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Upcoming events:

The Foolish Things Salon

When: Sunday, 28 October, 5:00PM – 9:00PM

Where: [Ken & Li Schoolland's house](#)

94-1072 Alelo Street
Waialeale, Waipahu, HI 96797

Who: **Fred James** is one of the earliest liber-

tarians in Hawaii. He has been a radio talk show host in Hawaii and Alaska for decades, even hosting a television show in Alaska.

As host over the years, he has interviewed hundreds of icons in the liberty movement: from **Murray Rothbard** to **Nathaniel Brandon**, from **David Friedman** to **John Hospers**. He has interviewed many champions of the tax resistance movement and has even given live performances as **Thomas Paine**.

As an expert and longtime fan of **Ayn Rand**, Fred will ruminate on the release of Part II of **Atlas Shrugged** in theaters this week and on the relevance of **Objectivism** today. Fred has been at the forefront of the **Ron Paul** campaign in Washington State, where he now resides. And he loves Q&A repartee!

Libertarian Party members & **Ron Paul** supporters are invited.

Donation: \$5 for dinner

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[Freedom Library](#)
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Candidates:

President of the United States:

Gary Johnson

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RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT**



The two-party system is broken and both parties now support big government policies that are driving us to bankruptcy and eroding our personal freedoms. Gary Johnson offers the American people something different. Gary proved as Governor of New Mexico that cutting the size and expense of government can help create jobs and opportunity. Gary Johnson will fight for common sense policies based on people making their own decisions.

TAXES

Gary Johnson will abolish the IRS, end the personal income tax and corporate income tax and move towards a fairer, simpler consumption tax.

SPENDING

Gary Johnson will end deficit spending and cut federal spending by 43%, a \$1.4 trillion cut that will balance the budget now.

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Gary Johnson will end the manipulation of our money by the Federal Reserve and restore a sound dollar.

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Gary Johnson supports the Second Amendment and opposes gun control.

FOREIGN INTERVENTIONISM

Gary Johnson will end expensive foreign wars in places like Libya and Afghanistan where our national interest is not clear.

REGULATION

Gary Johnson will cut the over-regulation of our families, our businesses and our lives.

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Gary Johnson supports the legalization of marijuana, which will save billions in government costs and generate billions in new revenues for states.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Gary Johnson will demand a government free of special interest influence, crony capitalism and corruption.

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Gary Johnson will return strict adherence to Constitutional principles to our Government decisions.

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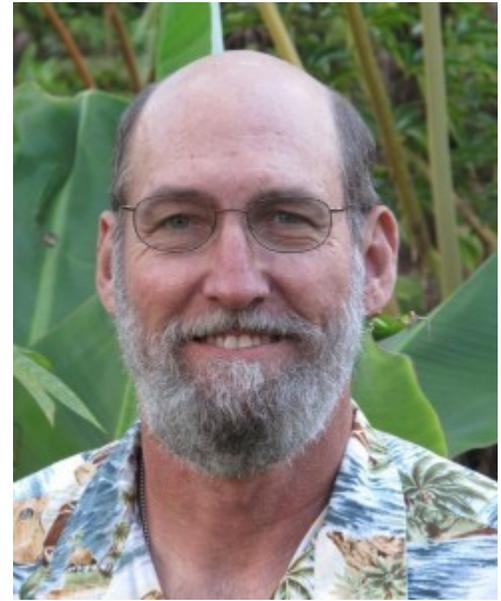
Candidates (cont.):

State House Representatives, District 5:

Fred Fogel

Residency: Fred has resided in Hawaii for 37 years & the House District 5 for 5 years.

Experience: Fred is a retired strategic planner & quality advisor to the Adjutant General, Hawaii State Department of Defense.



Issues:

Budget: Don't spend what you don't have. Hawaii has the third largest debt load per capita in the nation. Funds designated for a specific purpose shall not be raided to support an unrelated purpose, i.e. the Hurricane Relief Fund supporting the Department of Education. Cut spending. The size of Hawaii's government per capita is near the top in the nation.

Taxes and fees: Taxes on food and medicine should be eliminated. Convert the state income tax to a flat tax for everyone above the poverty level.

Economic Growth: Make it easier for business to thrive by streamlining bureaucracy.

Energy: Force power companies to purchase all alternate energy at a reasonable price.

