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The Future is Coming The News Is Great!

Occasionally, buried in news from other political factions is some incredibly good news for our Libertarian Party. And here we have some, in the form of a statistical report *Demographic Change and the Future of the Parties*, which you can read at http://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/2010/06/pdf/voter_demographics.pdf

The author is Ruy Teixeira, a demographics expert and progressive democrat. He was co-author, with John Judis, of the excellent book "The Emerging Democratic Majority" which seems to have done a respectable job of describing the 2006 and 2008 elections, except that it was written in 2002 and described the elections via predictions.

While Teixeira usually writes as a progressive Democrat, in this paper he makes considerable effort to propose how the Republican Party way might avoid its current demographic destination, someplace in the vicinity of the whooping crane and the passenger pigeon. Republicans will justly say that his solution involves the Republican elephant amputating its trunk and then cutting its own throat.

As a Libertarian, I offer a different and much more positive perspective, namely that Teixeira's report is wonderful news, for us! Demographics impel voting patterns; they do not compel voting patterns. Out there in every group are a certain number of people who will vote Libertarian for their own very

personal reasons.

Nonetheless, it should be anything but surprising that if you collect a large group of people with similar backgrounds, educations, and habits of mind, you will find that their voting patterns tend to be similar, too.

So what demographics are found by Teixeira? The following numbers are almost all paraphrases from his 45 page report; the interlaced commentary is mine.

America has gained a large upper-middle-class. That's positive news for us, because our philosophy of entrepreneurialism and self-reliance is particularly appealing to people with the resources to be entrepreneurial and self-reliant. The numbers: In 1947, the 80th percentile of family income in 1947 was around \$41,000 (in 2008 dollars) and the 95th percentile was \$68,000. A few percent of all Americans had family incomes above \$100,000. In 2008, the 80th percentile was around \$113,000, nearly three times as much, and the 95th percentile was about \$200,000. By 2030, a reasonable projection is that \$100,000 of annual family income will be about the 60th percentile. (Those of you who can recall Harry Truman's 1949 State of the Union Address and other reports may remember his prediction, then widely disbelieved, that income would triple in the next 50 years...he was pretty close.)

That upper-middle-class group is increasingly split between managerial types with a Bachelor's degree, who tend to be Republican conservatives, and professional types with post-graduate education, who tend to be socially liberal Democrats. The division here leads us to another demographic:

Education: The party of reality-based politics draws its votes from people who are willing to think about our stands. Those people are in considerable part educated professionals with advanced educations. Fifty years ago, professionals with a post-graduate education were a small minority. Now they are rapidly expanding, so they are 18 % of the electorate and (given they vote a lot) close to 21% of all voters. While they are well-to-do, they are readily split away from the Republican party. In fact, they already have been, namely they voted 2:1 for Kerry over Bush. The Republican dead-end march tends to insure that Republicans cannot collect these votes, because they are the votes of people who are, notes Teixeira, forthrightly liberal on social issues, moderate reformists on economic issues and have "a distaste for aggressive militarism in foreign policy". In short, these are people who are solidly libertarian on social and foreign policy issues, and relative to where America is now ready to move in our direction on fiscal policy. And if they do not

want to move as far, well, we have a long ways to go before this is an issue.

Religion: A quite respectable fraction of Libertarians started with the novels or philosophy of Ayn Rand, who was a militant atheist. Our Libertarian Party is rather broader than this, but there is a strong theological trend in our direction. The fraction of Americans who attend services only a few times a year or less has risen to 44 percent of voters, while voters without any religious affiliation has tripled since 1944, and is now up to 14%. These people are our natural targets, just as white evangelical Christians are natural targets of the Republicans, but our plausible demographic groups are rapidly expanding. Indeed, it appears that by 2020 give or take a Presidential election cycle, only a minority of Americans will be white Christians.

