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Congress Declares War! War on America!

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By a vote of 205-217, Congress has rejected the Amash-Conyers 'Defund the NSA' amendment, which would have shut down one of the many programs under which the Federal government wages electronic war on the American people.

It was a vote by the Establishment -- the Democratic and Republican Party leaderships and their fellow travellers.

It was a vote against the American people. We are not trusted, so we must be monitored. Watched. Spied upon. Investigated.

The American people should recognize the vote for what it was.

It was a declaration of war.

It was a declaration of war by Congress and the American political establishment.

It was a declaration of war on the American people.

By vote of Congress, that NSA spying program will continue.

The establishment voted in favor of war? Oh, yes. They voted down the Amash-Conyers amendment.

Republicans for war on us: Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader Eric Cantor, Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy, and Committee Chairs: (Armed Services Committee) Howard McKeon, (Homeland Security Committee) Mike McCaul, (Intelligence Committee) Mike Rogers, and (Oversight and Government Reform Committee) Darrell Issa.

Democrats for war on us: Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, not to mention the chairs of the National Democratic and Republican Congressional Committees (Steve Israel, Greg Walden).

That's as establishment as you can get. The establishment voted against the Amendment. That's a vote for the electronic war on the American people, a war that has robbed us of our privacy. Is the NSA really reading all these things, and collecting all those phone calls? A long series of whistleblowers of which Mr. Snowden is only the latest say "yes". We may go back to the revelation that AT&T had installed

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National Party News

Libertarian Presidential Poll

Our Party has its first Presidential election poll for 2016. As run by Libertarian Joe Wendt of Florida, the surveymonkey poll revealed

George Phillies 17%

Jesse Ventura 17%

Jim Burns 15%

Jim Gray 9%

Lee Wrights 9%

Mary Ruwart 7%

Adam Kokesh 7%

Darryl Perry 6%

John Wayne Smith 5%

Adrian Wyllie 4%

Robert Milnes 2%

Kip Lee 2%

Wendt reports that he is opening a new poll, removing Jesse Ventura and Adam Kokesh, and adding Carla Howell and Jim Duensing, a question about the Vice Presidential candidate, and a question about whether the

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State and Local News!

Connecticut Team Runs to Free Norwich

Team Russell has thrown its hat in the ring to save the people of Norwich from its own City Manager, Mayor and Council. Having seen his property taxes double in the last five years, enough was enough – Bill Russell is running for Mayor (For more: teamrussell4norwich.com/)



Photo: Michael Holman and Bill Russell.

Russell will be joined on the ticket by Libertarian candidates for City Council Cyndia Shook, Michael Holman, Ashley Pryske, Kyle Degray, and Chandler Alfred. This is the first time the Libertarian Party of Norwich will be actively running and fully ballot qualified for a majority of city council seats in Connecticut.

According to Russell, the goal is to “turn Norwich right side up”. Norwich was selected by the Libertarian Party due to a large volume of complaints from citizens and an unusual set of circumstances that would make it an excellent test case to show what Libertarians will do in office. For example:

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an optical splitting arrangement in major phone offices. As a result, a duplicate of the entire content passing down major optical telephone cable trunks was sent off into Federal hands.

That's electronic warfare. We the American people are the target of Congress's War on America.

America needs to replace its entire political establishment with new political parties. We need a full set of new politicians, politicians who differ with each other on many issues, but who are not the declared enemies of the American people.

There are three boxes that will get us there: The Soap Box. The Donation box. The Ballot Box.

Innocence is no protection

The NSA and its fellow agencies are reading your every email and listening to your every phone message. You might say 'I don't care. I have nothing to hide.'

Let's consider what that claim misses. There are 40,000 NSA employees, at least as many at other spy agencies (National Reconnaissance Office, Defense Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, and mad many more), for an easy 100,000. Their near relatives and friends are ten times as many, and their good friends are several times that. Almost for sure, some of these people work where you do, invest in the same stocks and mutual funds that you do, and much more.

You work hard, and looking for promotion into management. Your competition is Clement Doofus, who never does things so wrong that he'll be fired, partly because you keep setting him straight. It's promotion time, and Clement gets the job. What happened?

You're clean as a whistle. Clement is clean as a whistle. Alas, the fellow making the promotion decision is terrified that his family will find out about his affair with the hot babe in accounting, and responded positively to the anonymous motivational phone call — he didn't recognize the voice as being synthesized on a good computer — telling him who to promote. He can't imagine how anyone knew, because he and she always met at a different motel, and always had their cell phones turned off. Alas, Clement's brother works for the CIA.

You're clean as a whistle. Your brokers are even cleaner. You spend your evenings doing careful analysis, good enough that you score yourself against Warren Buffet and are doing almost as well. It's just that when you go to buy, because the time seemed right, stocks started up somewhat before you got there. Alas, your broker has DIA investors.

