Seismic shift in libertarian youth activism
Enthusiastic response to LP seen at major student conference

If the 2013 International Students for Liberty Conference (ISFLC) held on Feb. 15–17 in Washington, D.C., is any indicator, the Libertarian Party is on the rise among politically active youth.

Although Students For Liberty is only five years old, its international conference has quickly become one of the biggest and most energetic forums for libertarians of all stripes. And, unlike many Republican-dominated “conservative” events such as CPAC, ISFLC attendees were far more aligned with the Libertarian Party and hungry for bold, substantial reductions in Big Government.

The LP had a large presence throughout the event, which it cosponsored and which drew more than 1,400 attendees, mostly students.

At the party’s well-staffed exhibition table, LP activists talked with a steady stream of enthusiastic prospects who stopped by. Area activists handed out so much promotional material and literature on the first day that they had to rush an order for more from the nearby LP headquarters. Hundreds of students signed up for the LP mailing list and memberships.

“’I’ve found at county fairs you’re lucky if one in 10 prospects walking by are willing to take your literature,’” Virginia LP Chair Chuck Moulton said. “At the International Students For Liberty Conference, this situation was reversed: 90 percent of the students were excited when we said ’Libertarian Party.’ They took our handouts. They signed up for our mailing list. They wanted to learn more. Many told us they’d already liked our Facebook page. And the 10 percent that were unreceptive? If they were with a group of friends, often they’d be peer-pressured into being more positive with remarks like, ‘The Republicans and Democrats are anti-liberty. You should check out the LP.’ The whole outreach experience was refreshing and energizing.”

The highlight of the event was a special episode of libertarian journalist John Stossel’s popular TV show on the Fox Business Network that was taped in front of an auditorium of students at the conference and that featured 2012 LP presidential nominee Governor Gary Johnson. It aired the following Thursday, Feb. 21.

John Stossel reminded the crowd that Johnson had garnered a record-high presidential vote total for the Libertarian Party during the 2012 election, winning more than 1 million votes.

Dr. James Lark, Libertarian National Committee member and former national chair who also serves on the Board of Advisors for Students For Liberty, presented a well-attended Saturday morning session on the nuts and bolts of building a Libertarian group on campus. He advised students to work with other libertarians in the community, uphold high standards of intellectual integrity, and treat people with courtesy and respect. He also urged them to set up two libertarian groups on campus: one partisan group that supports the LP, the other an educational organization.

“’In 1987, libertarian campus activists showed relatively little interest in partisan political activity,’” Dr. Lark said. “Based upon what I have observed during the past three years, the Ron Paul and Gary Johnson campaigns, along with the efforts continued on page 8...
Building Fund: An investment in LP’s future

by Geoffrey J. Neale, Chair

I have been a strong, consistent, and vocal advocate of purchasing a building for our headquarters for decades. For me, there has always been one and only one overriding reason — it saves us money.

If we had purchased a building 15 years ago, our occupancy costs would be limited to utilities, insurance, taxes, and maintenance. That’s still a significant bill, but it’s a fraction of what we spend every month right now.

If we had purchased a building 15 years ago, I estimate that we would have had approximately 1 million dollars more over those 15 years to spend on our reason for existence: politics. We could have provided more support for our affiliates. We could have done more issue advocacy. We could have done...

But it’s not 15 years ago — it’s now. Now we have the support of the LNC to buy a building. Now we have the lowest interest rates in history. Now we have the opportunity.

Many have already offered their cash and pledges in support of this effort. I ask you to do the same. I don’t see this as another donation — I see this as a real investment in your party. The larger the down payment we make, the lower our monthly expenses will be. We already know that they will be at least 25 percent less than our current lease, because that is what the LNC is requiring.

We can save even more — if you invest more. How much more do you want us to spend on politics every year, instead of padding the balance sheet of our landlord?

This is not just another fundraiser. This is not a one-time gift for a one-time result. This is an ongoing benefit that every donor will be able to see and touch. The act of purchasing will benefit the party every day from the day we move in.

Fifteen years from today, I see us owning the building outright. I see the next generation of leaders of the LP looking backward and thanking each and every one of us that made this happen. I see a legacy for that generation, and generations to come.

Please help us build that legacy by reviewing the donation levels on the next page, choosing the level at which you can donate to this important project, and sending in your donation today to the David F. Nolan Building Fund. A reply form and envelope is enclosed with the mailed copies of this LP News. Or you can donate online: www.lp.org/building-fund

Yours in liberty,
New headquarters for the LP: The David F. Nolan Memorial Building

The Libertarian National Committee has passed a motion to grant authority to the LNC Executive Committee to approve purchase of a new headquarters office building or condo in the Washington, DC area named after the founder of the Libertarian Party, David F. Nolan.

This will reduce the party’s operating costs by at least $5,000 every month until the building is paid off; then costs will go down much more. This will free up resources for outreach, membership growth, affiliate support, candidate training, media and more.

To participate in this once-in-a-lifetime project and have your name appear forever on this historic building alongside David Nolan’s, pick your donation amount and naming opportunity today from the choices below.

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Contributors at the $250 and above levels will also receive invitations in 2013 and 2014 to private meetings with the Libertarian Party’s national chairman and executive director, where you’ll able to discuss the party’s progress and strategy.

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**Victory:** Kansas LP succeeds in changing local open carry laws, sues holdouts

Thanks to the efforts of the Libertarian Party of Kansas, gun owners who were prohibited by their local governments from openly carrying firearms are now free to open carry in their cities.

Two years ago, the Kansas LP began its efforts to bring restrictive city laws into compliance with state law allowing the open carry of firearms, and their work has paid off in three cities so far: Overland Park, Gardner, and Wichita. All three have since brought their city ordinances into line with state statute.

Discussions with local officials in another three cities are scheduled during the next two weeks, and the Kansas LP filed suit against three holdout cities in December.

This simple goal of trying to convince politicians to do the right thing has brought the Kansas LP national media coverage, and extensive media attention within the state.

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A statute enacted by the Kansas legislature in 2007 prohibited local governments throughout the state from passing their own laws against open carry. The same statute, however, also allows cities to regulate the “manner” in which firearms may be openly carried. Some local governments interpreted this as giving them broad enough regulatory latitude to ban open carry altogether.

In early 2011, the Kansas Libertarian Party decided to start working to change these overly restrictive local laws.

Earl McIntosh, the Kansas LP’s Second Amendment chairman, first approached state Rep. Lana Gordon for help. Gordon then solicited an opinion from the state’s attorney general, Derek Schmidt, on how the statute affected local government regulation of open carry. In a detailed analysis of the law’s wording, Schmidt concluded that cities cannot use the statute’s regulatory provision to prohibit open carry.

A later opinion solicited by the city of Wichita further clarified that any city trying to regulate open carry to the point of effective prohibition is in direct conflict with state law and that local regulatory authority was limited to some specifics of carrying, such as a requirement to keep the safety on.

With clear evidence that a number of cities were in violation of state statute, the Kansas LP began contacting local officials. “We decided to challenge them, and we wanted to do it in a respectful, libertarian manner,” said Terwelp. “In most cases, the city councils didn’t really realize what the state laws were. We weren’t bullies. Anybody who’s willing to talk, we’re willing to listen.”