Unmarried women, especially the highly educated: We're Libertarians. We're prochoice about everything. And we are opposed to foreign intervention, such as the Bush/Obama wars on Iraq, Afghanistan, not to mention parts of Pakistan, Somalia, the Yemen, the Philipines, and it would appear several other Stans. That has some important consequences, because single women are now 47% of all women. Within that group, single women went for Obama by 70 percent to 29 percent, working women voted for Obama by 60 percent to 39 percent, and a reasonable estimate is that 65% of college educated women voted for Obama. As noted by James Oaksun in the New Path for the LP Plan, Step Five, Page 36 at <http://NewPathForTheLP.org/images/stories/NewPathBook.pdf> we have a real target audience in young women, who are way left on social issues, draw a bright line against foreign intervention, and are antiauthoritarians who distrust bigness, whether in government or private groups. Those women are prime targets for our Libertarian party, because they support us on our issues, and given the college gender graduation gap the target audience is expanding rapidly.

Finally, young people, which is not the same thing as college students: Teixeira writes: "On social issues, Millennials support gay marriage, take race and gender equality as givens, are tolerant of religious and family diversity, have an open and positive attitude toward immigration, and generally display little interest in fighting over the divisive social issues of the past. They are also notably progressive on foreign policy issues, and favor a multilateral and cooperative foreign policy more than their elders." On the other hand "Millennials, more so than other generations, want a stronger government to make the economy work better, help those in need, and provide more services. These views extend to a range of domestic policy issues including education, clean energy, and, especially, health care." Once again, on social and foreign policy we have already won in this area; the challenge is on fiscal policy questions.

Teixeira's report is indeed wonderful news for us! We may not have a perfect match everywhere, as note the discussion on young people, but we are far better off than the Republicans. It will be even better news for us if we can encourage Republicans to stay true to their idea of principles, namely echoing the

crackpot nonsense and foaming-at-the-mouth Republican lunacy of Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh, Michael Savage, and all those other groups who Bill Buckley read out of the conservative movement fifty years ago on grounds of nutcakery. Yes, every time some Republican idiot denounces global warming, evolution, or the round earth hypothesis, cheer for him in your heart, because that Republican is working hard for us by convincing America's next generation that Republicans truly are The Party of Stupid.

A Step for Liberty

In almost every state, the list of possible Libertarian candidates is complete. Massachusetts is one of the few exceptions. We have petitioning for Congress continuing as I type, though Bob Clark BobClarkForCongress.com is already on the ballot. (Clark is running against a Democrat, a Republican, and if he gets on the ballot a genuine Tea Party type; sooner or later we will probably be comparing Clark and the Tea Party person, who shows that good Tea Party types are very much the opposite of libertarian in many of their beliefs).

OK, put together a list of your candidates. Find their phone numbers, emails, web pages, face book pages, yahoo and google groups, Myspace and twitter accounts, etc. If you have a state party page that is missing these, try to publish your list. If your state has a Facebook page, Google group, etc., please sent it to all those places. And send a copy to LNC Executive Director Wes Benedict wes.benedict@lp.org and to your LNC Regional Representative.

Beware! Carpetbaggers!

The old Boston campaign button really does read "Vote Often and Early, for Mayor James Curley".

Once again, carpetbaggers, the old "Carpetbaggers for Eli" folks (on which more below) reared their heads at a national convention. Yes, we did have a national convention. And as also happened in 2002, though really not much before or since, one state not only filled its own delegation but brought in extra people that they slipped into the delegations of other states, necessarily with the connivance of the local state chairs.

How many delegates were at national? And which states were they *actually* from? Of course, there are a few complications. The people who are in the middle of their move, and were in different states at different times this year. The peripatic extremely hard working libertarian activist with a claim to many states, except 'Delegate from American Airlines' is not an op-

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tion. A few people moving back and forth for internal political reasons. A person whose first-claimed residence was a mailbox, whose second claimed residence was a vacant lot (as confirmed by satellite photography), whose third claimed residence is ... you get the idea. The folks who launched a relationship at the convention actually were with their own states. And then there was the state that once again bussed in 14 extra carpet-baggers. (No, not Missouri, though they were more successful than some at placing extra delegates with other states.)

So here is a table of states, the number of delegates to which each state was entitled, and the number of delegates each state actually had, listed in alphabetical order by state abbreviation.