You're clean as a whistle. It's just that when calls started increasing between Sailor's Mutual Bank and Atlantis Sunken Trusts, and tracking showed tablets and laptops of their finance people repeatedly at the same place, it took a lot of computing and a little forethought to tell that a merger was impending.

You're clean as a whistle. The video showing the teenagers breaking a storefront window is too grainy to interpret. Thanks to tracking, it is real clear which two teens pulled this off, especially because they both accidentally turned on their phones to record the deed, records that should only have been in encrypted cloud memory unseen by the public. They even both erased the record as soon as they saw what they had mysteriously done.

And now you have a friendly visit 'You know, this store is mostly a front for our surveillance operation', and the suggestion that if you will only enroll your child in this very expensive military academy operated by a recently-retired friend of the CIA speakers that all will be forgiven and forgotten.

You may be innocent. What about the people around you?

The Surveillance state is a direct threat to YOU. Yes, YOU! Let me say that again.

No matter who you are: The surveillance state menaces you, your family, and your country.

"Libertarian Populism"=Republican Lie

The Republican Party has hatched a newer but hardly better scheme to lure libertarian-leaning voters into their clutches. It's called 'libertarian populism'. It's named after two things the idea will never be: 'libertarian' and 'popular'.

Republican supporters of 'libertarian populism' throw out a smoke screen of small concessions to libertarian thinking, while leaving in place the herd of elephants in the living room, the vast horde of antilibertarian Republican social and spending policies.

Thus, the Washington Examiner's Tim Carney talks about ending the sugar subsidy and the Export-Import bank. These are tiny government programs. You will search in vain for 'libertarian populists' who talk of ending the big corporate welfare programs.

Big programs? How about ending the entire farm welfare program? Not three months ago, the Republicans had a chance to end agricultural subsidies by defunding them. Only 12 Republicans were willing to vote against farm welfare.

Big programs? How about ending corporate defense welfare, which spends trillions every Presidential term for pointless weapons systems, defenses against dangers that do not exist,

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and drones sent to strange countries to kill small children. The Cold War has long since ended, and only the United States was foolish enough not to demobilize most of its Cold War military. Defense welfare is corporate welfare, corporate welfare at its most grandiose and pointless.

Big programs? How about ending the national surveillance state, the spying scheme that listens to your every telephone call? Republicans didn't support that, either.

Then there is the Republican populist 'tax simplification' scheme, a scheme whose actual effect is to shift taxes from Republican donors to Democratic donors. Taxes go down on the rich, and up on the not-so-rich. Total taxes do not change, but names on tax bills do. Note in particular the proposed elimination of the mortgage deduction, which will crash house prices, thus wrecking the chief asset held by most Americans.

Missing in all this are the real Libertarian stands that "libertarian populists", conservative wolves in sheep's clothing, can be counted on to oppose. Let's look at a few of those real Libertarian stands, all reasons why [Real Libertarians Don't Vote Republican](#).

*Abortion. Libertarians are 100% pro-choice. Period. Full stop. The other guys? Even in Massachusetts, we have a forthcoming special State Senate Election, and the first policy position out of the Republican's mouth was that he was against abortion rights.

*Sexual Freedom. Republicans continue their war against gay

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marriage, and are not about to change. Republicans opposed allowing teenagers to obtain the Plan B contraceptive, and even got Democrats to join them. Libertarians, of course, are just the opposite.

*The War on Drugs. Republicans are inveterate drug warriors, for whom the war on drugs is important outreach to aging working-class white males.

*Immigration. Libertarians welcome foreigners who want to move to America. Republicans want to brick up the door.

*Foreign Trade. "Libertarian Populism" attacks NAFTA as a key part of their outreach to Perot voters. That's the opposite of Libertarian thinking. We may well point out that NAFTA is anything but free as a trade agreement, but Libertarians recognize that free trade is morally right and beneficial to our economy.

* The warfare state. Libertarians reject our wars in Iraq, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, Yemen, Uganda, Nepal, Syria, and a long list of other places, because waging war on people who have not attacked you is wrong. Blowing up innocent women and children with robot drone strikes is immoral.

That's not a complete list. It's good enough.

Libertarian populism is an opposite of Libertarian.

Oh, yes: Libertarian populism is actually a scheme for recruiting Perot voters into the Republican Party. Republican thinking -- if you will forgive the oxymoron -- on the topic is confounded by a wrong Republican belief. Republicans believe that if Perot had not run, Bush would have won. In fact, there are excellent exit polls on this question. Clinton led Bush by a significant margin. If Perot had not been in the race, Clinton would have won the election with a solid majority of the popular vote. Libertarian populism is sound evidence that Republicans are idiots.

The Libertarian answer should always be "Just say no! to libertarian populists!"

