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Federal Surveillance— Bringing the STASI to America

It is now revealed by the ACLU that the Federal Government has been using no-fly lists to turn people into Federal spies, planting them in religious institutions and community groups. For much more <https://www.aclu.org/unleashed-and-unaccountable>
The mechanism is simple. The Federal octopus waits until the victim has flown to a remote foreign place. He is then placed on the no-fly list. In one case, the traveler was in the Yemen, and was given the alternatives of becoming a Federal spy, or being handed over to the Yemeni authorities. In another case “After questioning (the prospective victim) about his religious beliefs and practices, FBI agents told him that is he agreed to serve as an informant for the FBI, his name would be removed from the No Fly List and he would be compensated for his cooperation.”

Decent Americans will recognize this scheme. It’s the recruiting tactic of the East German STASI, now brought to America. The important difference between the STASI and our Federal agencies is the spelling of the agency’s name.

The objective of the STASI, limited only by their primitive data handling technology (20 billion sheets of paper), was to build up a complete picture of the social network of every East German. To assist, one East German in seven was an occasional informant. For each citizen, there was a file.

The STASI Social Networking scheme has come to America. As reported by the New York Times nytimes.com/2013/09/29/us/nsa-examines-social-networks-of-us-citizens.html.

The NSA STASI does not use hordes of informers. It uses computers. It uses telephone metadata, internet metadata, Facebook profiles, and every other social networking source to connect a social connectivity graph, who you are talking to and interacting with. How many of these graphs can they generate?

There are only 300,000,000 Americans. We interact, most of us, with at most a few thousand people. Storing for each American a list of all the times you have interacted electronically with any other American is a near-trivial programming exercise, requiring a small part of the 5 yottabyte capacity of the Utah Federal terrorist site. The biggest technical challenge in creating the graphical maps is identifying accurately which American is being referenced in a given piece of information. Given the accuracy of the TSA no-fly list, which has identified babes in arms as known terrorists, the accuracy probably leaves something to be desired.

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State And Local News

Sarvis Polls Strongly in VA

Libertarian candidate for Virginia Governor Robert Sarvis, campaigning vigorously as the election approaches, is polling above 10% in his race. One of the non-partisan pollsters has recently compared outcomes with and without Sarvis in the race, finding that when Sarvis is removed from the question his opponents do not gain significant numbers of votes.



Louisiana Elects!

We quote the Louisiana party web site: The Libertarian Party of Louisiana congratulates Libertarian candidate Gregory King on his election as Justice of the Peace for Lincoln Parish Ward 3! Greg will be serving as Justice of the Peace for a 6 year term starting this August.

National Organization of Libertarian Women

Hey there! We would all ap- [Continued Page 2 Lower Right](#)

Where Your Money Went

Gary Johnson 2012

We now reach May 2013. Gary Johnson became the Libertarian Party’s nominee for President. The crossover from candidate for nomination did not happen exactly at the start of the month, so for May 2012 his expenses represent a mixture of nomination campaign and general election costs.

For new readers, I explain that FEC reports assign accounting line numbers to all transactions, including debts, so we can not only say the payment was specifically toward the debt on line #49666, we can say specifically when the debt was contracted, for how much, and when each piece of it was paid off.

For May 2012 the Johnson campaign had \$218,634 in income (including \$100,000 in Federal money) and disbursed \$227,770. The campaign’s debts at the end of the month were \$1,090,493, a decrease of nearly \$120,000. *Of the \$227,770, less than \$21,500 went to pay Johnson’s current general election expenses. \$206,000+ went to pay off Johnson’s Republican campaign debts.*

Where did the Johnson 2012 money go? There was a near 10-to-1 ratio of staff costs above campaigning costs. \$6501 went to Daines Goodwin as payment on obligations. \$35,000 went to EHS for fundraising. \$1581 went

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Federal Security Perjurers Caught Again, and Again, and Again

You can read the whole thing here: <http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2013/10/spies-can-now-for-the-first-time-monitor-everything-about-us-and-they-can-do-so-with-a-few-clicks-of-a-mouse-and-to-placate-the-lawyers-a-drop-down-menu-of-justifications.html>

For the criminal elements — yes, perjury is a crime — now running our Federal security agencies, lying to Congress has become a habit as addictive as crack cocaine. They're protected in this by a Federal Court system as compliant as the German WW2 SS courts. For starters, note the FISC decision that swallowed the claim that terrorists use the telephone system, so everything in the phone system is fair game. <http://www.techdirt.com/articles/20130917/13395324556>

Under the Republican-Democratic enemies of America, our country is going to Hell in a handbasket. And we are the only political party that might stand in their way.

