frédéric Bastiat

Everything this 19th century Frenchman wrote is worth reading—and The Law is a great place to start.

The Machinery of Freedom: Guide to a Radical Capitalism by David Friedman

Libertarianism represents a spectrum of political philosophies, all sharing a general presumption of liberty.

Free to Choose: A Personal Statement

by Milton Friedman and Rose Friedman

Published as the companion volume to the 10-hour documentary of the same name, Free to Choose was one of the bestselling books of 1980.

Eat the Rich: A Treatise on Economics by P. J. O'Rourke

Proving that economics need not be a dry, textbook affair, P. J. O'Rourke's Eat the Rich sets out to answer the critical question, "Why do some places prosper and thrive while others just suck?"

Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand

A perennial bestseller since its publication in 1957, Ayn Rand's mammoth novel Atlas Shrugged has probably turned more people on to libertarianism than any other book.

The Rational Optimist: How Prosperity Evolves by Matt Ridley

The newest book on this list, Matt Ridley's The Rational Optimist employs the grand sweep of human history and pre-history to argue for the incredible significance of free trade—and against those who would seek to restrict it.

Basic Economics: A Common Sense Guide to the Economy by Thomas Sowell

While the libertarian vision is much more than just free markets, economic thinking greatly informs the libertarian approach to public policy.

http://www.libertarianism.org/publications/essays/introducing-libertarianism-reading-list

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Cato Institute Reading Lists

The ideas of liberty have always been associated with the written word. Indeed, the very name of the Cato Institute was inspired by a series of 18th-century pamphlets written by John Trenchard and Thomas Gordon that were widely read in the American colonies. In the hope of inducing further study and acquainting people with the literature that underpins Cato's work, we've compiled a short bibliography of essays and books, organized by research topic. This list below is designed, not as a comprehensive overview of the writings that comprise libertarianism, but as an entry point for the interested individual.

http://www.cato.org/research/reading-list



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counties do need to know who has the right to make decisions for each party. Take, for example, special elections. When a politician dies in office, a special election is held. There is no primary election to narrow the list of candidates to one/party. "Established parties", like the Missouri Libertarian Party, have committees pick their candidates. Ballot symbols are another example. The state doesn't decide our ballot symbol--we do. The committee structure is set up to determine who speaks for the Party.

Residency Requirement: County committee people must

have been registered to vote in the same ward or township for one year prior to the August primary election which is when committee people are "elected." There is no additional age requirement.

Filing: The filing period is February 26 through March 25, 2008. Take your voter registration card (if you can find it) and driver's license to the County Clerk's office. Tell them you want to file to be a Libertarian committeeperson and they'll help you do the rest. You can also file for other elected office.

It is possible, though not probable, that more than one person will file to be a county committee person from your ward/

precinct. The people of each ward/precinct (place where you vote) are entitled to have one male and one female represent their political party on the county committee. If two people of the same sex file, the result is a contested race decided by people who choose Libertarian Party ballots in that ward/precinct in the August primary election.

Helpful Hints: Call first. Call the County Clerk/Board of Election Commissioners office and ask to speak to someone who can help you when you arrive at the office. Get their name. Make sure you're going to the right office, they'll be open, and they know a Libertarian is coming to

file as a committee person (in many counties, it'll throw them off--Libertarians don't show up every day--so give them a chance to prepare). In St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jackson County and Clay County the "County Clerk's" office is called the "Board of Election Commissioners" and there is a fee to file.

For more information, give me a call at the state party's toll free number 1-877-868-3487. I'll be glad to give you the telephone number for your County Clerk/Board of Election Commissioners' office.

IT'S A RIGGED GAME:

Obstacles faced by Libertarian candidates which Republicans and Democrats escape

Americans are more closely aligned with Libertarians than either Republicans or Democrats.

Then why aren't Libertarian candidates winning more elections?

The answer is an uneven playing field filled with referees paid for by the other 2 teams.

A majority of Americans today are tired of destructive and costly wars. They lean towards being fiscally conservative and socially tolerant. These are fundamentals of the Libertarian Party. Nonetheless, Libertarians are not represented in state and federal legislatures. This is a result of a series of obstacles faced by Libertarian candidates, obstacles that do not impede Republicans or Democrats.