State and Local News continue to reach record levels

-The city purchased

an ambulance to promote tourism

-Norwich, a small city of approximately 60,000 people, spent \$350,000 on an armored police vehicle

-Norwich currently operates a golf course and an ice rink it cannot afford.

-Norwich's City Charter effectively renders the City Manager in charge -- the City Council and Mayor effectively have no responsibility or accountability absent a charter revision, one that Team Russell will implement from day one.

Other Connecticut Candidates

Former LPCT chair and candidate for State Representative Richard Lion has submitted 188 signatures to qualify for the Manchester Board of Directors. Joshua Katz writes: I've been appointed as a Libertarian to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

am running as a favored candidate for Planning on a cross-endorsement. If elected, on any line, I'll be listed as a Libertarian.

Carol McMahon is running for Board of Assessment Appeals in Beacon Falls This is a Partisan race; she was elected last time as a Libertarian.

State Executive Directors

We has a nice note from Georgia reminding us that Georgia has for some time has a paid staff person, an Executive Director, and has not had a financial collapse.

Virginia Libertarian Candidates

Unlike some other states, Virginia and New Jersey have state elections in odd-numbered years. Our Virginia Party has raised a candidate for Governor and candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates. The candidates:

Robert Sarvis - Governor robertsarvis.com .facebook.com
Jonathan Parrish - House of Delegates, District 23
facebook.com/ParrishForDelegate
Patrick Hagerty - House of Delegates, District 33
facebook.com/PatrickHagertyVA
Laura Delhomme - House of Delegates, District 47
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Lindsey Bolton - House of Delegates, District 48
facebook.com/BoltonforVirginia
Anthony Tellez - House of Delegates, District 53
tellez4va.com facebook.com/Tellez4VA
Christopher Sullivan - House of Delegates, District 55
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Dan Foster - House of Delegates, District 78
votedanfoster.com facebook.com/Votedanfoster

Ohio Governor/Lt. Governor Campaign

Debbie Dean writes us:

I am working as Social Media Coordinator for Earl and Clark for Ohio, the Governor/Lieutenant Governor LP ticket. I am looking for volunteers with social media expertise to assist with this campaign. This is for 2014. I don't believe the formal announcement is until sometime in September.

I was the Ohio Director for Gary Johnson 2012, and then briefly the Midwest Deputy Regional Director. Those changes happened just before the election.

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New Jersey Campaigns

The New Jersey Libertarian Party has found a candidate to run for the U.S. Senate. Frank Domenico Cipriani is in the process of gathering the signatures to put him on the ballot. Other New Jersey candidates now on the ballot are reported by the NJLP to include:

Ken Kaplan of Parsippany for NJ Governor

Don DeZarn of East Windsor for NJ State Senate

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.

Sean O'Connor of East Windsor for NJ State Assembly (14th District)

Steve Uccio of East Windsor for NJ State Assembly (14th District)

Patrick McKnight of Hillsborough for NJ State Assembly (16th District)

Wrights' Texas Campaign

Thomas B. Hill and friends have launched a campaign to persuade LP Vice Chair and former Presidential nomination candidate R. Lee Wrights to run for Governor of Texas. They are advancing the American way, by raising money to support his campaign. Independent Political Report reports that Wrights raised \$7000 from the Libertarian Action Super PAC. For more on the campaign wrights2014.com

Wrights is quoted as saying about his potential campaign "*It looks like it is time to consider another campaign. The great state of Texas is calling. I hear the Libertarians here are serious about making me their serious choice for governor in 2014. Well, it is time to see just how serious everyone is. That is why I have okayed steps to move forward on raising money for a possible run for Governor in 2014. The campaign will have a campaign account and I have appointed a campaign Treasurer. I look forward to a report soon from **Thomas Hill** concerning these first fundraising efforts and how successful they have been. This response is going to help me determine whether I will pursue the run or not.*

So, tell me... how much do you want me to run?"

The campaign Treasurer is Dr. Norman Horn. The campaign address is Wrights for Texas Governor 2014, 4606 Shoalwood Avenue, Austin, TX 78756. This being Texas, big donations are good; there are no donation dollar limits.

Diaz to Run for Governor



Former LP of Illinois State Chair Lupe Diaz has announced his intention to seek his party's nomination for governor at LP Illinois' annual business meeting during its annual convention on September 22, 2013.

"We need a true alternative for Governor in the State of Illinois", said Diaz. "The last time I checked, all of our state-wide elected officials were either Democrats or Republicans, and where has that left us?" he mentioned. "We are in a helpless morass of debt due to fiscal mismanagement, political

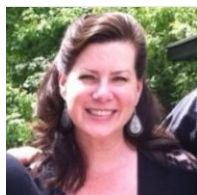
considerations and just an overall lack of common sense as to how to run a state", he added. "It is time to get rid of career politicians and elect hard working citizens who will have the interests of the people of Illinois at heart", said Diaz.