Agriculture: Embrace agriculture. Zone land properly, then cut real agriculture a break in taxes/fees. Put more emphasis on invasive species control, both import and export. Stop invasive species at the door.

Education: Eliminate the Board of Education. Principals should have complete authority in deciding how money is spent at their schools. Implement a student voucher system. Cut overhead positions. Reward good teachers. Fire the bad ones. Create a trades/agriculture pipeline in high school.

Crime: Teach prisoners. Make them work and grow their own food. Make room in prisons by releasing all prisoners convicted solely of drug possession. Publish all prison sentences along with all prior convictions and sentencing judge's name in the newspaper. Put a halfway house in every district. Implement capital punishment. For a drunk driving second offense, take away the vehicle. For a third offense, give mandatory jail time. Legalize pakalolo. Focus police efforts on crack and ice manufacturers/dealers.

Guns: Current gun laws are strict enough. Concealed carry is a joke, because permits are simply not issued.

Legalized Gambling: Counties should be able to decide if they want gambling and should be able to keep all the revenue generated – except taxes, of course. Gambling should be legal on cruise ships. Consideration should be given to a state lottery, with proceeds going directly, and only, to education.

Homelessness: Ensure shelter space is available for all homeless. Provide mental counseling, job support and training. Provide some rent-to-own duplexes/apartments. Sweep homeless hangouts weekly and transport to shelters.

Compact with Micronesia: Micronesians are able to freely move to Hawaii, which they are doing in large numbers to take advantage of the public education system, medical services and other government benefits. But the governor and other public officials say they are taxing Hawaii's resources and costing the state more than \$100 million a year. If we blew up their home, we owe them the opportunity to live and work in America, if they so desire. If their medical conditions are the result of our actions, we should cover it. A stipend for relocation is a good idea, but we should not support anyone for the rest of their lives.

For more information on Fred Fogel: [Hawaii Reporter](#), [Civil Beat](#)

The Truth Behind the Romney “Gaffe”

By [Jeffrey Tucker](#) | 09/19/12

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Cover the kids' ears! Hide their eyes! Shuffle the weak and frail from the room! A politician running for president has uttered a heresy that brings into question the holy grail of democratic politics. Romney has failed to pretend as if the country is one big happy family that uses our glorious voting system to discover ever better ways of governing ourselves.

Which is to say that Romney made a gaffe.

You know the definition of a political gaffe: inadvertent and unscripted truth. That's what the supposed scandal of Romney's off-the-cuff comments amounts to. He told potential donors an unvarnished truth that everyone knows but which is not part of the official civic creed of the land of the free:

“There are 47% of the people who will vote for the president, no matter what... All right, there are 47% who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it. That that's an entitlement. And the government should give it to them. And they will vote for this president no matter what... These are people who pay no income tax.”

The implied model here is that modern democracy is a system that enables mass confiscation of wealth by some from others. And who can doubt it? In older monarchical systems, only a tiny elite was privileged to steal from everyone else, and if they stole too much, people would get angry and overthrow them.

Democracy solved the problem by granting everyone the privilege once reserved to elites. Now we can all steal from each other, and even from ourselves. This way, it is no longer clear who the enemy is. We don't know whom to blame when things get bad. There is no one to overthrow but ourselves.

And things are indeed getting bad. As income falls, the household budget is ever more squeezed, we are living ever longer, and as the boomers retire, government benefits are soaring on autopilot.

Indeed, the 47% figure might be low. Other estimates put it closer to half. And it is rising. A smaller percentage of household income comes from wages than ever before. Food stamps, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Social Security...this stuff adds up and amounts to dependency.

He also helpfully noted that 47% do not pay income taxes. That doesn't mean that they don't pay tax. They are actually heavily taxed at the payroll level — a tax that pays into the very benefits that have made them dependent, a tax that has been more heavily raised under Republicans than Democrats. Everyone is taxed for every dollar earned and on the sale of nearly everything. But of course, neither party wants to talk about those taxes.

Also presumed in Romney's talk: People vote their economic interest. Again, experience bears this out. If household economics don't stack up, nothing else works. Politicians have limited time and money and need to get the biggest bang for their buck.

No, this is not writing off half the country, as the partisan pundits are saying. It is the mapping out of an electoral strategy based on the “median voter theorem.” This is the idea that elections are won not by the partisans or extremes on either side, but by the people in the middle. This is the business of politics. It is about finding and appealing to the interests of the median voter.