In addition to the three cities that have ended their open carry bans because of the LP’s influence, officials in Junction City and Emporia have agreed to have talks with Kansas LP leaders soon.

Four other cities continued to hold out as of December, refusing to change their open carry ordinances. This prompted the LP to name them as potential targets of a lawsuit. One of the four, Lenexa, has since reconsidered and met with the Kansas LP in late January to discuss how their ordinance conflicts with state law.

Terwelp said that Lenexa officials were receptive to the Kansas LP’s position, but indicated that they may wait until a set of pro-gun rights bills currently making their way through the state legislature are settled. One of those bills, HB 2111, would address the issue of open carry head-on by more explicitly preventing cities and counties from placing restrictions on who may openly carry a firearm in their jurisdictions.

The Kansas LP filed suit against the remaining three holdout cities, Leawood, Prairie Village, and Wyandotte County Unified Government in December.

Two of those cities have been combined by the judge into a single lawsuit, and their attorneys asked to have the case dismissed at a hearing in February. The Kansas LP presented their counterargument for why the case should proceed, and a decision about the future of the lawsuit should be reached in early April.

Wyandotte County Unified Government, which includes the Kansas portion of Kansas City, is stalling, according to Terwelp, likely because the county can’t afford to engage in the lawsuit right now.

“Wyandotte is giving us the runaround,” Terwelp said. “They’re playing a delaying game. We’re content right now at just waiting to see what happens with this legislation.”

As the Kansas LP continues to meet with resistance from local leaders, Terwelp insists it’s important to remember that their effort is not designed to encourage a proliferation of gun ownership.

“We’ve told the press many, many times, we’re not trying to tell people that they should open carry,” Terwelp said. “We’re not encouraging them to do anything. We’re just trying to make these cities follow the state law.”

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**State Election Hotspots in 2013: New Jersey and Virginia**

Because most states hold statewide and legislative elections in even years, LP affiliates are running candidates locally as well as recruiting candidates and gearing up for elections in 2014.

Five states have regularly-scheduled state elections (legislature or statewide) in 2013.

New Jersey will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, state senators (the upper house) and members of the General Assembly (the lower house).

Virginia will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and delegates to the House of Delegates (the lower house).

Pennsylvania and New York have partisan judicial elections in 2013, and Wisconsin elects a single statewide office — that of Superintendent — on April 2.

In addition, voters in five states — New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Washington — can potentially vote for statewide ballot measures in 2013 if those measures make the ballot.

Jay Edgar, chair of the New Jersey LP, expects the party to field three candidates in the state’s 14th district alone. (NJ uses the same districts for both senate and assembly.)

“Current plans include concentrating our challenge and pouring resources into the 14th,” he said.

Chuck Moulton, Chair of the Virginia LP, said, “Virginia is actively recruiting candidates for the House of Delegates. We plan to run a record number of candidates in 2013.”

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## Fall 2012 election results for Libertarian Party candidates

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Joe Ruiz | U.S. Representative, District 2 | 9,326 | 3.4%
Benjamin Gehlhausen | U.S. Representative, District 4 | 10,565 | 3.9%
Chad Reid | U.S. Representative, District 5 | 13,442 | 4.0%
Rex Bell | U.S. Representative, District 6 | 15,962 | 5.8%
Bart Gadou | U.S. Representative, District 8 | 10,134 | 3.6%
Rupert Boneham | Governor | 101,868 | 4.0%
Brad Klopfenstein | Lt. Governor | 101,868 | 4.0%
Fred Peterson | State Senator, District 30 | 1,880 | 2.7%
Gena Martinez | State Senator, District 33 | 4,632 | 9.5%
Jim Rainwater | State Representative, District 28 | 3,799 | 14.5%
Kim Brand | State Representative, District 53 | 5,621 | 23.8%
Jeremiah Morrell | State Representative, District 54 | 5,834 | 27.0%
Mark Brim | State Representative, District 56 | 1,414 | 6.0%
Paul Bradford | State Representative, District 57 | 967 | 3.8%
Al Cox | State Representative, District 65 | 3,799 | 16.5%
Alexander Avery | State Representative, District 91 | 937 | 4.1%
James Hanson | State Representative, District 84 | 1,379 | 4.6%
Wes Bishop | State Representative, District 96 | 1,142 | 3.8%
James Nease | State Representative, District 100 | 882 | 4.6%
Don Barriger | Brown County Commissioner, District 3 | 484 | 6.5%
Duncan Adams | Brown County Council, At-Large | 532 | 2.6%
Barbara M. Gardner Adams | Brown County Council, At-Large | 635 | 3.1%
Kyle Edward Clark | Brown County Council, At-Large | 494 | 2.4%
Dave Nakarado | Monroe County Comr, D3 | 4,873 | 9.2%
Kurt Clement | Vanderburgh County Council, At-Large | 6,937 | 3.3%
David Norton | Washington County Comr, D1 | 705 | 6.5%
Rhonda Greene | Washington County Commissioner, D3 | 1,257 | 12.0%
Mark Hoelscher | Wayne County Council, At-Large | 5,901 | 10.3%
**Kansas**
Dennis Hawver | U.S. Representative, District 2 | 12,520 | 4.2%
Joel Balam | U.S. Representative, District 3 | 92,675 | 31.5%
Thomas Jefferson | U.S. Representative, District 4 | 16,058 | 6.2%
Clarence Hinchey | State Senator, District 20 | 2,033 | 6.0%
Dave Thomas | State Senator, District 25 | 1,607 | 8.0%
Carl Kramer | State Senator, District 29 | 1,120 | 6.0%
Jesse Bryant | State Senator, District 35 | 6,381 | 23.2%
Lawrence E. Monaghan | State Representative, District 2 | 285 | 2.8%
Michael Kern | State Representative, District 17 | 1,311 | 10.9%
Jeff Caldwell | State Representative, District 36 | 354 | 3.2%
John Wilson | State Representative, District 49 | 742 | 8.2%
Gordon Bakken | State Representative, District 84 | 329 | 4.9%
Randall Batson | State Representative, District 105 | 404 | 5.0%
Philip “Skip” Breitmeyer | State Representative, District 64 | 1,064 | 18.9%
James Nease | State Representative, District 91 | 1,856 | 4.6%
John Hargenrader | Livingston County Comr, District 9 | 1,586 | 17.9%
Scott W. Poquette | State Representative, District 44 | 1,901 | 4.0%
William Robert Wenzel III | State Representative, District 72 | 1,481 | 3.5%
Ronald Heeren | State Representative, District 73 | 1,537 | 3.6%
Pat Steinport | State Representative, District 76 | 1,085 | 3.5%
Larry Warner | State Representative, District 77 | 1,300 | 3.3%
Joseph P. Gillotte | State Representative, District 87 | 1,533 | 3.6%
Michael J. Perry | State Representative, District 88 | 4,843 | 13.1%
Nick Sandoquist | State Representative, District 91 | 1,856 | 4.6%
William Robert Wenzel III | State Representative, District 72 | 1,481 | 3.5%
Ronald Heeren | State Representative, District 73 | 1,537 | 3.6%
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Nick Sandoquist | State Representative, District 91 | 1,856 | 4.6%
John Hargenrader | Livingston County Comr, District 9 | 1,586 | 17.9%
Scott Allen | Macomb County Sheriff | 12,708 | 3.4%
Will Tyler White | Meridian Township Trustee | 1,397 | 1.9%
Richard Gach | Oakland County Comr, District 21 | 2,212 | 8.1%
Steve Affton | Oakland County Prosecuting Atty | 18,160 | 3.0%
Justin M. Alman | Wayne County Prosecuting Atty | 11,281 | 19.4%
Keith Butvich | Wayne County Comr, District 11 | 2,161 | 4.0%
David Affton | Wayne County Prosecutor | 74,564 | 10.3%
Ben Bachrach | Wayne County Register of Deeds | 71,767 | 10.5%
William Rushlow | Wayne County Treasurer | 80,383 | 11.6%
Lawrence W. Johnson | Ypsilanti Township Trustee | 3,422 | 4.5%
Kerry L. Morgan | Justice of the Supreme Ct | 264,121 | 4.1%
Robert W. Raddis | Justice of the Supreme Ct | 181,238 | 2.8%
**Michigan**
Michael Grady | Hastings City Council | 1,147 | 48.9%
Bob Odgen | Columbia Heights Mayor | 2,609 | 32.6%
Jonathan Dine | U.S. Senate | 164,468 | 6.1%
Jim Higgins | Governor | 73,509 | 2.7%
Matt Coppel | Lt. Governor | 75,169 | 2.8%
Cisse Spragins | Secretary of State | 70,814 | 2.7%
Sean O’Toole | Treasurer | 109,188 | 4.1%
David Browning | Attorney General | 92,819 | 3.5%
Robb Cunningham | U.S. Representative, District 1 | 11,824 | 3.5%
Bill Slitz | U.S. Representative, District 2 | 9,193 | 2.3%
Steve Wilson | U.S. Representative, District 3 | 12,353 | 3.7%
Thomas Hollbrook | U.S. Representative, District 4 | 10,407 | 3.3%
Randy Langkraehr | U.S. Representative, District 5 | 8,497 | 2.6%
Russ Lee Moncill | U.S. Representative, District 6 | 8,279 | 2.5%
Kevin Craig | U.S. Representative, District 7 | 16,668 | 5.2%
Rick Vandenove | U.S. Representative, District 8 | 10,553 | 3.5%
Steve Hedrick | State Senate, District 21 | 3,351 | 4.6%
Bill Wayne | State Representative, District 68 | 1,539 | 3.1%
John Alspur | State Representative, District 68 | 2,789 | 17.9%
Julie Stone | State Representative, District 66 | 1,218 | 7.7%
Jake Wilburn | State Representative, District 130 | 3,009 | 18.5%
Bill Boone | State Representative, District 137 | 2,895 | 16.8%
**Minnesota**
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Libertarian candidate inquiries pouring in