AK	4	1
AL	15	6
AR	9	9
AZ	24	8
CA	126	44
CO	33	19
CT	11	5
DC	3	0
DE	4	3
FL	54	13
GA	42	18
HI	4	1
IA	10	4
ID	6	5
IL	40	38

IN	34	48	←— Here they come again, same as 2002
KS	12	10	
KY	10	4	
LA	7	2	
MA	22	5	
MD	20	4	
ME	5	5	
MI	39	16	
MN	18	5	
MO	18	30	←— locals who slipped into other delegations
MS	6	6	
MT	4	1	
NC	34	14	
ND	3	1	
NE	6	2	
NH	10	4	
NJ	21	4	
NM	8	0	
NV	14	14	
NY	44	16	
OH	45	40	
OK	7	7	
OR	14	7	
PA	40	19	
RI	3	0	
SC	13	9	
SD	4	2	
TN	20	19	
TX	78	38	
UT	9	1	
VA	38	11	
VT	3	1	
WA	28	6	
WI	18	5	
WV	3	0	
WY	4	1	

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MO	1.67
IN	1.41
AR	1
ME	1
MS	1
NV	1
OK	1
IL	0.95
TN	0.95
OH	0.91
ID	0.83
KS	0.83
DE	0.75
SC	0.69
CO	0.58

We can express these numbers in another way. As a Libertarian in your state, how well were you represented, relative to the number of delegates you should have had? To put it differently, what fraction of your representatives were there? If your state is entitled to 10 delegates, and had 10, that is 1.00; if you only had 5 delegates present, that is 0.5.

NH	0.5
OR	0.5
SD	0.5
TX	0.49
PA	0.48
CT	0.45
GA	0.43
MI	0.41
NC	0.41
AL	0.4
IA	0.4
KY	0.4
NY	0.36
CA	0.35
AZ	0.33
ND	0.33
NE	0.33
VT	0.33
LA	0.29
VA	0.29
MN	0.28
WI	0.28
AK	0.25
HI	0.25
MT	0.25
WY	0.25
FL	0.24
MA	0.23
WA	0.21
MD	0.2
NJ	0.19
UT	0.11
DC	0
NM	0
RI	0
WV	0

That's right. The host state of Missouri had an extra dozen delegates. And the Indiana carpetbaggers gave their state 141% of their entitled delegates. At the far end, many large states, including New York, California, Arizona, Florida, Massachusetts, Washington, and Maryland had scarcely more than a third or barely a fifth of the delegates to which they were entitled.

That's hardly a representative national convention. Indeed, it was rather closer to being a Rust Belt Convention.

And why were they the 'Carpetbaggers for Eli'? Because at the 2002 LP National Convention, Eli Israel of Massachusetts was running for National Chair, and his crony and LPIN state leader Mark Rutherford supplied the LPMass delegation with a list of two dozen Indianans to list as MA delegates. They did not all vote, but every one who voted (in those days MA used recorded votes by delegate) voted for Israel. Several even wore their 'Carpetbaggers for Eli' badges. And now the Carpetbaggers return, from the same state as last time.

About the only good news here is that once again the Carpetbaggers for Eli either went down in flames, or were a waste of time. For National Chair, the Rust Belt states turned out solidly for Wayne Root. Root lost definitively. Between the first ballot and the last he gained almost no votes; everyone other than his core supporters opposed him. For Vice Chair and Secretary, the vote totals were in the ratio 7:5 or so for the winners (Rutherford, Mattson) over the losers (Marbry, Power), and the extra delegates were of no effect in their voting. And in the race for Treasurer? Incumbent Starr carried Indiana, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina, and Virginia, states that are or were until recently bastions of the dominant coalition. Everywhere else he lost or tied.

The key issue: In a closely divided convention with a bitter nominating contest, this sort of irregularity may lead to unfortunate results.

LNC To Meet

Readers may be aware that there will be a meeting of the libertarian National Committee in Las Vegas on July 11. This is a one-day meeting, not a day and a half meeting, so time will be tight. What will be on the Chair's proposed Agenda, which was according to our sources recently circulated to the LNC by the Secretary. There will be officer reports from the Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. There will be Staff and Counsel reports. The LNC has a few standing committees: Affiliate Support, Audit, and Convention Oversight. There are two special committees. There will be a report from a Committee to draft language for Outreach Committee. the IT Committee is scheduled to report on the HQ Audit and the Language for a standing IT Committee. There will be a report on Report on the Convention.

