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We Have a Bright Future If only We Take Advantage of It

Our Democratic and Republican opponents are well on the way to committing political suicide, and we should cheer them along. Most Americans have worked out that the Republican Party is the party of corrupt overage white male bigots catering to a diminishing collection of voters. (If you want to see real bigotry at its worse, come to Massachusetts web sites and look at MassResistance.org, Republican homophobic hatemongering of the vilest sort, not to mention the friends who advertise their events, groups like the Massachusetts "Liberty Protection Association".)

Young people are rejecting the Republican Party by 2-1 or more. Persons of color and recently arrived ethnic minorities are rejecting the Republicans by 2-1, 3-1, and even 15-1. But many of those people, as they gain an understanding of American political parties, are going to realize that they may loathe Republicanism, but they do not really like the Democrats, either.

And that is our opportunity. Across the world, in almost every western country, the end of the cold war brought the end of the cold war political parties — or their transformation beyond recognition — and there is every reason to support that the same is happening here. Consider the new failures of the Democratic-Republican parties:

The Bush Nationalist Socialist Republican Party substantially nationalized the bank system and launched a 'bailout' scheme of every sort, most kept secret from the Congress that funded it. The Obama International Socialist Democrats are continuing the scheme, which was overwhelmingly rejected by the American people. American taxpayers have no use for the two and a half trillion in additional Federal borrowing — this year — let alone for the thieving anticapitalist plundercrats who are taking the loot, not to mention their media tools who propagandized for the bail (that's spelled L-O-O-T) out. The probable failure of the Obama spending campaign — every dollar Obama gives to someone to spend is a dollar sucked vampirically from the pocket of some other spender — stands likely to create a crisis for the American Keynesian welfare state.

The Obama Democratic Party has apparently decided to continue the Bush Republican war party campaign against the people of Afghanistan. The Kingdom of Afghanistan is justly remembered as the graveyard of empires. The British Imperialists invaded it during the First

Afghan War. A British army went in. A single Briton escaped to report the fate of his fellows. The Russian Soviet Imperialists invaded near the end of the Cold War. Much of their army escaped. The Russian Soviet Empire did not survive the experience. Now an American Army has invaded Afghanistan, imposed a satrap who lives only because his bodyguard is composed largely of American mercenaries, and is noticing that Afghani patriots have substantially disrupted the American supply line through the Khyber pass. The Obama Democratic Party offers more war, when the American people desire peace.

The Libertarian political movement offers the alternatives most Americans want but do not know how to reach. We offer peace, liberty, and prosperity . We only need a better political structure to advance to victory.

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Where Your Money Went Libertarian National Committee

For late November and all of December, the Libertarian National Committee raised \$98,498 and spent \$108,113, leaving it at the end of the year with \$3178 cash on hand and \$48,894 in debts, or so its FEC reports say. Those debts were \$9,682 at the start of the reporting period, while cash on hand was \$12,793 at the start of the period.

For the corresponding period in 2004, the LNC raised \$123,052.

What did the LNC do with your money?

Office rent was **\$9903**. The Central Parking System received **\$240**. The employees to put in that office cost much more. Employee Net Pay, to Andrew Davis, Austin Petersen, Casey Hansen, Louise Calise, Mark Meranta, Robert Kraus, Sean Haugh, and Susan Dickson, came to **\$26,521**. There were also all those other charges that come with paying people, including Carefirst CapitalCare MAMSI - UnitedHealth, the District of Columbia for withholding, unemployment, and administration, Medi-

care and Social Security for company and employer, 401 K Contributions, employee goodwill gift cards, and withholding for Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, totalling \$13,293.7. Someone was paid \$1053 to cover a UHaul Internation bill as moving expense reimbursement. Payroll processing cost \$186 to Quickbooks.

Those employees needed tools. Copier lease and maintenance was \$690. Credit card processing fees were \$2016. Office supplies were \$114.

Information Technology? Blackbaud, Inc. received \$9750 for their Software Annual Licence and Maintenance Fee. Lyris Tech - Sparklist received \$7774 for web and email hosting, Terra Eclipse received \$4500 for web site management, and Rackspace USA received \$649 for web site hosting. Phone and data came to \$1513, including payments to AT&T - Mobility, PAETEC - US LEC Corp., Telecompute Corporation, and Verizon Wireless. The Planet.com got \$574 for Email Server Hosting Expense. Intuit Software earned \$84.57 for Quickbooks maintenance. PC remote access was \$44.94.