Following the 2012 election, the Libertarian Party has ballot access in 30 states and, for the first time ever, the District of Columbia.

From November 2012 through February 2013, 348 Libertarians who are considering a run for office submitted inquiries through the LP.org website — more than double the number submitted in either 2010 or 2008. More than 598 prospects submitted inquiries since July 2012.

About half are considering a run for office in 2013, mostly for local races, and about half are looking ahead to 2014.

Thirty-six candidates have announced their races, filed their campaigns with regulatory authorities, or have set up websites. Seven are already on the ballot for races in 2013.

A new 2013 Candidates page is now posted at LP.org listing all known Libertarian candidates who are on the ballot or who have been reported to the national headquarters by state chairs.

More than 43,650 views for LP response to State of the Union

As President Barack Obama took the podium in early February to recite his latest litany of reasons to make government bigger, more intrusive, and more wasteful than ever, the Libertarian Party was busy crafting a response. Executive Director Carla Howell delivered a stirring call to cut Big Government today, slash spending, repeal burdensome regulations, and end failed central planning.

“When you sit out the vote, or worse, when you vote for Big Government Democrats or Republicans, it empowers and emboldens them,” Howell said. “What do you get? More Big Government. When you vote small government, you’re changing the game. When you vote for small-government, Libertarian candidates, you’re throwing down the gauntlet.

You’re demanding a stop to high taxes, bailouts and obscene government debt. You make small government, low taxes, low government spending, more jobs, and more freedom possible.”

The video has been viewed more than 43,650 times as of March 20, the second-highest view count of all LP videos released during the past seven years, and received coverage from The Global Dispatch, the World News Network, Examiner.com, Liberator Online, Daily Paul, the Tim Constantine Show, Hungry Horse News, and more. These people are responding to a simple but powerful message: the growth of Big Government has to be stopped and reversed.

Howell outlined a series of steps that are crucial for advancing a free society:

• “Stop overspending. End phony stimulus bailouts. Eliminate hundreds of agencies and departments that do more harm than good. Downsize Big Government — now.

• “Remove thousands of useless government regulations, so businesses can compete and thrive in a global economy — and create new jobs.

• “Federal government central planning of education gives us higher costs, red tape and worse outcomes. We must end government central planning and return control of schools to parents, teachers and local communities.

• “Repeal the failed and deadly War on Drugs. Leave people free — so long as they harm no one else. Restore our freedoms while dramatically reducing crime.

• “Don’t just oppose the ridiculous anti-gun measures that Obama’s proposing — that Republicans are caving into. Repeal all life-endangering laws on the books that disarm peaceful, law-abiding citizens so they’re free to stop and prevent violent crime and horrific shooting sprees. That’s how we’ll make our streets and our schools safe.

• “Repeal and defund Obamacare — now. And, with it, get rid of a boatload of government agencies, laws and regulations that serve to enrich special interests — while driving Americans to bankruptcy. Get government out of the way so health care and medical insurance serve the needs of customers and deliver high-quality care at a fraction of today’s prices and premiums.

• “Stop handing out subsidies to foreign dictators. Stop engaging in foreign wars. Ground the 3,000 drones that are flying around spying on Americans. Bring our troops home — out of harm’s way. Cut military spending, and promote peace.

• “Cut taxes now. Permanently. Big, bold tax cuts that take money out of the hands of politicians and return it to the men and women who earned it.

Solutions like these won’t come from Big Government Democrats or Republicans — but there is an alternative. The Libertarian Party and its candidates are working for much smaller government, low taxes, no more debt, peace — and freedom.

Those who would like to pass along this message of liberty to friends and help grow the Libertarian Party can send them to the LP’s State of the Union response video: www.lp.org/sota2013

This video would not have been possible without the hard work of Libertarian activist Tim O’Neal for his outstanding videography, LP associate editor Eric Dixon for video production and editing, and LNC At-Large Representative Arvin Vohra for his promotional work in taking the message viral on Facebook.
Student conference
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of many LP activists, have generated interest in the LP among campus libertarians.”

On Saturday, students crowded into overflowing conference rooms to listen to the presentations of libertarian economists, journalists, activists, and other movement leaders offering their visions of how to move society toward greater freedom. There was so much demand for this marketplace of ideas that the conference regularly had 12 packed breakout sessions running simultaneously.

After hearing a cornucopia of libertarian ideas, activists at the LP booth showed students how to put these ideas into action and why participation in the LP is the perfect vehicle for moving America in a libertarian direction by fielding candidates who run on Libertarian solutions for much less government.