And remember: If they dare to lie to Congress, you can be absolutely positive that they'll lie on the witness stand without blinking an eyelash, spewing whatever filth is needed to convict their political enemies. That's us.

Republican Idiots Stage Temper Tantrum

Having unsuccessfully campaigned against the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in Congress, sued unsuccessfully against it to the Supreme Court, and run an unsuccessful Presidential Campaign against it, the Republican idiots are as I write blocking continuing resolutions to fund large parts of the Federal government, all to stop one piece of Federal Legislation.

The Senate Majority leader, Harry Reid, is declining to bargain with the Republicans. He does have some amusing alternatives. For example, he could tell the Republicans they can have their amendments to the Continuing Resolution, but he gets his. Amusing and libertarian would be a Federal override eliminating state restrictions on abortion. Amusing but not libertarian would be mandatory universal firearm registration.

As some readers will recall, I live in Massachusetts, where we have for some time had Romneycare, from which the ACA was borrowed. I can report that Romneycare has had extremely little by way of an effect on people who have insurance. It has moved the number of people without health insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid down to about 3% of the population, but from limited reports emergency rooms are as crowded as ever. My health insurance costs are drifting up, but not very quickly. Rumors of health care armageddon are greatly overstated.

No party of capitalism supports the Republican behavior. As free-market economists regularly explain, successful business planning requires a stable legal environment. That's the oppo-

site of what the Republican idiots are giving America, an environment in which the activity of government varies randomly and unpredictably from day to day depending on the rants of a Florida Senator and a few of his fellow idiots.

That's an important message for Libertarian candidates: Yes, we want change. However, we want change through the processes of legislation, so that individual Americans can know what their government will or will not be doing, and make individual plans that will continue to make sense from week to week and month to month.

Libertarian politicians would also do well, for a change, to attach themselves to Libertarian ideas that most Americans support. Those are ideas like ending the Federal Security State, ending the Federal warfare state that just today invaded Somalia again, and dismantling the imperial Presidency before it dismantles all of us.

Libertarian politicians should leave ranting about "Obamacare" to the Republicans.

State/Local News appreciate any support and involvement as The National Organization of Libertarian Woman gets started. We are working on several local projects but we think that this is very important as well so any advice and participation would be wonderful! Thank you so much for everything!!!
<https://www.facebook.com/libertarianladies>
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Iowa Voter Fraud

Libertarian Party of Iowa (LPIA) reports on Iowa voter fraud. No, not the fake Republican claims about Democrats...real voter fraud. "The Porter For Secretary of State campaign is looking into several reports of several Iowans trying to register as a Libertarian at the DMV to have their voter registration papers show them as registering as No Party. There have been reports of this since 2008 and Jake Porter has personally experienced this a few days ago. Please e-mail fraud@jakeporter.org if this has happened to you."

Illinois

Local activity in the Fox Valley as announced by Julie Fox. Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Wed., 9/25, upstairs at Diamond Jim's Gas Grill in East Dundee. Social hour is from 7 - 8 pm. Business begins at 8 pm and runs for 30 to 45 minutes, followed by our program. Our guest in September

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will be Joshua Dwyer of the Illinois Policy Institute, speaking on education reform in Illinois. diamondjimssundee.com/

Future events:

Sunday, 10/13: Distributing FVLP/LP door hangers in East & West Dundee, after which some of us will meet at Bandito Barney's for a local gun raffle.

Wed., 10/16: October planning meeting

Wed., 10/30: October monthly meeting. East Dundee Village Trustee Allen Skillicorn will speak about Anvil Club TIF request that is up for vote next spring.

Julie Fox
Chair, Fox Valley Libertarian Party
<http://www.fvlp.org/>

Massachusetts

Liberty for America has learned that the Massachusetts Republican Party offered Massachusetts Libertarians a deal: We would not run candidates where they had someone in the race, and they would give us no such courtesy in return. Needless to say, this went no place.

Libertarians have found a new tool to use with Chinese spammers, a polite response to the spammer: "Thank you for your support for the Jasmine Revolution. [1] The CIA is now reading your steganographically coded message and preparing a response.[2] Your participation [3] in the glorious revolution to restore the Kuomintang to the rule of all China will be properly rewarded."

[1] True. Capitalism will bring freedom to China.

[2] The CIA reads everything, after all. And like the Okhrana they find secret plots, whether or not they existed.

[3] Whether you knew it or not.

New Hampshire

Courtesy of NH Libertarians, a list of recurring NH events:

Wednesdays - Freedom Forum discussion at Barnes & Noble in Nashua, 7pm to 9pm

Sundays - Drums for Peace, Veterans' Park in Manchester, Noon to 1pm.

Sundays - Social Sunday in Keene, 5:30pm at McCue's

First Sunday - Nashua Liberty Social, 7pm at Nashua Garden, Main St.