Non-Party editing, mailing, and printing cost \$11,776. Postage and meters cost \$805.90. Annual Business Reply Mail fees were \$745. Address and phone confirmations were \$57.21 to Accurint.

Bank and other servive charges included \$262 to Riggs Bank, \$1453 to Mercantile Bank of Michigan for managing the substantial Escrow Trust, and \$52.92 to PNC for finance charges. Credit card processing fees were \$2016.

Legal Expenses totalled \$5523, namely \$2898 to Gary Sinawski and \$2625 to Warner, Norcross & Judd. D and O Insurance was \$1642 covering two months. State Farm got \$448 for other insurance.

The LNC Meeting at the Town and Country Resort cost \$3142 for the site and \$151 for meals. Staff travel costs are inapparent.

Last and least, the party advertised, spending \$182.63 to Google for the Party branding project.

Money is also still flowing to the Barr-Root campaign.

Barr-Root Continues Wind-Down

The Barr-Root Campaign continued spending and paying off debt through the end of December. The biggest news, of course, is that the Barr-Root campaign never had any signed contract with the national party, and is refusing to

hand over its donor and volunteer lists to the National Party for future party building efforts. This follows on to the Barr-Root Campaign's apparent effort to hide as much as possible that Barr-Root was Libertarian. As a party building effort, Barr-Root 2008 was thus a failure.

Some Libertarians still are on the Barr-Root campaign effort as Field Consultants. You might want to take these payments into consideration in evaluating what they say. From late November through to the end of December payments included:

Mike Ferguson \$1250
Stephen Gordon \$2500
Andrew MacPherson \$1500
Ashley Petty \$967.5

There's plenty of additional spending. More than \$14,000 for direct marketing, nearly \$15,000 to Delta for travel, \$2000 to Shane Cory, \$4219 in rent, \$1300 for office supplies, \$3500 for various sorts of information technology, and almost \$1000 for advertising. The campaign still owes nearly \$200,000, including \$47,000 to James Bovard, and \$39,414 to McKenna Long & Aldridge. Terra Eclipse is owed \$35,566 for IT work. Russ Verney is owed \$15,000 for Political Consulting.

You may remember that the nominal selling point for Wayne Root as Vice President was that he had a good stump speech. In order to take advantage of that candidate feature, you actually had to get him onto a stump. The Barr-Root campaign spent almost nothing to send Root around the country, thus wasting a major campaign resource. Root did get radio time, but that appears to have been the time Root generated.

Here's a fuller list of campaign spending:

Travel Delta \$14,852

Field Consulting -- \$6217.5
Mike Ferguson \$1250
Stephen Gordon \$2500
Andrew MacPherson \$1500
Ashley Petty \$967.5

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Other people ... \$5000
Allyn Moskowitz Accounting Services \$1500
Shane Cory \$2000
Wayne Allen Root \$1500

Rent 4219.73
Lisa Franzman \$1357
Post Corporate Apartments 2862.5

Office Supplies Circuit City, Costco \$1311.22

Information Technology
Campaigner Pro Software 3382.34
RackSpace IT 99.5
Thru Tech Computer Repair 29.5
AT&T Mobility Wireless Card 88.59

Advertising
Commercial Signs \$170
Google, Inc. \$796.99

Legal Services
McKenna Long & Aldridge \$1000
Drew Shirley \$15.31

Event Room -- Mansour Center -- \$3181

Transaction Fees American Express Donor Town Square
PayPal 1671.79

In addition, the campaign has some very substantial remaining debts, namely of \$213,221 owed it was able to pay off \$24,913. Its remaining debts are:

James Bovard was owed \$47,000 for an Authoring Fee. American Express was owed \$44,057.28 for campaign expenses, and was paid \$15,000 of that this cycle. McKenna Long & Aldridge was owed \$39,414.69 for Legal Fees, and was paid \$1000 of that this cycle. Terra Eclipse was owed \$35,566 for information technology. Russ Verney was owed \$15,000 for Political Consulting. Doug Badow was owed \$6466 for Political Consulting.