Students had a chance to engage in in-depth discussion with LP staffers and activists, including Lark, who generously paid the LP’s sponsorship fee. They learned about how they can help cut Big Government through membership and activism in the LP.

Other Libertarians who manned the exhibition table were: LNC at-large member Arvin Vohra; Virginia LP Communications Director Laura Delhomme; activist and photographer Rachel Dawn Lincoln; Virginia LP delegate candidate Lindsey Bolton; local activist Larry Schneck; LP Northern Virginia Events Committee Chair Chris Brookover; and LP headquarters staff members Robert Kraus, operations director, and Eric Dixon, LP News associate editor.

By the end of the conference, the students had nearly cleared out the supply of pamphlets, door-hangers, stickers, and flyers again, ready to pass them along to their friends and neighbors at home.

“I am delighted to see so many bright, talented young libertarians,” Dr. Lark said.

During his Stossel interview, Johnson pointed out that if everybody who identifies with libertarian ideas had actually voted for Libertarian Party candidates, the election would have had a far different outcome.

“I think the biggest factor in this race was the voting for the lesser of two evils — afraid that Romney was going to win so vote for Obama, or afraid Obama’s going to win so vote for Romney,” Johnson told the Stossel crowd. “There’s a big disconnect between those that describe themselves as libertarian and vote Libertarian.”

But the tide may be turning, Johnson continued, noting that especially among this younger generation, libertarian ideas are catching hold like never before.

“It’s cool to be libertarian. It’s cool to be socially accepting and fiscally conservative,” Johnson said. “All I can say is that this is a growing movement, unquestionably.”
LIBERTARIAN SOLUTIONS

Sell the U.S. Postal Service and end all government involvement

Despite ever-increasing postal rates, the United States Postal Service has bled $3–$5 billion in losses every quarter for the last two years.

Liabilities mount in response to the demands of powerful unions. “USPS Works for Our Employees!” brags one of its website pages.

Health care and pensions alone for its workers consume 33 cents out of every dollar it spends. The USPS picks up most of the cost of health care benefits and allows many of its workers to retire and collect pensions at age 55, far younger than the eligibility age for Social Security.

Email has lowered the demand for postal services. But, rather than adapt, the USPS has leaned on politicians — and, ultimately, taxpayers and consumers — to bail it out and protect it from competition. The post office has little incentive to operate efficiently. Hours of operation suit the convenience of workers rather than customers. When most retail stores are open for business, post offices are closed on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, evenings, and holidays.

Politicians and unions — rather than markets — control which services the USPS provides. They insist on keeping remote, low-volume post offices open, raising the cost of everyone’s postage — while threatening to cut Saturday delivery, making USPS services even less convenient.

Overpriced labor, high prices, waste, and bad service will continue — unless we say, “No more.”

The U.S. Constitution grants Congress the power to “establish post offices.” But it does not require Congress to do so, or to maintain them, manage them, or grant the USPS a postal monopoly.

Libertarians say, “Sell the USPS, remove all government involvement in the postal industry, remove barriers to competition — and no bailouts.”

Start by immediately ending the USPS monopoly on the use of your mailbox so you are free to receive mail from any carrier. You paid for it, and it’s on your property. The government has no right to dictate its use.

Next, sell off the USPS to the highest bidder (which could be the postal workers, if they’re willing to buy it). If it is unable to pay for its pension and health care liabilities, put retired postal workers on Social Security and Medicare with the same benefits and terms that private-sector workers get — including age of eligibility.

Ending the government’s monopoly on letter-carrying and selling the USPS means you will get better service for less. Postage rates for simple letter delivery will go down, saving you money. This will also save money for businesses, creating new private sector jobs. Tracking services will be better and hours of operation more convenient — for you. No more standing in long lines on a Saturday morning or leaving work early to get packages mailed before the post office closes at 5:00 p.m.

Completely privatizing the USPS will also remove the threat of more bailouts and leave politicians with one less excuse for raising your taxes or raising government debt.

Repeal the Corporate Income Tax

By Bill Redpath

While Libertarians are strongly supportive of repealing the federal individual income tax, repealing the federal corporate income tax is another great way to shrink Big Government that provides huge benefits for consumers, employers, and investors, and which can be easily offset with spending cuts.

At a maximum effective rate of 35 percent, the federal corporate income tax is the highest corporate income tax rate in the world. This discourages the investment that is necessary to develop tomorrow’s high-paying jobs and prosperity for all.

The very existence of the corporate income tax tempts Congress and state legislatures to cut special tax breaks for particular businesses or industries. This fuels the growing problem of crony capitalism in the United States, which stacks the deck against real, wealth-creating entrepreneurs, and in favor of the politically connected.

Repeal of the federal corporate income tax would be a major step toward economic literacy in this nation by declaring that corporations don’t pay taxes, people do. Customers pay in the form of higher prices for products and services. Employees pay by having to work for lower wages. And stockholders — including millions of seniors living near or below the poverty line — pay through lower investment returns.

The evidence from publications such as the Index of Economic Freedom and the Economic Freedom of the World project is clear. The most prosperous nations in the world are the nations in which the people have the most economic freedom. The relationship is not just correlated, it is causal. And appreciation of this is badly needed in the American body politic.

Repeal of the federal corporate income tax would end the double taxation of corporations’ dividends and capital gains, and might stimulate the repeal of many states’ corporate income taxes, both of which would greatly benefit employment and investment prospects in the United States.

While our first priority should be low taxes, an important secondary or tertiary goal should be few taxes. When you eliminate a tax, you also eliminate administrative costs, which for corporate income taxes is very high. The government will save money by not spending resources to enforce a complex tax, and corporations will save money by not having to prepare and defend intricate corporate tax returns. In turn, corporations will be able to lower prices on their products, or pay their employees and shareholders more.

Because the corporate income tax brings in only about 8 percent of federal government revenue, it is easy to find offsetting spending cuts. Significantly more than 8 percent of federal expenditures are either pure waste or activities the federal government shouldn’t be doing. Cutting a fraction of that makes it possible to completely and immediately repeal the corporate income tax.

Repealing the federal corporate income tax now is a great step forward to improve the economic fortunes of all Americans.
Treasurer’s Report
By Tim Hagan

Membership (total active donors) climbed steadily over the year, from 14,327 to 14,943. Some of this growth is attributable to past members who took a hiatus from the LP to support Ron Paul, and who are now coming back. Others new and old to political activism are joining, recognizing that Big Government has become perilously oversized and that the LP is leading the charge to shrink it.

Revenues for 2012 totaled $1,484,850, 8.7% below budget. One reason for this may have been because LP members — both lapsed and active — were donating substantial amounts of money to the Ron Paul for President campaign.

Expenses were on budget after being adjusted upward by $137,000 to pay for ballot access expenses that were higher than anticipated. The LNC spent a total of $382,461 to get Libertarian candidates on the ballot. Petitioning expenses were driven up by competition from ballot initiatives and from the new Americans Elect Party, and from the need to help petitioning in states where LP affiliates were not well-organized. The LNC also spent funds to fight off an unprecedented six Republican challenges to LP presidential and vice presidential ballot access.