First Saturday - Merrimack Valley Porcupines, 11:00AM at The Quill, Amory St, Manchester.

Second Saturday - Concord Porcupines. Noon-1:30pm. Tandy's

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Top Shelf in Eagle Square.

Every other Wednesday and Thursday - NH Seacoast Liberty meetup in Portsmouth and Dover.

Tennessee

Jim Tomasik https://fbcdn-profile-a.akamaihd.net/hprofile-ak-ash3/c1.27.101.101/s100x100/1239829_10200984575630842_235931562_s.jpg
"I am happy to receive the official Libertarian nomination for the District 91 Special Election at the LPTN Special Convention this afternoon. Thanks to all those who attended especially those who voted "Yes"."

Texas

The Texas State Party reports it is sponsoring a series of regional leadership conferences. October 26 will be Houston, Texas. This is a full day event. The Facebook link is [facebook.com/events/582508441806154/](https://www.facebook.com/events/582508441806154/)

Galveston County Libertarians <https://www.facebook.com/groups/102783570521/>, now one of many emerging local libertarian groups on facebook, demonstrates how local groups can syndicate libertarian news nationally with their coverage of recreational marijuana legalization drives in Oregon and Alaska, as described in the repeated link <http://thehoustonfreethinkers.com/alaska-ore-may-vote-on-legal-pot-next-year/>

Texans report that Kathie Glass will be opposing Lee Wrights for their Governorship nomination. Glass and group are viewed by some as having been defeated in an effort to take over the state party there last year. The opinion was suggested that she is a Tea Party candidate whose social issue stands are simply not there.

We are seeing on facebook a series of 'You are Libertarian Live Free' state pages. There is also an "Americans Against the Libertarian Party" group that may not be satire.

International News

Canada

There are indications that there is a Libertarian Party in Canada. It appears as yet to be focused on policy discussions rather than doing politics.

Germany

The new German Libertarian Party, the Partei der Vernunft, contesting its first Federal elections, received 25,027 votes (0.06%) but failed to elect candidates to the German parliament. That's better than our party did on its first run.

Australia

David Leyonhjelm has been elected to the Australian Federal

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Senate as a candidate of the Liberal Democratic Party. The LDP is an Australian Libertarian Party, with a wide range of solidly libertarian stands, such as free trade, marijuana legalization, and private firearms ownership, plus a few peculiarly Australian issues, such as the belief that voting should be a voluntary act.

New Zealand

The Libertarianz Party has a fine web site libertarianz.org.nz but appears to have become relatively inactive since early this year. Their last posted newsletter is dated March 2013; their last posted press release goes back a bit farther.

Party Web Pages

Tennessee

The Tennessee web pages include several press releases a week on current issues, an active calendar, news of the forthcoming February 2014 state convention, information on their special election candidate Jim Tomasik, and a list of officers with contacts.

Texas

The Texas web pages list three dozen state party officers, masses of county chairs, and a half-dozen staff members, with contact information. The front page notes the election after election progress in putting candidates on the ballot. Texas has very

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Welcome to Liberty for America!

A magazine. A web site. An organization. **Liberty for America** has had several inquiries on launching **Liberty for America** Chapters across America. A draft set of state/regional By-Laws appears on the **LibertyforAmerica.Com web site.**

simple processes for putting people on the ballot.; in election years they put forward a hundred or more candidates.

Utah

The page is active, with a list of state officers and contacts,

Vermont

We see ongoing events, including a recent memorial tribute to Hardy Macia, a current political campaign, and a contact list of state and town officers.

Virginia

The state party is vigorously campaigning for their candidates for Governor and state legislature. The officer list is extensive.

Washington

The state web pages announce the forthcoming 2014 state convention, give a list of officers, issues, and feature a spectacular full color electronic-only strategy report.

West Virginia

The web pages trumpet the fantastic success of the party, namely full party status through 2016.

Wyoming

The Wyoming web pages list officers with contacts, 2012 candidates, and the forthcoming May 2013 State Convention

Maine is in the process of releasing a new set of party web pages.

Massachusetts has largely deployed a new set of web pages, visible at LPMA.org.

The traditional URL LPMA.org was in the grip of Mr. Muni Savyon. However, Mr. Savyon has now murdered his nine-year-old son — a hideous crime — and committed suicide, so there is some hope that the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts will at last be able to recover its URL. Readers should note that Mr. Savyon was a resident of New Hampshire, and that he had recently run for office as a Republican.

Where Your Money Went to Fundly for merchant charges. Media

Temple received \$150 for web hosting. Paypal charged \$1103. Zions Bank received \$3064.58 for various bank and merchant charges. Hackstaff Law Group received \$2000 against line 4169, originally created in April-June 2011. Finally, Political Advisors received \$188,320 for "Payment on Obligation".