Wayne Allen Root was owed \$4797 for his expenses, and this cycle was paid \$1500 of that amount. Steve Sinton was owed \$4000 for Political Consulting. Robert Stuber was owed \$4000 for Fundraising Consulting. All Points Packaging & Distribution, Inc. was owed 1149.42 for Online Order Fulfillment. Campaigner Pro was owed \$6057.34 for software, and was paid \$3382 of that this cycle. Lisa Franzman was owed \$2160 for rent, and was paid \$1357 of that this cycle.

Third Party Debates: What Happened

opinion by Christina Tobin

Throughout the 2008 Presidential Campaign, the four major independent and third-party candidates called for the Commission on Presidential Debates to include on stage all candidates who appeared on enough state ballots to at least theoretically attain the 270 electoral votes required to become president. As expected, their requests fell on deaf ears, as the so-called "non-partisan" commission is controlled exclusively by Democrats and Republicans.

Enter Free & Equal, a non-profit group dedicated to furthering ballot access and open elections in the United States.

Through my own work with various third parties on ballot access, I was made painfully aware of the onerous restrictions placed on third party and independent candidates. Nowhere are these restrictions greater than those that determine who will be included in debates. The candidates are told they must meet a polling and support threshold to participate. The media largely ignores the candidates, saying they have no support. Of course, these candidates have limited support because the media denies them the opportunity to get their message out. It is a vicious circle, and this is exactly what played out in this past election. Unfortunately, the short-sighted and narrow-minded attitudes of some of the third-party candidates only made matters worse.

After serving as the National Ballot Access coordinator for the Ralph Nader campaign, I took a leave of absence from the campaign to partner with Trevor Lyman of Thirdpartyticket.com in the hopes of having a third party presidential debate. The odyssey that followed was one I will not soon forget. Let me be as direct as I can: Third parties will never draw a following unless they grow up!

Working with one other person (that's right, only two of us), I originally hoped that Lyman's third party ticket

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debate would fit right into the plans. Unfortunately, Lyman was put off by several campaigns and became disenchanted with the whole idea. From there, Free and Equal took the helm.

Free and Equal worked to have the debate hosted by the Columbia University Political Union on a Sunday afternoon in October. It was clear from the outset that despite their lip service supporting opening the debate to third-parties, the candidates were less than enthusiastic about appearing onstage with one another.

Libertarian candidate and former Georgia Congressman Bob Barr's campaign actions were mean-spirited, and the hubris and utter foolishness of his campaign tactics were appalling. After the well-documented Ron Paul press conference snub, the Barr camp stated many times that Barr would only debate Nader, and that he would not be "seen on the same stage" with Green Party candidate Cynthia McKinney. The Barr campaign flat out refused to participate, stopped taking our phone calls and emails, and lambasted us on blogs. The "warmest personal regards" on the fax rejecting the invitation to the Mayflower Hotel debate was particularly hypocritical.

Claiming "unprofessionalism" and "bias," the Barr campaign attempted to drag us through the mud. They were not the only campaign to do so. The Cynthia McKinney campaign was even more deliberate in its attempt to derail the Free and Equal debate.

To make matters worse, after Trevor Lyman and thirdpartyticket.com stopped working with us, they began working against us. A debate was scheduled for the same day as the Columbia University debate. This debate was to be broadcast live on the internet, and the candidates would participate by webcam. From our dealings with the campaigns, we knew that this would not be acceptable to most of them.

But Cynthia McKinney nevertheless decided to participate in the Third Party Ticket debate. The Thursday morning before the Columbia debate was to take place, McKinney and Nader appeared on Democracy Now! With Amy Goodman. During this show, McKinney repeatedly stated that she would be participating in Lyman's debate, not the Columbia University debate. Nader had every opportunity to correct her, or to challenge her on the other debate, but chose not to.

Faced with an impossible situation, the Columbia Political Union decided against pressing forward with the

debate. With no confirmed candidates, due in part to the confusion surrounding Lyman's debate, the Political Union had no choice but to pull out. Enough cannot be said about the time, effort, and dedication that the Political Union, and publisher Allon Bran in particular, put forward. I thank them for their tremendous effort, and hope that we can work together in the future.

After the Columbia debate was canceled, Free and Equal began preparations for a Third Party presidential debate to be held at the Mayflower Hotel. Free and Equal attempted time and time again to contact the Cynthia McKinney campaign. E-mails were rejected, calls not returned, and once again their blogs were peppered with "conspiracy" charges.