Diaz, 37 is married with one daughter and one son, and is employed by Estes Express Lines. He has been an active member of LP Illinois and its McLean County chapter for several years. In 2010, LP Illinois withstood a week of challenges at the State of Illinois Board of Elections in Springfield to keep their slate of candidates for state-wide office on the ballot. LP Illinois fully intends to run a full slate for the 2014 state-wide elections as well.

The 2013 LP Illinois Convention will be held at the Bolingbrook Holiday Inn in Bolingbrook, Illinois from September 20 – September 22nd.

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LP-Michigan News



Heather Richards-Wodrich has become the New LP-Michigan Communications Director. She has previously worked for several television stations as a reporter, news anchor, and producer. In other LPMI news, Leonard Schwartz has returned as their Political Director .

The Libertarian Party of Michigan Newsletter reports that the the LPMI Detroit City Clerk candidate, Scotty Bowman, was assaulted and detained by the Wayne County College Police.

Nebraska Liberty Events

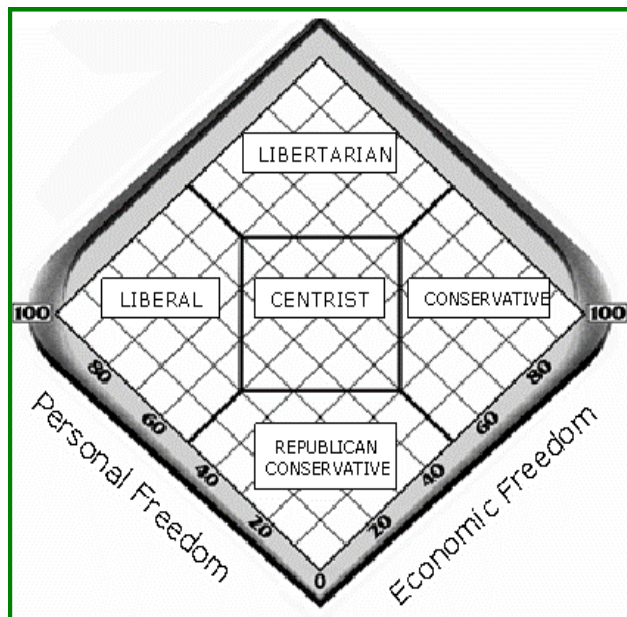
The LPNE Nebraska Liberty Report tells us that not one but two liberty events will take place in Nebraska on Saturday, September 28. From 1-4 PM, the LPNE State Central Committee will host its quarterly state meeting in Lincoln, NE, at DaVinci's near 11th and G street. The Nebraska Liberty Fest will be held at Stiles Pub, 1204 Howard St, Omaha, NE 68102 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. For more information, search Midwest LibertyFest on Facebook.

New England State Conventions

The Connecticut LP State Convention is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th, at at Cabela's in East Hartford, Connecticut. cabelas.com/ Start time is near noon. The Mass State Convention is Sunday, October 20, at 10 AM at Tweed's, Grove Street, Worcester. Your Editor will appear at both of these.

Other Political Coverage

A facebook group facebook.com/LibertarianParty.candidates has newly appeared to cover our party's candidates and campaigns. They report that there is a special election in the Louisiana 5th Congressional District, with Libertarian Clay Grant as a candidate.



A Redesigned Nolan Chart—matching contemporary American political reality.

Political Strategy

Charles Wilhoit writes us:

I receive dozens of E-Mails every day concerning the problems of Government from gun control, the federal debt, social security - you name it. Every week I receive USPS mail from the various organizations and Political Parties with headquarters in and around Washington, DC telling me to contact my Senators and Representatives concerning these problems or just donate so they can do it for me. Never is there any hint of any follow-up to determine if the requested action is ever taken. Almost never is there any suggestion as to how to solve these problems, most of which are political in nature. Since the problems seem to go on and on it is apparent that the majority of citizens fail to follow thru or even ask for the solution. Could it be that the often well-paid Executive Directors/Chairmen of these organizations don't really know how to, or even want to, solve the basic problems? Why would they be asking for more money from me if they have solved MY problems? What would they do with their Headquarters building and well-paid Staff if they had no more problems to solve?

In our military experience, most Veterans learned how to solve problems on the spot or how to ORGANIZE, DEPUTIZE, SUPERVISE, i.e., how to be sure that official orders required to solve the problem were understood and carried out, that the order given was actually performed. I have waited in vain for this to happen in the political world and suggest that it is time for a different approach, one in which political control shifts from the "power seeking" professional politicians to the interested and informed voters themselves.