The Daines Goodwin payments covered lines 46966 and 46994, the March and April campaign debts, and then overpaid them by \$3878. The EH2 debt was originally for \$111,166 on line 4170, created in April-June 2011, and at this point had been paid down to \$61,166.

Then there were the payments to Political Advisors. \$112,937.80 paid off line #46746, originally created in July-September 2011. That debt referred to: Senior Political Advisor 50 hours at \$16,250 (\$325.00/hour); Creative Advertising \$13,500 for 48 hours (\$281.25/hour, a 25% increase in the rate, achieved as fewer hours for exactly the same total price); Press relations \$19,368 for 176 hours (\$110.00/hour); Mid-level Management \$30,000 for 240 hours (\$125.00/hour); Mid-level Management \$28,117 for 295.97 hours (\$95.00/hour); "Outside subcontracts per agreement" \$13,806.

\$16889 paid off line 46828, debts from October 2011. This money paid for political activities: Travel, staff and candidate \$10,075; Ad Placement, web \$1250; EMail Marketing Costs \$4264; Miscellaneous/Supplies/Office \$2078; Shipping \$2023

\$39,992 reduced line #46829, as originally described in our June issue. This debt, also incurred in October 2011, was for \$119,915.69. Costs included: Senior Political Advisor 50 hours at \$16,250 (\$325.00/hr), Creative Advertising \$13,500 for 60 hours (\$225.00/hr), Press relations \$18,040 for 164 hours (\$110.00/hr), Mid-level Management \$45,625 for 365 hours (\$125.00/hr), Mid-level Management \$15,083 for 158 hours (\$95/hr) "Outside subcontracts per agreement" \$10,703.

There were also new debts for May 2012, neatly divided between nominating and general election campaign expenses. For the nominating campaign, debt line #47032 for \$26,120

Senior Political Advisor 10 hours at \$3,250 (\$325.00/hour)
Creative Advertising \$6750 for 30 hours (\$225.00/hour)
Mid-level Management \$10,766 for 144 hours
Mid-level Management \$1829 for 36 hours
"Outside subcontracts per agreement" \$3525

and debt line #47033

Travel, staff and candidate \$5031
Ad Placement, web \$53
EMail Marketing Costs \$723
Miscellaneous/Supplies/Office \$383
Shipping \$139
Printing \$3584

For the general election campaign, debt line #47034 for \$35,494 of which \$15,700 was paid immediately: Creative Advertising \$111250 for 50 hours (\$225.00/hour)

Mid-level Management \$11,269 for 376 hours (\$30/hour)
Mid-level Management \$4200 for 1400 hours (\$30/hour)
"Outside subcontracts per agreement" \$3000

The reader notes that the itemized expenses do not match the debt.

This is an FEC software feature. New debt #47035 for \$11,180

Travel, staff and candidate \$9033
Ad Placement, web \$516
EMail Marketing Costs \$516
Shipping \$1114

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Libertarian National Committee

The FEC site went down as this report was being prepared. The LNC appears to have taken in a bit more than \$81,000 for the month, close to a 20-year-low as an annualized rate.

From a separate source, National Party sustaining memberships continue to fall, and are now down to \$13,429, which is less than any other month in the past year, and less than any December going back to 2009. The recent bottom was \$12,870 last June; at current decline rates the national party will stay above that number for some months yet.

Where did the money go?

Employee net pay came to \$19,546. The LNC also paid \$624 for administrative support services, \$1500 for FEC filing, and \$3000 for legal services. \$1200 for Annual Auditing Services went to Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman. Another \$9493 went to Federal, VA, and DC taxes, payroll processing costs, and personnel travel. \$2004 went for employee health and dental. Staff travel came to \$3892. If you have a staff, you have to put them someplace. Office space in the overpriced DC area cost \$12,281 to GreenPenz2600. The copier lease was \$929. Office supplies were \$552.

Raising money costs money. Noncandidate printing and mailing cost \$10,293. Telefundraising and telemarketing costs were \$4722. The LNC paid \$2298 for Merchant processing fees. \$1611 went to postage and shipping in various forms. \$232 went for bank service charges. \$7.50 went for membership prospecting.

The LNC paid a total of \$3478 for information technology. \$1279 went to iContact for email marketing. Website hosting cost \$688. A Dell Desktop cost \$709. Email server hosting cost \$574. Cable and Internet were \$93. \$87 went to address and phone verification. Toll-free phone service cost \$41.27. Phone system and network cost \$5.99.

We did politics. The Facebook ad charge was \$703. That's somewhat under 1% of all party expenses for the month.

Apologies for the short issue, but your editor has had an unpleasant head cold just now going away.

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