Shocking? If so, you have never bumped into a campaign consultant at a cocktail party. This is how they all talk and think. Indeed, this is how politics has worked for, oh, 200 or so years, and ever more so since the expansion of the franchise.



In the video, Romney goes on to say that his job is to appeal to the independent 5% who will turn the election in his direction. Notice that this outlook also “writes off” all the people that he already knows will vote for him. He is also giving himself a license to put their interests on the shelf as well, at least in rhetoric.

For this reason, anyone who dedicates himself or herself to getting Romney elected, as a means of protecting personal wealth from confiscation, will be sorely disappointed. Republicans as much as Democrats find ways to take what is yours.

And by the way, Obama thinks the same way. Obama will never convince voters who are already dedicated to Romney, and every single Obama adviser knows this. This is a fight for the remaining 5%. And what’s more, politics is business in another form. It is about giving and getting. Political parties represent interests, not ideas.

But oh, how precious is American political culture! We must not hear these things. We must never be permitted to hear what is true. Instead we have a Victorian sensibility about our civic religion. We sing the national anthem, say the pledge and reflect on 19th-century mythologies about our revered Founders, because, after all, we have the greatest system of government ever conceived, one so wonderful that it should be exported and imposed all over the world.

Or so we tell our youngsters. As adults, we should know the truth. Politics is a means of wealth redistribution. Electoral strategy is a race to the bottom. After all, it is emphatically not the case that Romney’s chosen constituents are free of dependency. Note that he is ramping up his imperial warmonger talk in recent days.

Every day, there is a new enemy that he accuses Obama of not slaying. And it’s not only about the military. It is about our trading partners. He has blasted the Obama administration for being soft on China.

What’s this about? It’s about reassuring his supportive pressure groups that he supports their interests. He will protect the American corporate class against foreign enemies who attempt to bypass the corporate oligarchs by selling cheap stuff to you and me. No, he won’t let that happen. And it is about reassuring the military-industrial complex that its subsidies will continue.

In fact, Romney represents a different class of dependents. Large banks. Financial institutions on the dole. Monied elites who live off cheap credit and infinite liquidity courtesy of the central bank.

Either way, the rest of us get looted. The election is about who controls that margin of loot that remains after the autopilot spending administered by the permanent class of bureaucrats is finished doling out its entitlements left and right.

In a way, I feel sorry for the bourgeoisie gathered in that small room to hear Romney’s talk. He wanted their money — a payment in exchange for his promise to protect their wealth from the grasping hoards. But he still wanted their money. Whether he will actually do this is another matter. And why should they have to pay at all?

There once was this idea called freedom. You keep what you earn. You don’t live off others. You mind your own business. Society works out its own problems without politicians, police, bureaucrats, and power elites running their lives.

Is what both Romney and Obama are doing a corruption of the idea of the political party? Ludwig von Mises, whose book *Liberalism* (a Laissez Faire Club selection) explains everything you need to know about democracy, says that this is precisely why political parties were founded. “All modern political parties and all modern party ideologies originated as a reaction on the part of special group interests fighting for a privileged status against liberalism.”

The best statement on this topic was framed by Frederic Bastiat: “The state is the great fictitious entity by which everyone seeks to live at the expense of everyone else.” In his book, *The Law*, Bastiat explains that the purpose of law is precisely to prevent the mutual looting that goes by the name democracy. But once property rights are no longer secure, political elites can plunder with impunity.

That’s why no truly independent minded person can depend on any political machine to protect his or her interests. To keep our liberty and property from their clutches is our job.

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Editorial:

I attended the 2008 Hawaii Republican Convention. My take-away is that it was a *pageant*. Ron Paul delegates were ignored. The entire event was intended to garner support for John McCain.

As Joe Kent reported from the 2012 National Republican Convention in the September News, once again it was a pageant, but this time for Mitt Romney. Once again Ron Paul delegates & personal-liberty minded supporters were disenfranchised.

Definition by the American Heritage Dictionary: *pageant* (paj'ē-ənt) n. 1. An elaborate public dramatic presentation that usually depicts a historical or traditional event. 2. A spectacular procession or celebration. 3. Colorful, showy display; pageantry or pomp.