"We The People" pay large sums of money for Government, be it GOOD or BAD. GOOD Government requires the participation of interested, capable and dedicated citizens who will recruit potential Public Servants and organize the voters required to get the candidates elected to office. This is the real meaning of "grass roots" campaigning and without it we are at the mercy

of Political Parties controlled by power seekers and the political consultants who make money running political campaigns. President George Washington warned us about Political Parties. Here's a paraphrase from Wikipedia:

"Washington continues to advance his idea of the dangers of sectionalism and expands his warning to include the dangers of political parties to the government and country as a whole. His warnings took on added significance with the recent creation of the Democratic-Republican Party by Jefferson, to oppose Hamilton's Federalist Party, which had been created a year earlier in 1791, which in many ways promoted the interest of certain regions and groups of Americans over others. A more pressing concern for Washington, which he makes reference to in this portion of the address, was the Democratic-Republican efforts to align with France and the Federalist efforts to ally the nation with Great Britain in an ongoing conflict between the two European nations brought about by the French Revolution.

While Washington accepts the fact that it is natural for people to organize and operate within groups like political parties, he also argues that every government has recognized political parties as an enemy and has sought to repress them because of their tendency to seek more power than other groups and take revenge on political opponents.[9]

Moreover, Washington makes the case that "the alternate domination" of one party over another and coinciding efforts to exact revenge upon their opponents have led to horrible atrocities, and "is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism." From Washington's perspective and judgment, the tendency of political parties toward permanent despotism is because they eventually and "gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual." [10]

Washington goes on to acknowledge the fact that parties are sometimes beneficial in promoting liberty in monarchies, but argues that political parties must be restrained in a popularly elected government because of their tendency to distract the government from their duties, create unfounded jealousies among groups and regions, raise false alarms amongst the people, promote riots and insurrection, and provide foreign nations and interests access to the government where they can impose their will upon the country."

It is my opinion that the MAJORITY of citizens do not consider themselves "members" of any political party and therefore appear to be willing slaves to the political system, which is imposed on them by the MINORITY of citizens who DO consider themselves "members" of a particular political party. While the voting is primarily controlled by the VOTERS, the selection and campaigning of candidates is primarily controlled by Political Parties. This is the reason political campaigns are so expensive, in many cases corrupt and the root cause of BAD government.

How do we change from BAD to GOOD? First, there must be a CADRE of VOTERS who WANT to change it. Just like Political Parties and some Political Groups, like Tea Parties, have names, I'll call mine "Neighbors 4 Liberty" which is about

VOTING, just as any Political Party SHOULD be. It tells the elected official your opinion on individual legislation and what can happen, and WILL happen, if they fail to Support and Defend THE Constitution as their sworn oath promised. The only reason to VOTE is to elect honest, well-intentioned, responsible Public Servants who really WILL support and defend the U. S. Constitution and that the VOTER pay attention to and support them while in office. Would we be having the problems of government we are inundated with today if that were happening? I think not.

I see it as a simple organizational problem: Recruit the CADRE consisting of a Coordinator for each of: the Fifty States; each of the 435 Congressional Districts; and each of about 3,600 Counties and each of the Voting Precincts in those Counties.

I estimate that in most counties a minimum of three "neighbors" per precinct is enough to start a "grass roots" organization (CADRE) which will eventually elect the good candidates. I also envision that this can be accomplished with very little money, most of which is normally wasted anyway, considering the way campaigns are run today.

"Neighbors" will be expected to personally contact their County Commissioner and County Mayor, their City Council Members and City Mayor, their State Senator and State Representative, their Congressional District Representative and two U. S. Senators, the State Governorand report that this has been done.

The goal of "Neighbors 4 Liberty" is to spend our energy, time and money getting the Responsible Public Servants elected to office in the first place. Obviously, the current Political Parties and Look-Like Political Parties have not accomplished this even though George Washington, in his Farewell Address, warned us that this would happen.

This is what it takes to achieve GOOD Government. If we can't recruit a CADRE of VOTERS to organize in this manner, we don't rate GOOD government and should apologize to the Founders for screwing it up.

"Put not your faith in men, but bind them down with the chains of the Constitution." Thomas Jefferson (in the Kentucky Resolutions, 1798.)

What I am SUGGESTING is not day-dreaming. It comes from the political campaign experience I have acquired during my life-time. To prevent infiltration of "Neighbors 4 Liberty" (as I believe has happened to The Tea Parties), there will be NO National Headquarters Office, NO paid National Executive Director with a large, well-paid Staff. All Coordinator positions will be Volunteer.

Will you help me to start building the "Neighbor 4 Liberty" CADRE? If you do not care to be one of the CADRE, will you, at least, pass my message to your friends, neighbors and/or relatives? Tell me your answer by E-Mail, phone, USPS or in person.

If you have questions, I encourage you to ask.

If you are satisfied with your government and LOVE the FED,

please send your donation to the IRS. Maybe they won't have to print so much new money.