These there is New business, some placed on the Agenda and some treated as Additional Agenda requests left to the discretion of the board. Each piece of new business has a sponsor or sponsors, appearing in parentheses after the item. On the Agenda as New Business are:

- Comprehensive Ballot Access Plan (Sink-Burriss) (Sink-Burriss has indicated she is not attending the meeting, but someone will speak to her issue.) (As of this writing, State Chairs do not seem to have seen the plan yet.)
- LNC Goals for 20-2012 Term (Lark)
- Ballot Access (Redpath)
- NY Ballot Access Encumbrance (Multiple)
- LNC Confidentiality (Multiple)
- FEC Estate Contribution Limits (Redpath)

Other items not yet on the agenda include:

- Funding Priorities (Wills)
- Party Slogan (Nolan)
- Role of LNC Members as Public Representatives (Nolan)
- Recognizing State Affiliate Achievements (Rutherford)
- Creation of TV Ad for Candidates/Affiliates (Craig)
- State Affiliate Membership Incentives (Craig)

If you have opinions on any of these issues, including the arrangement of the agenda for future meetings, you should try contacting your LNC Representatives.

Where Your Money Went

Barr 2008

For those of you still curious, the Barr campaign is gradually paying down its campaign debts: Here's the record for the last year:

For the Second Quarter of 2009, the Barr Campaign received \$5186 and spent \$4205. At the end of the quarter, debts of the campaign totaled \$182,235.

For the third quarter, the Barr campaign raised \$2370.78 and spent \$3513.50. Debts at the end of the quarter totaled \$179,234.95.

For the fourth quarter of 2009 the Barr Campaign raised \$1820 and spent \$2707. Debts at the end of the Quarter totaled 176 thousand dollars.

For the First Quarter of 2010 the Barr campaign raised \$5142 and spent \$3798. Debts at the end of the quarter totaled \$173,310.

Libertarian National Committee

The LNC began May with \$249 782 cash on hand and had receipts of \$150 660, with total disbursements of \$187 816. That includes very considerable income and expenses related to the National Convention.

LNC Claims Obama is Marxist Plotting to Destroy Capitalism

No one could make this up. Go look at LP.ORG.

It's on the front LP.ORG web page that ceased to carry unofficial blog comments: "I believe my old college classmate Obama (Class of '83 Columbia University) is a Marxist purposefully trying to destroy capitalism, " The author is LNC At-Large member Wayne Root.

The APRC debated the publicity, as may be covered in a future issue.

Meanwhile a Bylaws amendment passed through at the last LNC meeting forbids committees larger than ten or so, such as the entire LNC, to meet by phone. It turns out that the LNC affiliate support committee has more than ten members, so thanks to the new Bylaw it reportedly can no longer meet electronically.

LNC Appropriates \$25,000 for New York Ballot Access

The LNC Executive Committee appropriated \$25,000 for a New York Ballot Access drive. Meanwhile, New York is having internal issues. LP Queens county member Tom Stevens reports on his blog <http://drtomstevens.blogspot.com/> that his membership in the LPNY was suspended by the LPNY State Executive Committee. (He also emphasizes that this was a suspension, not an expulsion.) Stevens has since been appointed Political Director of the Queens Party. In response to the suspension, Attorney General candidate Carl Person withdrew his offer of \$5000 to help support the ballot access effort.

Stevens, however, issued the statement "*Mark Axinn deserves full credit for obtaining this financial contribution from the LNC Executive Committee. Frankly, I was surprised the National LP would commit such a substantial amount of money to New York State in a non-Presidential election year and when we have a gubernatorial candidate who is unlikely to draw the 50,000 votes we need to obtain Minor Party status under New York State law. I don't have the words to properly congratulate Mark Axinn for being able to convince the LNC Executive Committee to allocate these funds. It is a significant accomplishment for which he can be rightfully proud!*"