Green party presidential nominee Jill Stein, the newly formed Justice Party presidential nominee Rocky Anderson, & Gary Johnson presidential nominee of the nation's 3rd largest political party, the Libertarian Party, have been excluded from the latest pageant. I refer to the Presidential Debates sponsored by the private Republican/Democrat collaborative organization, the Presidential Debate Commission. But this time we don't know who they are coronating.

Does it matter? The Republicans sell our personal power to the highest bidder & the Democrats try to consolidate our citizen power into government under their control. Either way it always culminates in greater personal restrictions & more of our life's time & energy drained to support the growing agenda of those in control of our governments.

Both Obama & Romney have proposed cures for the nation's ills, be they real or imagined, but neither of them has proposed relinquishing your power to you solve your problems in your own way.

Ron Paul has done a wonderful thing for America and the world. He has explained national problems in a kind spirited way, avoiding name calling & blame laying, always focusing on the problems & proposing solutions. In running for president three times & using a major party to advocate strict Constitutional governance, Congressman Paul has single handedly done more to advance the agenda of personal freedom than anyone in recent history.

In the feverish ground swell of Ron Paul-ism over the past few years, I fear that many have deified the man & are losing the impetus of his message, now that he is out of the race. I admit having been star-stuck myself, having likened him to Gandhi. He has addressed his mission with admirable grace & integrity.

Yet Ron Paul's mission is not over. He is only the vanguard of a wave of people running for public office who care about their fellow citizens in the same way they do themselves, & want equality of opportunity for everyone.

Dr. Paul's shut-down at the Republican Convention was not the end to his message, it was the beginning of a wider message. Many of you who have been influenced by Ron Paul will run for office & roll back government intrusion. The rest of us, in our own ways, will continue to convince the people of the world to work together in peaceful self-interest.

Your next opportunity to register a preference for you own personal freedom will occur on 6November. Libertarian Fred Fogel is running for Hawaii state house 5th district on the Big Island (Puna, Ka'u, South Kona, North Kona). And of course there is Gary Johnson, the Libertarian presidential candidate, who also advocates Ron Paul's principles of a peaceful national stance, sound money & legalization of harmless personal choices.

I second Gary Johnson's motion: "Be Libertarian with me for one election." We will change politics as usual in America & bring peace & prosperity to the world.

This is the perfect storm, Ron Paul enlightened current generations to the vision of individual liberty & individual sovereignty embodied in the U.S. Constitutional. Though Ron & his supporters were disregarded at the Republican National Convention, a man still stands who is in a position to bring about the Ron Paul R3volution. He is Gary Johnson, the Libertarian nominee for President.

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HOW TO GET OUT THE KID VOTE

By Ken & Kenli Schoolland

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I vote. I'd like my daughter to vote. But when parents tell their kids about voting, they give some pretty awful reasons. When this happens, kids can lose confidence in parents and sometimes rebel.

It's a bit like discussing sex and drugs with kids. Parents might assume that kids are completely naïve until that moment when parents decide to "explain" things. Kids are usually smarter than we think and sometimes smarter than we are.

The absolute worst thing to say is: "It doesn't matter who you vote for, just get out and vote." If it doesn't matter who you vote for, then what's the point of voting? We're not mice or machines.

The next worse reason for voting is: "Better vote or you lose your right to complain." I tried this on my daughter once and she thought about it for awhile. She replied, "How do I lose my right to complain?"

"Well, you still have a *right* to complain," I conceded, feeling caught in a little white lie, "but you wouldn't be justified in complaining about those who are elected if you didn't participate in the selection process."

I felt noble. Surely she would now see the importance of voting. But she wasn't convinced. She tested me saying, "And if I vote for the winner, could I still complain afterward?"

Uncomfortably I answered, "Well, no, I suppose not. You really wouldn't be justified in complaining about the person who won. After all, you just helped him or her get elected."

I suddenly remembered all the bumper stickers that declared, "Don't blame me, I voted for the loser." Surely voting for a winner is also sharing the responsibility for what happens next.

My daughter picked up the logic. "I have no right to complain if I don't vote for anyone and I have no right to complain if I vote for a winner. So, are you saying that if I want to keep the right to complain, then I have to vote for a loser?"

Reflexively my fingers formed an "L" on my forehead as I said, "You'll just have to listen hard to the campaign speeches to figure out who is likely to lose."