Sincerely,

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Payment for Ballot Access

We have had a variety of messages and comments about the cost of collecting signatures to get candidates on the ballot. Itinerant petitioners suffer from extremely expensive living expenses and episodic opportunities to earn an income. Petitioning for several parties or candidates at the same time, when legally possible, gives petitioners an opportunity to earn an additional income, meaning that our party will have more petitioners available when we need them. Having raised money from multiple petitioning efforts, your editor views with approval the idea that the same people might at the same time be collecting signatures for other candidates of other parties. If our petitioners starve in the streets, we will have fewer petitioners for the next election cycle.

There is, however, debate as to how different groups might pay for petitioners or divide their payments. A recent letter sent by LP-Arkansas Secretary Rodger Paxton to the State Chair and LNC lists speaks to this important question. Paxton wrote:

In Arkansas we are beginning our petitioning for ballot access this week. We had negotiated with our petitioners months ago that we would pay \$2 per signature and no hotels since two years ago we paid \$1.50 and paid hotels. We all agreed it would be easier this time to just do the \$2 with no expenses. That was until the LNC got involved and with no input or discussion with the LPAR offered the petitioners \$2 per plus hotels. This is fine, since all of our money for ballot access came from a very generous donor and the LNC is paying everything over the \$25,000 donation we received. However, this is where it gets interesting.

We were just informed today by one of our petitioners that he will also be gathering signatures for the Green Party here in Arkansas (at a rate of \$1 per signature) at the same time he will be gathering signatures for the LPAR. I am the first to say I want Arkansans to have more choice at the polls, so I am a huge proponent of the Greens being on the ballot. I also have no issue with petitioners doing two petitions at once, as long as it does not endanger us getting the required signatures (10,000 raw) in our 90-day window. I want our petitioners to make good money. I want them to be happy so they work hard and come back to our state when we need them. However, I do have a problem with us absorbing 100% of the hotel costs for petitioners when they are working just as hard for the Green Party. I made this concern known and told the petitioners I would only pay half of the hotel. If they wanted the rest, they could go to the Greens or the LNC. The petitioner told me he would go to the LNC.

I then find out that now, the LPAR is only paying the petitioners directly for the \$2 per, and the LNC will be paying them for 100% of the hotels. I am pleased that this releases the LPAR from subsidizing the Green Party here, but I am not happy one

bit that now the national Libertarian Party is essentially subsidizing another political party in my state.

In my opinion, the Green Party should be paying half of the hotel, since they will be receiving as much benefit from this drive through these petitioners as we will. As a dues-paying member and contributor to the national party, I am not pleased with this decision to pay the full hotel costs at all.

I made it clear to both the petitioner and the LNC member who made the decisions on this that I would be expressing my concerns to the full LNC and to the state chairs list. I wanted to make everyone aware of this situation so hopefully we can stop it from happening this way in other states. Of course, every state can make their decisions as they see fit, but I can say with almost certainty that the large donor who gave us this money, as well as a majority of Libertarian Party members in the country, would not be pleased that this money is being spent this way.

Live Free!

Rodger P. Paxton

Secretary

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Petitions; Petitioning the LNC

LNC At-Large member Starchild has circulated a proposal for a petitioning web site, allowing people to petition the LNC or to circulate general petitions. He proposes:

My initial conception of this site was simply as a tool to help me be more organized and effective as a Libertarian National Committee member by enabling me to keep track of which other committee members support which of my ideas, and to mobilize popular support within the party for motions I'd like to get adopted. More broadly however, I believe this can be a mechanism for helping make the LP more bottom-up by providing a tool for LP members to offer feedback and guidance to the party's leadership and get more involved in running the party, especially to the extent we can hopefully eventually institutionalize this approach (perhaps incorporating the whole idea of this site into the party's LP.org website). Even more broadly than that, I see it as a potential clearing-house site for pro-freedom petitions, like Change.org currently is for left-leaning petitions (Arvin Vohra remarked a while ago that our movement needs something like that, and I think he's right.)

What I have in mind is a site that will do the following:

- Allow Libertarian National Committee members to create petitions in support of specific motions they are trying to get the LNC to adopt
- Enable people to sign petitions to the LNC in support of various motions
- Enable site users to collaborate on coming up with draft language for potential motions using a Google Docs type feature
- Host Libertarian and pro-freedom petitions soliciting signatures from the general public
- Allow members of the public to sign pro-freedom petitions and receive updates on these issues if they choose

- Allow LP members and others to protect against others using their names by creating profiles on the site which would list a person's name, photo or avatar, and state of residence. [This could also be a nascent social networking site which could perhaps be developed more fully down the road.]