Stevens has now resigned his membership in the LPNY. LPNY Vice Chair Donald Silberger is quoted on Stevens' blog as writing: *The party from which you resigned is in disarray. LP National has evidently tired of our repeated and far-off-the-mark claims that "this time we have an excellent chance to garner 50K votes"... when never once since 1972 have we gotten even half of that total. As it now stands, the LPNY may not even get its candidates on the NY State ballot...the LPNY continues to do the same things, to make the same outrageously optimistic predictions, to set the same senseless goals, to squander opportunities, to squabble and laze, and to repeat the same silly mistakes, season after season. And now they congratulate themselves for their successful vindictiveness; i.e., the party's "defending itself". I've had it! You are one of the most articulate people in the LPNY...Sheer envy? We should have been running you for office -- giving you a forum. Sheesh.*

Stevens has now formed a group Empire State Libertarians to promote a pro-liberty agenda. The group is not affiliated with the LNC State affiliate, whose legal name is apparently Free Libertarian Party, Inc The declared purposes of the enw group are 1. to encourage New York State residents who share libertarian ideals and principles to become politically active and to seek out avenues to promote a pro-liberty agenda; 2. to endorse candidates seeking elective office who support smaller government, lower taxes and more individual freedom; 3. to encourage patriotism, respect for our Founder Fathers, and a deep appreciation for the United States Constitution; and 4. to organize and charter chapters of Empire State Libertarians in order to promote local activism.

Empire State Libertarians has a Facebook page.

LNC Members Debate Party Strategy

This Newspaper has through traditional political means obtained an extended series of emails — which we believe to be authentic—in the form of a debate between Wayne Root and David Nolan and others over political strategy for our party, conducted on the LNC-Discuss email list. The initial discussion is over a television ad in the form of an almost-incoherent rant from a would-be Republican Congressional candidate. The full set of emails is much more extensive, but the following appear to capture key points. We believe that the discussion speaks to how our party is being guided. The discussion then according to our sources wandered into the notion of a strategic plan document, in which several current LNC members denied the claim that LP membership is plummeting. In fact, one claimed a list of states in which membership and activism are at a peak. We'll try to reach those next month.

From Don Wills

Hello LNC list folks,

I apologize if you think this is off-topic for the LNC discussion list, but this one minute political advertisement is a must-watch for all Libertarians. The 'Tea Party' has become successful because they're passionate, and even though they don't know what they want to do or how to do it, they want to do something, anything. I don't sense that passion in Libertarians. Sad.

Enjoy - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iQ7ZDUutU4>

The punch line had me jumping up and saying - YES YES YES.

Don Wills
chairman, Wyoming LP

From Wayne Root

GREAT ad Don. This is what the LP should have been saying and promoting for 39 years now.

American voters care about small business, fiscal responsibility, jobs, taxes, and spending...NOT drugs, open borders, gay marriage, and abandon Israel.

The Tea Party sticks to only the 5 major economic issues above...and NEVER goes near controversial issues that do not have a majority of Americans support.

And like me- they are not calm and quiet and afraid to be dynamic and colorful...they are intense and passionate about those 5 issues...and about smaller government.

Our ads should stick to those same 5 issues. PERIOD.

Anything else is political suicide.

Liberty for America

From Wayne Root

This is Wayne Root.

The gigantic mistake made by the LNC and LP is not understanding (or seeming to care) HOW candidates actually get elected. We spend all day debating and arguing- which is a useless and wasteful use of time.

We spend all day talking about "principles"- which UNFORTUNATELY has nothing to do with getting elected.

And we think we're "better" than the Dems and Republicans because we stand by principles and get 1% of the vote. How heroic.

What it is ...is incredibly dense...arrogant...self loathing...and self defeating.

I tried to explain to you David how Jewish voters are very important to the political process...and how they vote in far more significant percentages...and contribute in far higher percentages than other voters...and that we needed to YES...oh my gosh I'm going to say it out loud again...actually tailor strategy to appeal to a crucial voter demographic. You had no interest in listening.

Today's Las Vegas newspaper had an equally eye opening set of statistics...the political columnist reported that the Asian American Association of Nevada is one of the most powerful groups in all of Nevada politics. The candidates they endorsed won 95% of their elections this decade. 95%!

I guess what I said to you David about Jewish voters was no sin...because this liberal political reporter used the exact same words to describe Asian American voters- she said they vote in far higher percentages and contribute in far higher percentages...and own businesses in far higher percentages than the general electorate. They are therefore crucial to getting elected.