A majority of Americans are more aligned with the principles of the Libertarian Party than either Republicans or Democrats, but almost all the elections are won by the traditional parties.

- 1. Perhaps the biggest roadblock for LP candidates is that they are running against big government. Their opponents, however, are creatures of special interests, and special interests profit from Big Government. Hence the opponents end up well financed and assisted in every way.
- 2. Then, there is the imbalance of media coverage. The advertisers that support media are companies with special interests. The media showers Republicans and Democrats with free, unearned media coverage. They exclude Libertarians from debates and polls and convince the public that Libertarians "don't matter."

That's the result of a rigged game played on an uneven playing field.

- 3. Tax-funded, government run schools and universities constantly preach the virtues of big government. They teach that problems are solved best by government regulation. Little education is provided on the need to roll back big government.
- 4. Republicans and Democrats benefit from anti-competition election laws they create to assure their re-election. Libertarians have had some success conquering these obstacles, and it has required great expenditures of limited money and energy. It takes considerable effort to obtain thousands of signatures within a small window of time just to get on a ballot

--Based on an article by Carla Howell, LP News

Benefits of Proportional Representation (PR)

It is not enough just to count every vote. We have to MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT.

PR is an election system. It is not a form of government.

Basically, if 15% of the people vote Libertarian, then 15% of the State House of Representatives should be Libertarian. The essence of PR is that EVERY VOTE COUNTS toward electing a representative instead of only a majority or plurality of the votes.

PR is for everyone.

Democrats who live in Republican Party districts, and Republicans who live in Democratic Party districts never get rewarded for voting. PR would change that. PR gives everyone a reason to vote and gives everyone a reason to encourage others to do the same because every voter is sure to help to elect a Representative, no matter how lopsided their political district.

PR appeals to third party supporters, too.

PR maintains local representation.

If we elect the State House of Representative using PR, everyone would still have a local representative in the form of their State Senator who would continue to be elected from their region. Even if we were to elect both the State Senate and the State House using PR, there are types of PR that allow for local representation. Because we do have a bicameral legislature, I would prefer we use PR for just the State House and I like the "party list" system where both the "new" and the officially "established" political parties submit their lists of candidates to the Secretary of State who oversees elections. It is quite simple. Candidates are chosen top-down based on the percentage of the vote each party receives. Although it is not perfect, it is well tested and much used as a method for electing members to legislative bodies throughout the world.

PR fixes our broken democratic process.

It is not uncommon to go to the polls and find only one person's name on the ballot. We can do democracy better than that.

Check past election results yourself. You will find that about half the state house and state senate races had only one candidate on the ballot. Previous election results are available at the Missouri Secretary of State website.

sos.mo.gov/elections/resultsandstats/previousElections

PR makes Every Vote Count.

It is not enough just to count every vote. We have to MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT. PR truly makes every vote count. It adds everyone's vote to a total that will send someone to Jefferson City, even if they vote in a one-party district like Cape.

FairVote.org

FairVote is an organization which promotes Proportional Representation and Instant Runoff Voting. Here is a link to a page they maintain of what they call the world's 35 most "robust democracies". The US is one of only three which doesn't use Proportional Representation to elect one of its national representative bodies.

http://www.fairvote.org/proportional_representation_in_most_robust_democracies

More information about the Missouri Libertarian Party or county parties can be found at

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History of the Libertarian Party

On Aug. 15, 1971 President Richard Nixon announced on TV, "I am today ordering a freeze on all prices and wages throughout the United States." More than anything, that action is credited with galvanizing the libertarian movement.

The Libertarian Party (LP) was founded in December of that year by a small group of individuals, among them Murray Rothbard (an economist of note), Edward Crane (went on to establish the respected libertarian think-tank named the CATO Institute), John Hospers (a friend of author Ayn Rand), and Tonie Nathan (the first woman and first Jew to receive a an electoral vote in a United States presidential election).