Registration with the site would be optional. People choosing to register with the site would be given the choice of registering as an LNC member, other LP member, or non-LP member. Persons registering as LP members would be required to click on a check box certifying their agreement with the party's Pledge. In addition to being able to create profiles on the site, registered signers would also be given the ability to view a list of petitions they'd signed, the dates they signed, and any comments they'd included. Each petition signature on the site would list the time and date it was added, along with the signer's optional comment, if any, and the signer's avatar (for registered signers). LP members might also be given some extra room for comments, or some other small perks or recognition/visibility relative to non-LP members, as a way of encouraging people to join the party (the site would have a link for that too of course).

The main page (splash page) would list all the current petitions on the site, divided into two general categories -- petitions to the LNC, and other petitions. Preferably unregistered site visitors and persons registered as non-LP members would see the latter category of petitions by default, while LNC members and LP members registered with the site would see the LNC petitions first by default. In either case, visitors would be able to view the non-default category of petitions by clicking a button. LNC members would be given access to create petitions on the LNC portion of the site by registering and creating a profile. The ability to create petitions on the general public non-LNC portion of the site would be limited to persons granted access by the site owner(s)/administrator(s) (generally, trusted and committed libertarian activists).

Petitions on the LNC portion of the site would include a sidebar next to each petition, listing all the members of the LNC and how to contact them (phone/email/snail mail), as well as links to the LP Bylaws, LP Platform, LNC Policy Manual, and LNC Public Discuss list. If an LNC member chose not to provide a particular piece of contact info, it would say under his or her name, "member declined to provide an email address", "member declined to provide a phone number", or "member declined to provide a mailing address". When an LNC member signed a petition, his or her name in the sidebar would turn a different color or something to indicate that member had signed. Petitions to the LNC, unlike petitions in the general public portion of the site, would also list signers by category, with each petition including a list of LNC signers, another list of LP signers not on the LNC, and a third list of non-LP signers. Once four LNC members, or the LP chair, have signed a petition, its title or an accompanying button or something would turn from red to green, indicating it has enough support to be brought as a formal motion to be voted on by the LNC.

I would prefer the site to have a fun, bold, free-spirited and artistically appealing appearance, in accord with Key Value #3 (see <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/>

grassrootslibertarians), but the first priority will be to make it functional, since better graphics and other bells and whistles can be added later. Of course I'd also like to have a section with links to learn more about libertarianism and the freedom movement, including the Nolan Chart and various radical libertarian websites, organizations, and blogs.

National Party News

pollee plans to attend the 2016 National Convention.

Mack Out As LNC Region 3 Rep

Jillian Mack has been replaced by Sam Goldstein as the Regional Representative for LNC Region 3. Goldstein had been the Region's First Alternate. Mack is reported to have resigned for personal reasons. Promotion from Alternate to Representative is under Party Bylaws not automatic, but may be made by the Region's State Chairs or as part of the Region Formation agreement. The Region had appointed a Second Alternate, Steve Linnabary, but it is unclear if he will be moved to First Alternate.

Where Your Money Went

Libertarian National Committee

At the start of June the LNC had \$315,191.84 cash on hand, most of which was money for the Building Fund. Receipts for the month totaled \$127,471.99, meaning that receipts for the first half-year were \$661,680.82. Total spending for the month was \$99,605.63, so that total spending for the first half-year was \$501,276.02, corresponding to a half-year surplus of over \$160,000. It would appear that the return on the Annual Report, which appeared four months later than might have been expected, had through the end of June been somewhat limited.

How was your money spent? \$15,680 went to employee net pay, on top of which were Federal, State, and DC withholding charges, social security, Medicare, employee medical insurance, and payroll processing totaling \$9904. Staff travel came to \$1907. Expenses associated with the LNC meeting at Planet Hollywood came to \$983.

The LP also paid outside people: \$6852 to Gelman, Rosenberg, & Freedman for the annual audit; \$3000 to Gary Sinawski for Legal services; \$1500 to Paula Edwards for FEC Filing; \$5005 to several people for fundraising consulting; \$720 for Administrative Support Services.

The staff needs an office, which cost \$11,243 for rent, \$562 for a copier lease and copier maintenance, and \$305 for office supplies, for a total of \$12,110.

\$18,574 went to non-candidate mailings, including printing, mailing, and supplies. Printing and mailing of LP News cost \$9079. \$73 went for shipping.

Raising money creates charges. \$2040 went to various firms for merchant processing fees and bank charges.

There were also IT services. The \$1000 to Mark Wachtler of Chicago, Illinois to purchase a domain is perhaps slightly out of

the ordinary. The purchase appears to have been for LibertarianPartyNews.com, founded by Wachtler a few months earlier. Note also \$1415 to iContact for email marketing, \$1080 to Broadview for a phone system and usage, \$688 to Rackspace for Web hosting, \$574 to Softlayer for email server hosting, \$281 for Domain Registrations, \$255 to Quickbooks for software, \$94 to Comcast for cable and internet, \$38 to Phonefusion for toll-free phone service, and \$34 to lexis-nexus for address and phone verification, for a total of \$5458.