McKinney, in what can be described as a delusional act, posted a video decrying the debate as "The Nader Debate." The campaign then accused us of working exclusively for Nader, and for not allowing her campaign to participate in the preparations. Correct me if I am wrong, but I don't see how you can denounce someone for not working with you when you refuse and reject all attempts at communication. After the debates were held, press releases were sent out containing not only outright lies, but new stories as to why the campaign declined to participate in the debates.

As for the Nader connection, yes, I was indeed the National Ballot Access coordinator for the campaign. I have also helped secure ballot lines for numerous independent candidates and alternative political parties including the Constitution, Green, Libertarian and Socialist Equality parties. I took a leave of absence from the campaign to organize these debates and, by the way, neither I nor the other person I was working with voted for Nader.

Despite all of these maddening hurdles, Free and Equal hosted a successful Presidential debate at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. Chuck Baldwin, the Constitution Party candidate (the only campaign to be 100% straightforward with us from day one), and Ralph Nader participated in spirited and cordial debate broadcast live on C-SPAN in primetime, and covered by the three major networks.

The next week, a debate organized by the Barr campaign was held in Ohio. It was not nationally broadcast, and reportedly did not appear to be professional in nature.

The Sunday before the election, Free and Equal hosted

our second debate, this one a Vice Presidential Debate in Las Vegas. Only the Green party was unrepresented at this debate, despite offers to pay their travel expenses.

It is my opinion that the Libertarian and Green Parties would do well to question the motives of the Barr and McKinney campaigns. After all, they are responsible for the actions of their candidates.

The Barr campaign failed to gain ballot access in any state it attempted, while the states that were handled by the Libertarian Party itself were mostly successful. The McKinney campaign had four different websites throughout the course of the campaign, every one of them underwhelming, the last one offline until after the election. Both campaigns had dismal showings in this election, whether the standard be fundraising, media exposure, or votes. Both campaigns attempted to derail and usurp Free and Equal's ambitions to provide a media platform for the candidates. Both campaigns routinely ignored the suggestions of their respective party's leadership. Both campaigns have been accused of being disorganized, incompetent, and arrogant. Both campaigns had the effect of stagnating their respective parties.

Both candidates are former Congressman from safe-seat Congressional Districts in Georgia.

Furthermore, ever since the Libertarian Convention, there have been rumors and speculation that Barr will [again] run as a Republican for Congress in 2010. If this does come to pass, what does it say about the integrity of 3rd parties to be infiltrated and taken over without effective opposition?

All third parties, in my opinion, should think twice before nominating former seat-holding Democrats and Republicans, just for the name recognition. The third party movement should focus on creating its own media opportunities instead of relaying on has-been Democrats and Republicans for media exposure. This is what Free and Equal will strive for.

Even after this very trying experience, Free and Equal remains undaunted by the task of securing ballot access and free and fair elections for independent and third party candidates. Free and Equal also wishes to thank everyone who helped make the debates a reality.

At the beginning of next year, Free and Equal will begin campaigning to challenge ballot access laws across the country. We hope to break the hold of the two party du-

opoly on our electoral process by helping place as many third party and independent candidates on the ballot in 2010 as possible through lobbying, petitioning, recall, and referendum efforts. Our Campaign for Ballot Access will begin the day after Inauguration Day. Stay tuned as more is sure to come. Please feel free to visit our website-in-progress at www.freeandequal.org

Inquiries may be directed to Christina Tobin@ (312) 320-4101, or by e-mail to Christina@freeandequal.org.

O'Dell claims Barr 2008 Owes Her Money

Angelia O'Dell, Oklahoma State Chair and campaign worker has been advancing claims in multiple quarters that she continues to be owed money by the Barr campaign. The amounts are said by her to include \$3500 for ballot access reform, \$4500 for other work, and \$1500 owed to the Oklahoma Libertarian Party. These claims are not supported by the Barr Campaign's FEC filings, which show no such debt, so there is disagreement here.