Here are the stats from today's newspaper on only Indian owned businesses (not including Chinese, Japanese, Thai, or Vietnamese)...

"In the United States, 60 to 70 percent of motels are owned by Indians, 40 percent of the top hotels are owned by Indians, 90 percent of smoke shops are owned by Indians, 70 percent of 7-Eleven's are owned by Indians, 40 percent of gas stations are owned by Indians. And there are 42,000 Indian doctors in the U.S."

This is how you win political elections. You find out the numbers and you craft a game plan...and fundraising plan...and get-out-the-vote plan that appeals to crucial groups.

And who are the groups that matter? Not Jewish Americans or Chinese Americans or Indian Americans...

But SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS...which encompass all of these groups.

And their issues are the same...not drugs...not gay marriage...not open borders...not cut off aid to Israel...

The issues that matter to common sense business owners are all economic issues...

These issues are encouraging and motivating small business...creating jobs...cutting income taxes...eliminating death taxes (so they can leave their family business to their children)...cutting capital gains taxes...cutting bureaucracy...cutting government...cutting deficits and debt...cutting government employees and their obscene benefits...States Rights" (so these business owners can deal with LOCAL politicians...not DC politicians 3000 miles away)...healthcare reform (that eliminates lawyers and lawsuits and encourages freedom, not bureaucracy)...and school choice (so they afford to send their kids to private or religious school or homeschooling).

Those are the issues of the Tea Party. And they need to be our issues. PERIOD.

That's how you attract business owners and groups like those above that vote and contribute in large numbers...and actually WIN ELECTIONS.

This is what should matter to the LNC.

From Dave Nolan

Wayne, I'd have a lot more respect for your unsolicited advice if you actually had a track record of winning elections, inside the LP or outside. In 2008, you ran for our Presidential nomination and YOU LOST by a large margin. You came in third, with 26%, behind both Barr and Ruwart. You just ran for LNC Chair, and YOU LOST, despite raising and spending more than all of your competitors combined (your claim). The Nevada LP begged you to run for U.S. Senate this year, and you refused. Instead, you spoke at an event with Sarah Palin, the whole purpose of which was to rally people to vote for the REPUBLICAN candidate, to defeat Harry Reid. And now you're still banging the drum for the REPUBLICAN nominee, Sharon Angle, who is not a Libertarian.

Your lengthy lecture [Ed: Preceding message] is condescending and filled with inaccuracies. You make sweeping generalizations about other people's knowledge and skills. You use words like: incredibly dense...arrogant...self loathing...and self defeating. You pretend to be an expert on winning elections when you've never won one -- or even run for public office. You say the LP has been "anti-Israel" when it hasn't. To my knowledge, no Libertarian platform or position paper has ever contained a word that is "anti-Israel." We don't advocate treating Israel any differently than any other nation-state, but that's not good enough for you. We have to join the chorus of Israelites, to get those elusive Jewish donors.

Since you are so good at handing out advice, let's see how good you are at taking it. Instead of constantly telling the rest of us how we should be doing things, run for office yourself, as I am doing this year. Show us how it's done, Wayne. When you're elected mayor of Henderson, or sitting in the Nevada legislature, get back to us with your "how to win" advice.

In the meantime, why don't you go to my campaign website: <http://www.nolan2010.org> and read what's there. About 90% of what I'm saying plays well with grassroots tea party activists (as opposed to the phony "tea party express" groups set up to lure people back into the Republican party). Hell, Wayne, you could run on my platform! So kindly don't tell the rest of us which issues to run on, and which to avoid. The world did not begin on July 20, 1961. We are not poor, dumb schmucks who have been wandering around in the wilderness for decades, just waiting for WAYNE ALLYN ROOT to save us from our self-defeating selves.

From Wayne Root

David,

This is Wayne.

I continue to present my vision for how the LP can market and "brand" itself more successfully...and win elections.

You continue to respond with personal attacks.

I won't bite.

Everyone can now clearly see why we've been losing for 39 years. It's all on display.

As far as you and I...we have a disconnect.

You continue to misunderstand who my audience is...when you describe my record of winning or losing.

It's not 500 people in one small room in St Louis.

My audience is much larger.