These expense and revenue deficiencies lowered actual cash reserves to $48,063, which is below the required level of $55,879.

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Contributions to the LP are urgently needed to restore reserves to a healthier level. Donations designated for the new David F. Nolan Building Fund (see pages 2–3 for more information) will also help by lowering headquarters’ annual operating expenses by approximately $60,000 every year.

The LNC approved a budget for 2013 that sets revenue at $1,163,250 and expenses at $1,113,150. These numbers are expected to increase as a result of self-funded projects. Ones for the new Libertarian Party headquarters building, candidate support, radio advertisements, campus organizing, and a fund for future presidential tickets are under way or being discussed. Donations and pledges to these projects will be placed in designated funds and restricted to their use only.

A total of $116,000 has already been donated to the designated Building Fund. This will be used to pay for moving expenses and for the down payment on the building or office condo that the LNC aims to purchase this year.

Many thanks to the indispensible members and supporters of the Libertarian Party who make the party’s operations possible.
Arkansas

Gearing up for ballot access drive

The LPAR will host their 2013 State Convention on April 27 in Little Rock. A business session, which will include speakers and Executive Committee elections, is scheduled for that afternoon at the Comfort Inn and Suites Downtown. A dinner and social event will be held at the Cornerstone Pub and Grill immediately following the business session.

The LPAR is gearing up for their ballot access petition drive, which should begin in March. In order to run partisan candidates, the LPAR must submit 10,000 valid signatures to the Secretary of State, all of which must be gathered within a 90-day window. To retain ballot access for 2016, the 2014 gubernatorial candidate must receive at least 3 percent of the vote. Ivan Lewis has announced his intention to seek the LPAR’s nomination for the governor’s race. Candidate nominations for 2014 will take place at the LPAR’s 2014 spring convention.

Please visit www.LPAR.org if you would like to donate to the LPAR’s ballot access drive, join the LPAR or contact the LPAR for more information.

Indiana

Expanding with new employees, database

We have a very exciting year planned for the LPIN, and we are off to a great start. We are starting the year off by hiring a new employee and consultant, replacing our database, and hosting our State Convention.

The new database for the LPIN will be eTapestry, the latest and greatest tool for efficiency in fundraising. This tool will help us expand our communication with donors, and budget our time for event planning more efficiently.

With the hiring of Business Manager Alyssa Salgado and Communications Consultant Lauren Rumpler, the LPIN is in the process of changing our management model from a sole Executive Director to multiple employees and paid consultants, each specializing in a specific area to better support our county parties and candidates.

Alyssa Salgado is the new Business Manager for the LPIN. Salgado will focus on the development of inter-party operations and membership development. Lauren Rumpler is the new Communications Consultant working with us to improve both internal and external communications. The Libertarian Party of Indiana has contracted with Rumpler to provide press releases and articles to help the LPIN maintain a positive presence in statewide media.

Our Convention this year is on Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Ind. We will be selecting the leadership for the LPIN and laying groundwork for the 2014 campaign and elections. We will have prestigious speakers, including Mike Maharrey of the Tenth Amendment Center, training programs for activists and candidates, and an exclusive breakfast for the 1994 Society, the members of our monthly pledge program. More information on our upcoming convention can be found on our website, www.lpind.org.

Kansans for open carry gun bans

Kansas continues to work at overturning all city and county “open carry” firearm bans in Kansas. We have also given testimony on quite a few Kansas legislative bills this session. We are also having success in developing new leaders and starting new affiliate groups across the state. In June 2012 we had four groups. We now have 13 developing county affiliates. Wichita is in the process of starting a second group.

Kansas has four registered Libertarians running for local offices this spring: a school board race, two city commissioner races, and a candidate running for mayor of Topeka. The LPKS set another record for number of registered voters. We have had six straight years of positive growth, with an increase of 6 percent last year.

Louisiana

50 percent growth in membership

The Louisiana LP was the only party in our state to grow during December.

- We grew by more than 50 percent in 2012.
- For the first time in decades, nearly all of our SCC/Board positions are filled, thanks to the massive swelling of interest in the liberty movement.
- For the first time, we are having parish caucuses (previously were not large enough to have them at the parish level).
- We have contracted an Executive Director (she did some work for the Ron Paul and Gary Johnson campaigns in the state) who has graciously left her normal job to help us promote the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarian Party of Louisiana (LPL) has made remarkable gains over the past year, and our future is looking bright. With substantial increases to membership, fundraising, and organization, the LPL hopes to become a serious contender in a state that has been crippled by the two party system for far too long. We’ve seen membership gains of more than 50 percent during the past year, and momentum is building as we move through 2013. We continue to be the fastest-growing party in Louisiana, with gains larger than the other third parties combined.

With our sudden increase in membership, we have been able to flush out our party leadership and organization. For the first time in decades, nearly all of our Board positions are filled, thanks to the massive swelling of interest in the liberty movement. This has enabled us to press forward and continue our gains coming out of an election year.

Increases in fundraising have allowed us to contract our new Executive Director, Wendy Adams, who formerly worked on the Ron Paul and Gary Johnson campaigns. Having an experienced full-time contractor working to recruit, organize, and raise funds has been a tremendous help. Her generous efforts, coupled with those of our volunteers and donors continued on page 13...

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) Urges Colleagues to Support Targeted Killing, Protect Obama From “Libertarians and the Left.”

Since 2001, Lindsey has been a proponent of the so-called Patriot Act. In one legislative motion, Lindsey supported the abolition of the intent of the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Amendments to the Constitution. Freedom of speech, freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, due process, and a speedy and public trial were all attacked.

"Free speech is a great idea, but we’re in a war." – L. Graham, Face the Nation (04/03/2011)

In a 2009 CNN interview, Lindsey even referred to Guantánamo as a model for domestic detention of U.S. citizens.

Will his war end? Apparently not. Lindsey’s latest pronouncement declared his support for using drones to conduct executions of Americans without due process or trial.

Help the South Carolina Libertarian Party Defeat Lindsey in 2014!

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Michigan
Gary Johnson speaking at Hillsdale

Gary Johnson will be speaking on April 2 at Hillsdale College’s Dow Leadership Center, in the Phillips Auditorium, located at 22 E Gallo Way Dr., Hillsdale, MI 49242. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the free event lasts from 6:00 to 7:30. A meet-and-greet fundraiser follows at 8:30 at Johnny T’s Bistro, located at 173 E South St., Hillsdale, MI 48242.

You can see more details and RSVP for the meet and greet at: tinyurl.com/bno5uvb

Missouri
New website, candidate support

The Missouri LP held its annual state convention and state committee meeting on Feb. 23. Unlike most years, the party chose to have a business meeting, rather than a full convention with outside speakers wherein the business meeting portion tends to get rushed. Election results were reviewed and a needs analysis was conducted. The party decided to proceed with several action items, including a new website, custom literature and promotional items, and putting systems and resources in place to help county affiliates and to help better equip candidates. The party also amended its bylaws to add an additional membership category to assist with fundraising, and made several additions to update its platform. Cisse Spragins was reelected chair, Randy Langkraeh was elected vice chair, Matthew Cupple was elected secretary, and Sean O’Toole was reelected treasurer. State and executive committee members were also selected.