Angelia O'Dell has forwarded to this newsletter two emails in support of her claims:

On 9/18/08 5:23 PM, "Angelia ODell" <oklpchair@yahoo.com> wrote:

Shane, when we where in WV you said you would put me on the payroll I am not asking that I be put on full time I don't do enough but a one time payment for my time and work would really help me out. I know this seem terrible to ask but I could sure use it after the time I was in WV and Bob coming to Oklahoma and unfortunately I did not budget for everything correctly . Sorry Had to ask.

Thank you,
Angelia O'Dell
OKLP Chair
oklpchair@yahoo.com

From: Shane Cory <shane@bobbarr2008.com>

Subject: Re:

To: "Angelia ODell" <oklpchair@yahoo.com>

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2008, 9:25 PM

No worries. How much do you need?

On 9/25/08 5:53 PM, "Angelia ODell" <oklpchair@yahoo.com> wrote:

Shane, Hope I did not catch you at a bad time just wanted to know if you where okay with the amount I asked for and if so how long will it be before it is sent out. I hate to bother you about this but I just needed to know. thanks

Thank you,

--- On Thu, 9/25/08, Shane Cory
<shane@bobbarr2008.com> wrote:
From: Shane Cory <shane@bobbarr2008.com>
Subject: Re:
To: "Angelia ODell" <oklpchair@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008, 11:01 PM
No worries. I've just been swamped. I'm going to
have to get the amount approved and will try to get it out
next week.
Thanks,
Shane

For more information on her claims, please contact
Angelia O'Dell
OKLP Chair
oklpchair@yahoo.com
918-510-8315

Personal Opinions on Ballot Access

From Andy Jacobs
Andy Jacobs has been a Libertarian Party member since
1996. He has been a petitioner since 2000 and has
worked in two dozen states and the District of Columbia,
several of these places on multiple occasions.

This column of his opinions is edited from his excellent
but impossibly long for inclusion in this newsmagazine
full message. The message may be read on The Daily
Liberty thedailyliberty.com/story/2009/1/18/231128/630
He writes:

Now that the New Year has started, I think that it is time
to unveil our plan to get the Libertarian Party on the bal-
lot for 2010 and 2012. One big key to doing this is to
start early! Like right now! We could be petitioning
RIGHT NOW in New Mexico, Alabama, South Dakota,
North Dakota, Nebraska, West Virginia, and Arkansas.
New Mexico requires about 4,200 valid signatures to re-
gain ballot status and Alabama requires about 40,000
valid signatures.

Some of you out there may be thinking, "We just had an
election." The day to start thinking about the next elec-
tion is on election day!

Ballot access petitioning must be done or you don't have
any candidates on the ballot. A political party that is not
on the ballot might as well not even be a political party.
If you aren't on the ballot nobody can vote for you and
even fewer people will listen to your ideas.

Even if you do not win, being on the ballot puts your
ideas out in the public arena. Many people came into

the Libertarian Movement because of a campaign.

In 1992, 1996, and 2000, the Libertarian Party was on the
ballot in all 50 states plus DC. In 2004 the Libertarian
Party was on the ballot in 48 states plus DC. In 2008 we
were only on the ballot in 45 states. 2008 was the worst
Presidential year ballot access 1984 or 1988.

Does everyone see a pattern here? What do you want for
2012? 42 states? 40 states? 38 states? Do you want a
Libertarian Party that moves backwards or moves ahead?

Right now SHOULD BE ripe picking for the Libertarian
Party with increased public outrage over the economy,
trillion dollar plus bailouts, the war in Iraq, domestic
spying etc... The Ron Paul r3VOLution PROVED that
there is a huge constituency for liberty.

Guess what? We can't be at the forefront of anything if
we aren't even on the ballot! Some of you may be think-
ing "I'm just going to wait for the LNC/LP National to
act. They will get us on the ballot."

It was LP National that mismanaged ballot access in
2008. The money and the manpower was there to get on
the ballot in 49 states plus DC. If LP ballot access in
Oklahoma had been started in September 2007, ballot
access barriers there could have been overcome. It is
foolish to sit around and wait for a bureaucracy like the
LNC/LP National to act.

Do you want a repeat episode for the next election cycle,
or would you prefer to learn a lesson and do things right
next time?

Ballot access petitioning can be a pain. Unless we change
the way candidates get on the ballot, ballot access is
something that we have to do. Remember, in several
states Democrats and Republicans must gather petition
signatures to place candidates on the ballot. In a few of
those cases those requirements are just as difficult or - and
in a small handful of cases - even more difficult than get-
ting minor party and independent candidates on the ballot.