Two of the founding members, Hospers and Nathan were the first candidates for president and vice president. As candidate for vice president, Nathan got an Electoral College vote from Roger McBride, a Republican Party elector who refused to vote for Nixon and Agnew. McBride went on to become the next LP candidate for president. He was heir to Rose Wilder Lane, daughter of Laura Ingalls Wilder of "Little House" book fame. Rose Wilder Lane, Ayn Rand, and Canadian-American journalist and political philosopher Isabel Paterson have been credited with being the three "founding mothers" of American libertarianism.

The philosophical and intellectual underpinnings of libertarianism are traced as far back as Lao-tzu and Taoism, a two thousand year old Chinese philosophy which complained of government laws and regulations "more numerous than the hairs of an ox." According to David Boaz, of the CATO Institute, in his book "Libertarianism: A Primer," the first use of the word "libertarian" dates back to about the year 1800.

Libertarian Presidential Tickets

1972: John Hospers and Tonie Nathan - 3,674 popular votes (0.00%); 1 electoral vote

1976: Roger MacBride and David Bergland - 172,553 popular votes (0.21%)

1980: Ed Clark and David Koch - 921,128 popular votes (1.06%)

1984: David Bergland and James A. Lewis - 228,111 popular votes (0.25%)

1988: Ron Paul and Andre Marrou - 431,750 popular votes (0.47%)

1992: Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord - 290,087 popular votes (0.28%)

1996: Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen - 485,798 popular votes (0.50%)

2000: Harry Browne and Art Olivier - 384,516 popular votes (0.36%)

2004: Michael Badnarik and Richard Campagna - 397,265 popular votes (0.32%)

2008: Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn Root - 523,686 popular votes (0.40%)

2012: Gary Johnson and James P. Gray - 1,275,821 popular votes (0.99%)

2016: Gary Johnson and William Weld –

http://www.lp.org/files/lp_news/2016-2_LP_News.pdf

On the ballot in all 50 states, the 1980 presidential campaign of Ed Clark and David Koch helped make the LP America's third largest political party. In 1996 the LP became the first third party to win ballot access for its presidential candidate in all 50 states two presidential elections in a row. The Libertarian Party has been an officially "established" party and continuously on the ballot in Missouri since 1992.

Someone Must Speak the Truth -Call for Candidates

By: Cisse W. Spragins, Ph.D.

The Missouri Libertarian Party is actively seeking candidates for federal, state and county races. Statewide races every four years include Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Attorney General. The State Auditor is every four years in the off years versus the other statewide offices. The two US Senators (6-year terms) are elected two out of every three even numbered years. Every two years, eight Congressional districts and all 163 State Representative districts are elected. The 34 State Senators are elected every four years, wherein even numbered districts and odd-numbered districts alternate elections. Filing for state and federal races is in person in Jefferson City (except active duty military and physically disabled persons). Further information, including qualifications, is available at LPMO.org. County race information is available at the applicable county website or the County Clerk's office. The party is also seeking candidates for committeeman/woman. Filing for county offices, including committeeman/woman is at the County Clerk's office.

The main function of the Libertarian Party is to run candidates for office who support the Party's principle of less government and more freedom, in order to move public policy towards increased liberty. The utilitarian goal is increased prosperity and peace. The moral imperative is that we may live in a society free of legitimized force, coercion, violence and theft. Those candidates who win will be able to directly influence public policy. Those candidates who don't win will have magnified their voice for liberty, often being the only consistent voice for freedom in their race,

amidst the status quo rhetoric of statism that will be put forth by the older party candidates. There is no greater to way to serve the Party's objective.

While the Libertarian Party supports any and all activism genuinely aimed at increasing liberty, running for office on the LP ticket has two benefits that other forms of activism often don't. Firstly it speaks to people at precisely the time when they are most attuned to politics, providing an immediate action they can take, and secondly it threatens statist politicians like little else can, in that their greatest desire is to get elected.

So if you're tired of the statist rhetoric and the lies, if you want to give liberty a voice, if you think you can do a better job than your "representative" at protecting our freedoms, then step up and take action. Visit LPMO.org for more information.





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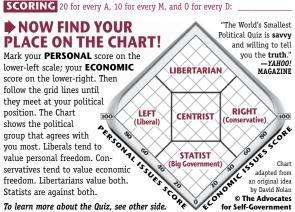
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