Nebraska
New county parties, fundraising campaign

We have started setting up county parties, starting with Douglas County (which is the largest county in Nebraska, as it includes Omaha).

One event that we recently co-sponsored was a gun control forum in which we got representatives from all parties to sit down and field questions on the Constitution, guns, and mental health. It was very well received. Here is the event page that has all of the information on it: http://tinyurl.com/b6f2g5x

And, finally, we are starting a new fundraising campaign, $20.14 for 2014. It is a new program trying to get all of our members to do a one-time donation of $20.14 so that we can help field and fund top-rate candidates for the 2014 election.

New Hampshire
Candidate recruitment, Freedom Expo

The LPNH did not rest after the election. On Dec. 6, we had the first of our new membership socials — a successful event. Several new members attended, and got to talk with party officers and candidates. Party chair Rich Tomasso gave an overview of the past year and the election results, sharing the good news of our huge increase in vote totals compared to two years ago.

Plans were also made for new outreach, media appearances, leadership training, and other projects.

In late February, some of us attended the NH Liberty Forum. There was steady interest in what the LPNH is doing; people wanted more details on how we did in November and what we have coming up. It also included great discussions with out-of-state Libertarians about strategy, elections, and new projects. Several people told us of great dissatisfaction within the Dems and GOP, so we should expect an influx of new members. The main highlight for us was recruiting a prominent Libertarian to run for major office in 2014 who already has a base of support and good media contacts.

There are several Libertarians running for town offices and school boards, plus some interesting local warrant articles. Elections are March 12.

Our next major event will be the 2nd Seacoast Annual Freedom Expo on April 27 at the Exeter Town Hall. This is a free event featuring several speakers on a range of liberty topics. All Libertarians are welcome.

Our social media continues to grow, with 50 new Facebook fans and 100 new Twitter followers since the election. Now that our website upgrade is finally done, we will be leveraging our online presence more in combination with our newly re-done outreach materials.

Tennessee
Ballot access bill, party growth

The LPTN convention was held March 8 and March 9, at the Double Tree Inn and Suites in Nashville, Tenn. Our speakers included Hedy Weinberg from the ACLU, James Baird with the Fair Tax Nation, Drew Johnson with the Chattanooga Free Press, Radley Balko, former editor of Reason and current writer for the Huffington Post, and Michael Lofti, who has organized many college Young Americans for Liberty groups. More information can be found on the LPTN’s website.

We have written, and found a spon-
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sor in the state Senate for a bill that will make ballot access more attainable in TN. We’ll be having a meeting with them later this week to go over the details.

We have also tripled the amount of county affiliates in Tennessee, as well as gaining an additional 350 new members and inquiries in 2012.

Texas

LP Texas sets goals for “Launch 2014”

At the December state committee meeting, the Libertarian Party of Texas adopted a set of goals to be achieved by June 2013 in support of the “Launch 2014” campaign. The goals adopted were:

• Recruit at least 100 candidates for 2014
• Double the number of Libertarians running for non-partisan races in Texas
• Host four regional leadership conferences
• Increase monthly revenue to $10K/month
• Hire an Executive Director
• Recruit at least 50 county chairs
• Establish a Strategic Plan Working Group

“We are a goal oriented organization,” said state chair Pat Dixon. “Every year since 2004 we have established goals and reported our results to the membership. We are pleased but not satisfied with our growth and accomplishments. We feel we are well on our way to achieving great results for 2014.”

Since December, the party already has compiled a list of over 100 candidates declaring their interest in running as a Libertarian on the 2014 Texas ballot. Several executive director candidates have been screened and are being considered. A membership renewal campaign has begun.

Dixon added, “If we achieve the revenue targets we have established, we will be very well positioned to grow the party and support our candidates in the 2014 campaign.”

Vermont

Doug Richmond remembers Jim Hedbor

The Free Press had a factual, and flattering, article honoring Jim Hedbor, along with his wife Eloise, and Bill Wicker. He twice ran for U.S. Congress as a Libertarian, and one of those times was actually endorsed by the Free Press and the Caledonia Record over Democrat and Republican candidates. He was that remarkable in Vermont Libertarian history. Jim, with Bill Wicker, who ran a credible campaign for governor, and with the help of Bill McGuire, had a credibility and message which have created the most memorable time in Libertarian politics in my experience. There will likely be an obituary appearing in following days.

My recollections are of a very positive and optimistic Libertarian and family man. He was an excellent salesman, always very knowledgeable, which helped his advocacy and campaign efforts. He was a truly remarkable communicator. He had prepared by attending the Cato Institute, the prime Libertarian think tank, and continued to support them for decades. A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Inn at Essex. Work for the return of liberty and common sense in his honor.

Washington

New executive director, ‘Libertarian Day’

The LPWA has appointed C. Michael Pickens as state executive director. He has already made a big impact with his hand-picked team. Michael has redesigned the LPWA website, started calling Libertarian-minded voters, testified before and met with lawmakers in Olympia weekly, and gotten county parties started. Michael has also been a big help in relieving some of the pressure on the state executive committee members and state chair. Building connections with the Paul supporters by attending the Yakima conference and meeting with some of the more active members, Michael is laying a good foundation.

The Libertarian Party of Washington held its second annual “Libertarian Day at the Capitol” in Olympia on Jan. 31. The event started with a morning session of speakers that included Jason Overstreet (R-42 Rep), Trent Englund (Freedom Foundation), Jason Mercier (Washington Policy Center), and Patrick Connor (NFIB Washington Director). Apointments with lawmakers were made in advance, so after lunch the group “Took It to Hill,” meeting with lawmakers and testifying on various bills. With about 20 attendees walking the halls of Olympia with LPWA name badges, the group made an impression on the regulars there. A few people came down from Whatcom County just to testify in support of a bill cosponsored by Jason Overstreet on the “cottage food” industry, and on increasing the cap on how much they could produce in a year.

The LPWA is happy to announce that the state convention, Cascade Liberty Summit, will be held for the first time in memory in Bellingham (North end of 1-5 near Canada). The Cascade Liberty Summit will be at Fox Hall / Hampton Inn with a morning business session, afternoon speakers and evening banquet. Judge Jim Gray will be the keynote speaker for the banquet. A Friday evening reception will be announced soon. Details and convention packages to be posted at lpwa.org.

Changes in Libertarian National Committee

The LNC elected David Blau of Massachusetts to be secretary, replacing Ruth Bennett of Arizona, who resigned from the position to focus on the Continental Elementary School District Board to which she was elected in 2012.

Blau won with 10 votes on the second ballot. Chuck Moulton of Virginia received six votes, and Alicia Mattson of Nevada withdrew from the election.

Regional state chairs elected Gary E. Johnson of Texas (no relationship to the 2012 Libertarian presidential nominee) to be the Region 7 Representative replacing John Jay Myers of Texas, who resigned from the position.

Next LNC meeting

The next LNC meeting will take place on Sunday, July 14, in Las Vegas, Nev., at Caesar’s Palace following FreedomFest.