It's Glenn Beck, Lou Dobbs, Judge Andrew Napolitano, Jon Stossel, Bill O'Reilly, Larry King, Sean Hannity, Larry Kudlow, Jerry Doyle, G. Gordon Liddy, Mancow Muller, Larry Elder, Neal Boortz...on and on.

It's the most influential people in the American media.

I've won with that group.

And by the way...those are just the biggest names in the media...I've won with (in my opinion) a more important group...the thousands of local radio talk show hosts across this country...where I often do 20 interviews a week.

Just in the 4 weeks since the LP convention (in the dead of summer), I've done 50+ local radio interviews from coast to coast. Those talk shows reach millions of mainstream voters.

That's the audience I aim at.

It's my 5000 fans on Facebook...and the 1000+ who join as my fans every month.

Overnight between your tirade towards me...and my response this morning...TWENTY new fans joined my Facebook site. That's progress.

It's the thousands of book buyers who made my "Conscience of a Libertarian" book a best-seller. 99% of whom are new to the LP.

Now my book is being re-released in paperback. I hope to reach tens of thousands more. 99% of them will be new to the LP.

It's the 2000 influential people in the audience at FreedomFest who will see me speak 3 times- I believe that's the most of any Libertarian at the 3 day event.

It's the hundreds of thousands of Las Vegas radio listeners who will hear me GUEST HOST on CBS Radio during the week of FreedomFest from 3 PM to 6 PM (afternoon drivetime).

It's the Tea Party crowds of 10,000 or more that give me gigantic ovations.

It's the 6 million readers of Newsmax.com- where I'm now a columnist.

It's the several hundred thousand readers of the Las Vegas Review Journal- where I'm now a columnist on Sundays.

It's the cable TV Network where I'm being seriously considered to host a new national TV show called "Big Brother" about how government ruins the lives of American citizens.

It's the national radio syndicators talking to me now about my own national radio show.

It's the thousands of strangers who have emailed me begging me to run for President of the United States...and telling me that after watching me on FOX News, or hearing me on the radio...they are now willing to vote Libertarian for the first time in their lives.

I'm playing to a much bigger audience than yours David.

All with the goal not just of winning a title of some kind for me...like LNC...but with the goal of growing our party into a national political powerhouse. According to that audience...and that goal...I'm winning...and winning big...

And as a newcomer to the LP and the national political scene, my 2 1/2 year old game plan can only be described as a grand slam home run on the national political scene.

I don't need to run for local office to prove my success with David Nolan.

My gameplan is to become a major Libertarian media star to reach tens of millions of mainstream voters...to influence the national dialogue.

And that plan is a huge winner...and it's only just begun.

And YES David, anyone- you included- should have respect for "the unsolicited advice" of that person.

My advice is not about how to reach 500 delegates in a small room...but how to reach millions of non-Libertarians and small LP libertarians.

You and I are playing on very different playing fields...with very different goals.

From Doug Craig (Edited largely for capitalization; original sent from a Blackberry.) I have to agree somewhat with Mr. Nolan on this. We have just not run good campaigns. We have had candidates who have run before on only right wing issues; they have done the same as hard core libertarians. Our problem is not the message the free market will take care of that. It is running poor campaigns with no goals. We are not the GOP. We are Libertarians. We need to learn how to run and win with a libertarian message. I joined this party to win election as a Libertarian and not as a weak ass Republican.

[Ed: Bravo, Doug!]

Mary Ruwart wrote: There isn't any need to campaign on an 80% libertarian platform, if the person running knows how to present the message. That doesn't mean that a candidate has to push every aspect of our platform, but it does mean that he or she needs to know how to answer the tough questions if they come up.

Dave Nolan wrote: I concur, Mary. If someone wants to run as an 80-percenter, they should join the Republican Liberty Caucus and run as a Republican. They'll have a better chance of "winning now," and they will help move the GOP in a more libertarian direction. What we don't need is hybrid Republican libertarians trying to make the LP less libertarian!

Wayne Root wrote: What you're not understanding is I now represent the largest audience of Libertarians outside that convention...and the 2nd largest coalition inside the convention...and they do NOT agree with your opinion, nor do they want the "purity police" to censor Libertarians.

And the national media agrees with my view as well.

I'm afraid you'll have to learn to live with me.

Wayne

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