Ballot access petitioning is actually a good opportunity to
turn lemons into lemonade. Why do I say this? Because
petitioning is an excellent opportunity to do in person out-
reach. Ballot access petitioning is an excellent chance for
people to find out that there is a Libertarian Party and to
learn what the Libertarian Party is about. Ballot access
petitioning is an excellent time for people to be given Lib-
ertarian pamphlets, flyers, DVDs, etc... Ballot access
petitioning is an excellent time to meet people interested

in the Libertarian Party. Ballot access petitioning is an excellent time to expand Libertarian Clubs on college campuses. Ballot access petitioning is an opportunity to engage in outreach and to build the Libertarian Party.

Last year I gathered signatures for Libertarian Party ballot access in Pennsylvania and Alabama. While in those states, I handed out thousands of Libertarian Party flyers and pamphlets at gun shows, on college campuses, and at other locations (such as on Tax Day - April 15th - when I gathered signatures outside of a Post Office that was off of a city sidewalk. I handed out World's Smallest Political Quizzes and Libertarian Party anti-tax literature to people while I gathered signatures there. I attended Ron Paul Meet Up groups and other Ron Paul events (I got almost everyone at these meetings and events to sign the Libertarian Party ballot access petition)

Real Libertarian petitioners are the backbone of Libertarian Party ballot access. Real Libertarian petitioners could knock a lot of the ballot access work IF ballot access is started early. Starting ballot access early and making the best use out of the few REAL Libertarians who are willing and able to do the job means that the Libertarian Party will not have to rely as much on mercenaries who all too often get poor validity on the signatures that they collect and who do NOTHING to build the Libertarian Party. Last minute petition drives that mostly use mercenaries cost more money and are more likely to fail.

What is the best way to do this? Is it to put ballot access petitioning off until 2010 and 2012 and to hire a bunch of mercenaries to do "last minute fire drill" petition drives, or is it better to start early and have a crew of experienced petitioners who are also REAL Libertarians on the ground ?

If you think that it is better to learn from our mistakes and do things in an intelligent manner I urge you to make a donation to get ballot access started RIGHT NOW. You can make a donation two ways:

1) Go to www.FreedomBallotAccess.org and donate, or mail a check to Freedom Ballot Access c/o George Phillies, 48 Hancock Hill Drive, Worcester, MA 01609

2) You can send the money directly to a Libertarian Party state affiliate. I recommend you send the money to the Libertarian Party of New Mexico. They need approximately 4,200 valid signatures and can start right now. Mail them a check at Libertarian Party of New Mexico, 918 Ivory Ranch Rd. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

The longer the Libertarian Party puts off ballot access the greater is the chance for ballot access and the less chance that ballot access will be done in an efficient manner.

So fellow Libertarians, I ask, do you want to do ballot access right for a change, or do you want to continue the trend of ballot access failure which will surely be repeated if my advice is ignored? The choice is yours.

Yours in liberty,
Andy Jacobs
702-785-4738

LNC Press Statements Oppose the LNC Platform

Posting on the "Wall" part of the Facebook Group "The Libertarian Party" LP Director of Communications Donny Ferguson (Washington, DC) wrote at 7:42pm on February 5th, 2009

"The LP has no official stance on whether all abortions should be legal or illegal. There are many pro-life libertarians, like Ron Paul, and many pro-choice libertarians.

The LP does, however, oppose all forms of government-assisted, government-directed or taxpayer-funded abortion or family planning, which is more than can be said for the Republicans."

We respond editorially. We call Mr. Ferguson's attention to our platform:

1.4 Abortion

Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.

The illuminated clause is an explicit stand that abortions should not be made illegal.

Ferguson also propagated on LP.org Republican lying points about Labor Secretary nominee Hilda Solis, notably claiming that she had lobbied for an anti-employer organization. Solis is treasurer of a worker's educational group, not a lobbyist. Voluntary organization (such as her group) is a central libertarian virtue.

Ferguson had previously silenced dissent on The Libertarian Party Facebook Group by suppressing the "Discussion Board" part of the Facebook site. Facebook Discussion Groups provide threaded discussions of member-initiated topics.

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radio

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Become a political
activist volunteer

Provide writing/editing support

Run for office

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