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Larry Keilberg suggests the following website:
www.selfdefensefund.com
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Catchy ‘memes’ drive new viral traffic on LP Facebook page

LIFE ACCORDING TO OBAMA’S LOGIC

INVESTING
by force in highways, schools and government infrastructure
= GOOD IDEA

INVESTING
by choice in your retirement fund instead of Social Security
= BAD IDEA

Obama just doesn’t get it. And for that matter, neither do Republicans. What they fail to understand is that when individuals are given the freedom to do their own investing, it makes the entire nation more prosperous.

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BECOME A BIG “L” TODAY.
Register as a Libertarian.

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SEQUESTRATION HAPPENED.
DOW JONES HIT A RECORD HIGH.

Government drains money from the real economy and wastes it on wars, the drug war, raw milk raids and crony capitalism. Less government helps the productive and beneficial economy.

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WE’VE HAD THE LEAST PRODUCTIVE CONGRESS SINCE WWII.
IT’S TIME WE HAD THE LEAST EXPENSIVE.

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Florida candidates net impressive vote totals

Franklin Perez and John Iler both received two of the highest LP vote totals in the country for state legislative races during their 2012 Florida campaigns for state House and state Senate, respectively. Perez netted 22,866 votes in his race against Republican Jason Brodeur for a seat in Florida’s 33rd House district, amounting to 34 percent of the vote. Iler received 64,863 votes in his race against Republican Alan Hays for a seat in Florida’s 11th Senatorial district, coming away with 28.4 percent of the vote. In one local precinct, Iler’s percentage of the vote reached as high as 39 percent.

Each was a two-way race, without a Democratic candidate, and although LP candidates often do better in two-way races than when they face opposition from both of the other major parties, both of these candidates also ran on a strong platform of Libertarian solutions designed to slash Big Government.

Perez, a software engineer who has had prior experience running for office, proposed to “bring education into the field of the marketplace” by outlining a plan that would allow students to opt out of failing public schools and choose their own educational future. He advocated eliminating all victimless crime laws that constrain consenting adults, deregulating health care and insurance markets, eliminating eminent domain, repealing all zoning laws, strengthening the right to carry firearms in Florida, and many other concrete plans of action to limit the size and scope of state government. “The best thing that government can do to help the economy is to get out of the way,” Perez said.

“I am a strong believer that most government services, with the possible exception of police and court system services, should be privatized (i.e., at the very least be contracted out to a private for-profit firm to perform) because the private sector tends to be more cost-effective than the public sector,” Perez wrote on his campaign website.

Perez previously served for one year as treasurer of the Seminole County LP, and for two years as vice-chair. He ran for Seminole County Commissioner in 2000 and for the Florida state House in 2006, 2008, and 2010.

Iler, who said he has been a registered Libertarian since 1993, is only the sixth LP candidate in Florida history to run for the state Senate, and with this past election...continued on page 19...

LP news release calling for repeal of gun disarmament laws gets legs

A petition to immediately end all “gun-free school zone” laws and regulations which disarm honest, law-abiding teachers, parents, and adults—and prevent them from defending school children against armed and violent criminals.

In the wake of this tragedy, many are pushing for more gun control, but they ignore the real ways in which this tragedy could have been minimized:

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- A 1998 middle school shooting ended when a man living next door heard gunfire and apprehended the shooter with his shotgun.
- A 2002 terrorist attack at an Israeli school was quickly stopped by an armed teacher and a school guard.
- A 2002 law school shooting in Grundy, Va., came to an abrupt conclusion when students carrying firearms confronted the shooter.
- A 2007 mall shooting in Salt Lake City, Utah, ended when an armed off-duty police officer intervened.
- A 2009 workplace shooting in Houston, Texas, was halted by two coworkers who carried concealed handguns.
- A 2012 church shooting in Aurora, Colo., was stopped by a member of the congregation carrying a gun.

We call for the immediate repeal of all laws that disarm civilians. We demand an immediate end to the tragically-failed policy of gun-free zones around schools which leaves young school children vulnerable to mass murderers.

A2 Petition to Repeal Gun-Free School Zones

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Franklin Perez

John Iler

LP news release calling for repeal of gun disarmament laws gets legs

A petition to immediately end all “gun-free school zone” laws and regulations which disarm honest, law-abiding teachers, parents, and adults—and prevent them from defending school children against armed and violent criminals.

In the wake of this tragedy, many are pushing for more gun control, but they ignore the real ways in which this tragedy could have been minimized:

- A 1997 high school shooting in Pearl, Miss., was halted by the school’s vice principal after he retrieved the Colt .45 he kept in his truck.
- A 1998 middle school shooting ended when a man living next door heard gunfire and apprehended the shooter with his shotgun.
- A 2002 terrorist attack at an Israeli school was quickly stopped by an armed teacher and a school guard.
- A 2002 law school shooting in Grundy, Va., came to an abrupt conclusion when students carrying firearms confronted the shooter.
- A 2007 mall shooting in Salt Lake City, Utah, ended when an armed off-duty police officer intervened.
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Who’s Driving? A game that puts Libertarians in the driver’s seat

When it comes to talking politics, Big Government is in the driver’s seat.

Pick up any newspaper in America. Or listen to pundits on TV or talk radio. What you’ll see and hear is endless proposals for more Big Government. New bureaucracies, taxes, laws, prohibitions, and regulations. More foreign meddling. More government debt. Debates about how to expand government or how much to increase it.

When the mainstream media even bothers to offer an “opposing” point of view, it is limited to arguing against expanding government. Or for reducing future increases in government.

Rarely is there any discussion about making government smaller than it is today. About actually shrinking today’s Big Government — and advancing liberty.

And, because government keeps getting bigger, they’re promoting, in effect, continual increases in Big Government. Despite impassioned rhetoric claiming that they’re for freedom.

Big Government dominates conversations not just in the mainstream media, but everywhere. Proposals to shrink today’s Big Government are rare even on the Internet or in everyday conversation. Even among Libertarians, who talk more about what the LP is against — than what it’s for.

This keeps Big Government in the driver’s seat — and keeps the option of a small, Libertarian government off the table.

It keeps American voters in the dark about the many benefits that shrinking government awards: prosperity, peace, low crime rates, freedom, justice, better health, self-sufficiency, financial security, technological progress, and boundless career opportunities.

Who’s Driving?, a game created by National LP Executive Director Carla Howell, teaches Libertarian candidates, leaders, activists, and virtually every true supporter of liberty how to seize the steering wheel — and leave Big Government at the curb. How to replace Big Government propaganda with attractive, credible Libertarian solutions.

Who’s Driving? gives liberty lovers a fun way to learn and practice this essential skill — and to make a habit of it.

The more often Libertarians play Who’s Driving?, the more skilled they get and the more natural it becomes for them to regularly put a Libertarian agenda in the driver’s seat.

As few as six people can play Who’s Driving? There’s no upper limit.

The game is played by having a leader who picks two participants to play each round. One plays the role of a Big Government reporter or a host for radio or TV. The other plays a Libertarian candidate or spokesperson.

The reporter’s job is to conduct a typical interview, full of Big Government bias. The Libertarian’s job is to use every bit of their time to advance a Libertarian agenda by moving the conversation off Big Government as quickly as possible and replacing it with Libertarian Solutions to shrink government. And selling their benefits.

Everyone in the audience is given a set of two cards — one red and blue (for Big Government), and one gold (for Libertarian).

