



LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS



Harry Browne

Age: 63

Residence: Franklin, Tennessee

Background: "Author, public speaker, and investment advisor. Browne is the author of 10 books, the most recent being *Why Government Doesn't Work*. His previous nine books have sold over 2 million copies, and four of them reached the bestseller list. He became widely known in the early 1970s through *How You Can Profit from the Coming Devaluation*, *How I Found Freedom In an Unfree World*, and *You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis*, which reached #1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Since 19974 he has been writing *Harry Browne's Special Reports* – a newsletter that provides commentary on the economy, investments, government, and politics."

Campaign Goals:

"Victory. I want to win the presidency. Of course, this is a long shot, with odds of perhaps 50-1 against. But it isn't impossible. In fact, I wouldn't be running if I thought there were no chance of winning. Most people are on our side; the challenge isn't so much to persuade them that our alternative is right as it is to let them know our alternative exists. [Also, to] change the political lineup: I want the Libertarian Party to be the third major party, rather than the first minor party. [And] to change the terms of the debate. After this campaign, I want future political discussion to be over how much government to get rid of – not whether new programs are needed."

Campaign Issues:

"Government doesn't work! Government doesn't keep our communities safe. Its schools don't educate our children. Its welfare system promotes dependency, irresponsibility, and poverty. And government saps the economy – crippling and killing new businesses and jobs. Every income tax dollar the federal government takes out of your paycheck is a dollar you can't save, spend, or donate to your favorite charity or cause or church.

"Every federal mandate, regulation, restriction, and law imposed on you is a decision taken out of your hands. A decision taken out of your community. We don't need 7-year plans to reform government. We need: Huge tax cuts now. Huge spending cuts now. A balanced budget now. During Harry Browne's first year as President of the United States, he'll deliver to Congress a budget that will:

- "1) Immediately slash federal spending by 50%. —
- "2) Immediately end the income tax and shut down the IRS.
- "3) Immediately balance the budget."

Primary Results:

New Hampshire: *First*, 40.3%. **North Dakota:** *First*, 100% (unopposed). **South Dakota:** *First*, 65%. **Massachusetts:** *First*, 41%. **Illinois:** *First*, 73%. **California:** *First*, 50%. **Nebraska:** *First*, 100% (unopposed).

Background, campaign issues, and campaign goals taken from: "Harry Browne / President" campaign brochure (1996), and "Harry Browne: Why I'm Running for President" campaign booklet (1996).