That's a pretty lame reason for voting, I thought. So I pressed on. "Seriously, though, if you take the time to find out about the candidates and help the best to get elected, then perhaps you won't have any reason to complain."

"Dad," she said with a tone of derision, "do *you* trust those guys?" It was as if she was asking if I believed in UFO's.

I sidestepped with a question. "What do you mean?"

"Duh! Do you trust the promises that politicians make during elections?"

I knew I was on dangerous ground. If I said "yes," I would lose all credibility with my daughter. But if I answered "no," then I undermined my argument for voting. Why bother to vote if politicians do whatever they want after the elections anyway?

I know what kids think about trusting politicians. As a teacher I ask all of my students this question every semester. It is very rare to find anyone who trusts the campaign promises of politicians. It's about the same with adults. I've asked the same question at conferences and public forums.

One opinion poll asked respondents to rank the honesty and integrity of people in different professions. Politicians came out very near the bottom of the list, along with prostitutes and used car salesmen.

That's sad, especially because we get the services of politicians whether or not we want them. We can't return them like we'd return a car to a dealer or go to a court over a false advertisement.

So I conceded slightly to my daughter without answering her question. "You've got a point there. But surely you can hunt down that diamond in the rough—support the honest individual who stands for principle and sticks to it."

"Daaaaad," she said, increasingly frustrated, "who is more likely to get elected, an honest politician or a dishonest politician?"

Grasping, I replied, "I'd like to think the honest politician has greater appeal."

"Yeah, you'd *like* to think anything, but be truthful. Isn't my vote for principle going to be buried by the votes for fancy promises and appearances?"

Oh, the things that come back to haunt. I once quoted to her an article from *The Economist* magazine. It reported that the best predictor of presidential elections was the height of the candidates—23 of 25 races were won by the taller candidate.

"Listen," I told her firmly, "*you* can make a difference. Did you listen to the speeches at the conventions? Did you see all the dedicated delegates working hard to champion their causes? You could be a part of it to make a better world."

She shrugged. "Yeah, yeah, yeah. You know the candidates were already decided months before the convention. It was just showtime!"

And expensive for taxpayers as well, I had to admit, as with so many benefits that are missed by the numerous newer political parties you never hear about. "True enough, but that's the culmination of a long primary election process."

"Only the first couple state primaries matter much and it's all over. Maybe it's even decided in the back rooms before that."

I lost my patience. "That's just cynical," I blurted out. "So you think it's all corrupt and not worth voting at all? Do you know how lucky we are to live in a democ—"

"Gotcha!" she shrieked.

"Huh?"

"Course I'm gonna vote," she laughed.

"You are?"

"Yeah, but I sure like seeing you lose your cool. Your face is crimson."

I often wonder if my daughter has a sixth sense for my blood pressure. "Okay, you got me. So *you* tell me why to vote."

"You vote for your own reasons, Dad. If you don't vote, I'll respect you for it. No guilt trips. If you don't know or like or trust anyone on the ballot, then it may be better for you to stay home. 'Cause if I know or like or trust someone on the ballot, I don't want you canceling my vote."

I decided to play along, let her teach me for a change. "Give me one good reason to vote."

"Sometimes it's okay if you don't. A vote isn't 'happy magic' that always does good things. It's a tool or a weapon like any other that can be used for both good and bad. Votes are power. And you gotta be careful who gets it and how they use it. They can use it for us and against us."

I responded, "You make it sound like a battle...as if it was life or death."

"History, Dad. Plenty of people used bullets to get what they wanted. We're lucky. We use ballots instead of bullets. But it's as important now as ever."

Amazing, she wound up telling me the value of the vote. Who was working the reverse psychology on whom! I challenged her, "So how will you decide your vote?"

"Kinda like the Golden Rule. I'll put myself in the politician's shoes. What would I do? If it's okay for me to do something, then it's okay to ask them to help me do it. But if I wouldn't or shouldn't do something, like lie or steal or kill, then I shouldn't ask a politician to do the dirty work for me. And I'll constantly remind everyone of their promises!"

I had to think about that. It sounded like she was going to tell them what to do, not just sit and listen to what they wanted her to hear.

I'm pleased that she'll vote when she has good reason to vote. That's a lot better than mindless voting. And the task of a voter isn't over on election day. "I'm really glad we had this discussion, sweetie."



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