Some money did go to politics. \$3439 went to ballot access petitioning, in some part to reimburse some of our 2012 petitioners who were still waiting for payment. \$957 went for Libertarian Party promotions. \$280 went for a Facebook widget ad.

The Barr 2008 Campaign, Second Quarter 2013

In the Second Quarter of 2013, the Barr 2008 campaign was in debt by \$158,450.67. For the Quarter it raised \$9000 exactly, and spent all of it on airfare/meals/lodging/office supplies. It spent not a penny on paying off its debts. The Sole Donor was "Liberty Guard" of Georgia.

The Johnson Campaign, Second Quarter 2013

As of the end of June, 2013, the Johnson Campaign's Campaign debts were \$1,007,321.94, which is more than the total spent by most historical Libertarian Presidential campaigns.

The Johnson Campaign, February 2012

We now resume our historical series on the Johnson 2012 campaign. Readers may correctly assume at least some of the Johnson 2012 campaign's former associates are honest libertarians, and that we have received representations on their behalf that they are not pleased with what they are now learning about the campaign. In particular, we have a specific statement from a former campaign associate that the \$325 at 50 hours a month to the campaign's "Senior Political Officer" was paid to the campaign manager and not as has been suggested in some circles to an eminence grise from Florida or New York.

For February 2012, the Johnson campaign had income of \$41,879, spent \$40,917, and had its total debts increase from \$901,219 to \$984,535.

In February 2012, the Johnson campaign gave \$1075.01 to Merchant Service of 455 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, for merchant services, \$150 to Media Temple of Culver City for web hosting fees, \$51.49 to Zions Bank for bank charges and merchant fees, \$3491.25 to Daines Goodwin in payment on obligation, and \$36,150 to Political Advisors of Salt Lake City as payment on obligation. This time the various payments to Political Advisors were all round numbers, almost all round numbers of hundreds or thousands of dollars.

There were new debts for the period:

Invoice #104975 covering line 46942 covered everything identifiable as political outreach. It came to \$12,509.75. Invoice #104979 covering line 46943 covered Johnson's staff salaries. The salary invoice came to \$107,374.31, almost nine times as much as the politics invoice.

#46942 includes (numbers rounded)

\$856 for placing web ads,
\$6509 for candidate and staff travel,
\$616 for miscellaneous/supplies/office,
\$812 for shipping, and
\$3717 for email marketing costs.

#46899 included:

Senior political officer, 50 hours at \$325.00 per hour totalling \$16,250

Mid-level management 600.7 hours at \$125.00 per hour totalling \$75087.50

more Mid-level management 88.27 hours at \$95.00 per hour totalling \$8385.65

general clerical hours 65.83 hours at \$95.00 per hour totalling \$1876.16

10 hours of creative advertising at \$225.00 per hour for a total of \$2250.

That's about four FTE staff members. Also in here was \$3525 of 'outside subcontracts as per agreement'.

The campaign paid off some of its old debt. The payments to Daines Goodwin for accounting services covered all of lines 46859 and 46864 and \$2378.75 toward the debt of \$5700 on line 46913. These three lines all correspond to debt that was created in January 2012 during Johnson's Libertarian campaign.

There were also payments to "Political Advisors". The entire \$36,150, all from donors to Johnson's Libertarian Presidential campaign, went toward paying part of line 46743, debts that the Johnson campaign created in Summer 2011 for his Republican nominating drive. And what were those debts? Line #46743 for \$127,645, none of which was paid in the period. Costs included:

Senior Political Advisor 50 hours at \$16,250 (\$325.00/hour)
Creative Advertising \$13,500 for 60 hours (\$225.00/hour)
Press relations \$21,358 for 194 hours (\$110.00/hour)
Mid-level Management \$38,873 for 311 hours (\$125.00/ hour, a 30% increase)
Mid-level Management \$28,262 for 397.5 hours (\$71.00/ hour, nearly a 75% increase)
"Outside subcontracts per agreement" \$9,400.

That's right, your February 2012 donations to Johnson 2012 went toward the campaign manager's \$325/hour salary, and down the line.

LNC In Action

The David F. Nolan 2% of a Building is still an office condo, not the promised building. We have a quote from the July 2012 LNC meeting's draft minutes. "In revealing Conflicts of interest: Starchild added that he would put the good of the "Liberty Movement" ahead of the interests of the Libertarian Party or his duty to the Libertarian Party as a member of the National Committee. Mr. Neale ruled that such a statement was out of order and not appropriate for a conflict of interest disclosure. Starchild appealed the ruling of the Chair concerning the types of disclosures to be made. The ruling of the Chair was upheld by a vote of 13 to 4. Voting YES were Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Visek, and Wiener. Voting No were Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra, and Wrights." Progress made—zero. Time wasted — priceless.

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