Whenever the Libertarian interviewee is articulating and making the case for shrinking Big Government, the audience members hold up the gold cards.

Whenever the Libertarian interviewee is neglecting to articulate and make the case for shrinking Big Government, the audience members hold up the red and blue cards.

This gives the Libertarian interviewee immediate visual feedback to see Who’s Driving? Whether he or she is allowing Big Government to remain in the driver’s seat, or putting liberty in the driver’s seat and advancing a Libertarian agenda.

Who’s Driving? is more than just a great training for Libertarian candidates. It’s a tool for creating awareness and acceptance of small government ideas among the people that Libertarians talk to in their everyday lives: family, friends, Facebook friends, and everyone they influence or encounter.

Who’s Driving? can be played in a casual environment, such as a Libertarian Meetup group or mixer; incorporated in training sessions or conventions; or added to a board meeting or campaign event as a productive and inspiring way to wind down the day.

To download materials needed to play Who’s Driving? and to learn more about how to play the game, go to: www.lp.org/whos-driving

Florida candidates

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has netted the highest vote total out of all those candidates.

Iler focused his campaign message on two primary planks. First, he advocated eliminating public pensions for publicly elected officials unless they’re 100 percent self-funded. Florida’s public pension has long been taxpayer-subsidized. Iler also made a strong case for decriminalizing marijuana. “Jails are for thieves and violent offenders,” he said.

To get his message out, he handed out campaign literature at public gathering places and spent about $500 advertising in the local newspaper. He says that being a Vietnam veteran helped his campaign ideas resonate with many of the voters in his area, and that his advocacy of marijuana decriminalization in particular helped to turn many Democratic votes in his favor. In his many campaign conversations, Iler said that he was able to convey a consistent message of smaller government and more personal freedom.
### Upcoming state conventions

**LP California State Convention**  
Friday, April 5, through Sunday, April 7  
Hyatt Regency Sacramento  
1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
http://ca.lp.org/2013-convention

**LP Georgia State Convention**  
Friday, April 5, through Saturday, April 6  
Atlanta Airport Hotel  
4736 Best Road, Atlanta, GA 30337  
http://www.lpgeorgia.com/events/

**LP Maryland State Convention**  
Saturday, April 6  
Squire’s Italian Restaurant  
6723 Holabird Avenue, Dundalk, MD 21222  
http://www.md.lp.org/events/events.php?2013

**LP Indiana State Convention**  
Friday, April 19, through Sunday, April 21  
Clarion Hotel and Conference Center  
2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN 47201  
http://lpin.org/events/2013/convention/

**LP Kansas State Convention**  
Saturday, April 20  
Memorial Union in Webb Hall #2  
Emporia, KS  
http://lpsks.org/2013/02/22/2013-libertarian-party-of-kansas-state-convention/

**LP Washington State Convention**  
Saturday, April 20  
Fox Hall At Hampton Inn  
1661 W Bakerview Rd., Bellingham, WA 98225  
http://www.lpwa.org/events/lp-washington-2013-convention/

**LP Ohio State Conference**  
Saturday, April 27 (Mixers on April 26)  
Granville Inn  
314 E Broadway, Granville, OH 43023  
http://www.lpohio.com/convention-2/

**LP Pennsylvania State Convention**  
Friday, April 26, through Saturday, April 27  
Danville Days Inn Conference Center  
50 Sheraton Road, Danville, PA 17821  
http://www.lppa.org/

**LP Arkansas State Convention**  
Saturday, April 27  
Suncoast Hotel and Casino  
9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89145  
http://www.lp.org/event/lp-arkansas-2013-convention

**LP Nevada State Convention**  
Saturday, April 27  
Suncoast Hotel and Casino  
9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89145  
http://lpnevada.org/articles/html/_/lpn/events/2013-convention

**LP New York State Convention**  
Saturday, April 27  
The Rhinecliff Hotel  
4 Grinnell St, Rhinecliff, NY 12574  
http://ny.lp.org/

**LP Minnesota State Convention**  
Saturday, May 4  
Cambria Suites Hotel  
9655 Grove Circle N, Maple Grove, MN 55369  
https://www.lpmn.org/

Combined LP Colorado State Convention and  
LSLA Convention  
Saturday, May 18, through Sunday, May 19  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver - Aurora  
13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014-1319  
http://lpcolorado.org/category/state_convention/

**LP Florida State Convention**  
Friday, May 24, through Sunday, May 26  
Naples Hilton  
5111 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, FL 34103  
http://libertyrising2013.com/

**LP North Carolina State Convention**  
Friday, June 7, through Sunday, June 9  
Mountain Lodge & Conference Center  
42 McMurray Rd., Flat Rock, NC 28731  
http://lpnc.org/events/

**LP Alabama State Convention**  
Saturday, June 8  
LPA HQ  
2330 Highland Ave. S., Birmingham, AL 35205  

**LP Michigan State Convention**  
Saturday, June 15  
Hilton Grand Rapids Airport  
4747 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
http://www.mi.lp.org/Shared%20Documents/conventions.aspx

### Media Buzz About the Libertarian Party

“Among its myriad initiatives, the Libertarian Party seeks to repeal ‘Obamacare,’ reform the current tax code and drastically reduce taxes, and obliterate thousands of restrictive laws and regulations. ‘In short, make government small.’”  
- Glenn Beck’s The Blaze, 2/27/2013

“There is NO limit to how large the Libertarian movement (and Party) can grow.”  
- Free Virginia, 1/2/2013

“The thing I love about the Libertarian Party and movement that the conservatives never have is this omniscience of liberty.”  

“Over the last week (and a couple days), the Libertarian Party has seen encouraging news that party members have not given up the goal of unseating the two-party system. In fact, numbers show significant growth in party members and potential political candidates.”  
- SmallGovNews.com, 1/20/2013

“The citizens of North Carolina are realizing that the Libertarian Party offers viable solutions that will enhance their lives while limiting the control others have over them.”  
- Examiner.com, 2/20/2013

“Libertarians hope to increase their influence across the commonwealth, starting in Northern Kentucky. New Libertarian Party chapters have started in the past three months in Campbell and Boone counties, and Libertarian numbers statewide have risen, leaders of the party say.”  
- The Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/19/2013

“Wake up, America. The structure of society the U.S. Constitution was originally designed to create and preserve has been destroyed. Let’s end this income tax nightmare we live in. One political party has consistently advocated making this unconstitutional form of American slavery a thing of the past: the Libertarian Party. You have a constitutional right to live free, and should never be forced to report your income to government. ... Check them out. Help end American slavery once and for all. Join the Libertarian Party.”  
- The Daily Orange, 2/13/2013

### What have you missed recently on LP.org?

- LP video response to President Barack Obama’s 2013 State of the Union address
- Halt the massacre of innocent children by ending prohibition on self-defense
- Make Newtowm the last town
- Fiscal cliffhanger: A study in government fear mongering
- A Libertarian’s New Year’s Resolutions
- Sequester latest Big Government manipulation, says Howell in Press TV
- Libertarians seek to crash the party in PA
- LP News back issues now online
- Final 2012 election results now available
- Sign the petition to defend schools by ending failed ‘gun-free’ zones
- Libertarian James Camp calls for ending state income tax in 2-way GA Senate race