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Don't let government micro manage your life. As Attorney General I

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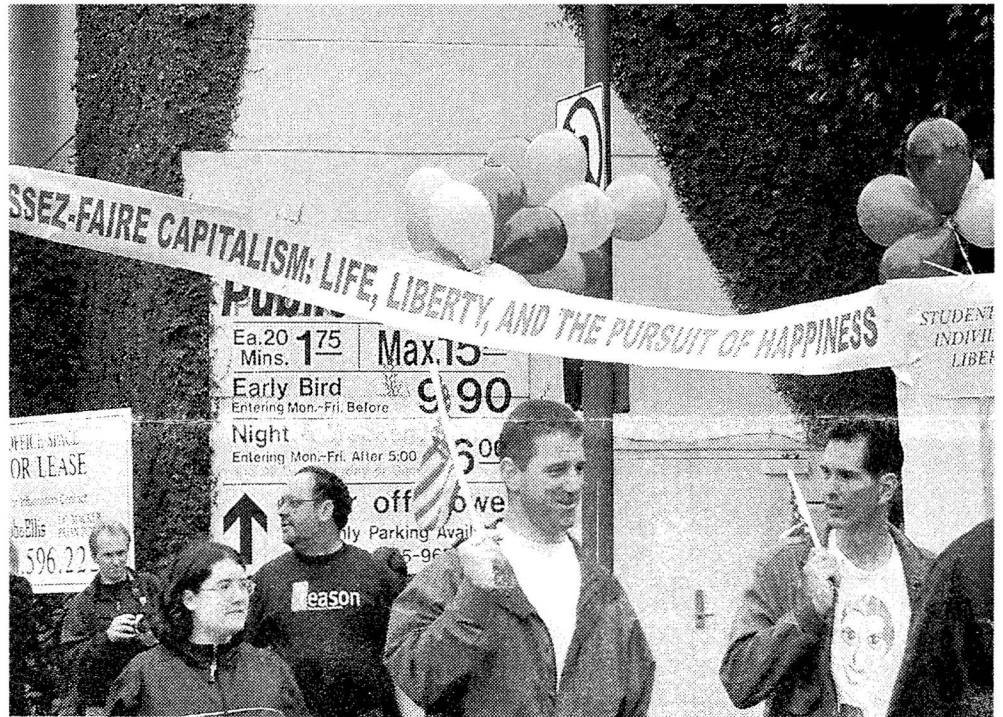
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Let competition work! I am president and founder of a consulting firm

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What are the issues?



Pictured above is a banner carried in a recent protest by Students for Individual Liberty from Los Angeles Harbor College. The message is one that is being heard more often and loudly: bring California and the United States back to the basic foundation set by the Constitution.

More and more we see government leaders and legislators make hasty decisions without fully considering the consequences of their actions. The result: restriction of personal and economic freedoms through new laws that cost more money and limit our activities.

Here are some issues that face us now:

• **Energy** – A poorly thought out "deregulation" of electricity ended up last year in rolling blackouts throughout the state. The only deregulation was in the production of power, not the pricing. No new power plants in several years, a soaring population and business growth placed a heavy burden on the power grid. Unthinking bureaucrats bought power from outside sources at exorbitant costs. A state surplus became an enormous state debt.

• **Water** – Instead of looking at ways to save or re-

claim water, politicians are fighting over whether and how to divert water from one part of the state to another. Some earlier efforts have been successful; others have resulted in salt intrusion or were buried in red tape.

• **Fiscal Responsibility** — California has, in one year, gone from a surplus of \$24 billion to a debt of \$20 billion. Proposed ballot measures will add another nearly \$20 billion.

• **War on People** – Federal bullying tactics have seen the War on Drugs escalate into a War on People. The Drug Enforcement Agency raids cannabis cooperatives who are operating under California's Compassionate Use of Medical Marijuana law ignoring the relief the herb brings to suffering patients.

• **Taxes.** Transportation. Education What is your issue? •

"Suppose you were an idiot... and suppose you were a member of Congress... But I repeat myself."

— Mark Twain

If you would like to know more about the Libertarian Party, visit <http://www.lp.org>, or <http://www.ca.lp.org>.

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In addition, California's long term debt stands at \$26 billion.

State bond issues proposed for the November ballot could add nearly \$20 billion to that long term indebtedness. Keep in mind that adding the interest due on this amount will nearly double the cost.

Vote "No" on bond measures in November. •

What Libertarians believe

Libertarians believe each of us should be allowed to plan his or her own future. We believe individuals have the right to deal with their own problems. This can be done individually or by working with others in a peaceful and honest way. We reject the initiation of force by anyone, including government.

Today our government uses force, or the threat of force, to achieve most of its goals. Repeated failures by our government have shown us that this is not a practical approach. As Libertarians, we also believe that this use of force is immoral.

Libertarians seek a world in which voluntary cooperation replaces force in human relationships. Such a world cannot be achieved overnight. This issue introduces Libertarian candidates who are working toward that end by addressing important topics currently in the political spotlight. Other topics will be covered in future issues of *Libertarian Alternative*. In each case, we believe there are substantial changes that could be made to move toward our goal — replacing aggression and force with peace and cooperation. •

Secretary of State — from p. 1

understand candidate guidelines and assistance from the Elections Offices. Voters need information to support the candidates. Election pamphlets, with photo and statement from all of the candidates will accomplish this goal. You should be able to cast your vote without depending on media coverage or advertising benefiting incumbents, major party and big money candidates. I oppose limiting contributions to candidates by individuals (Corporations, Unions and PACs are created by the state and as such can be regulated by the state). It is your money; you decide how to spend it. •

In the past year, the state of California's budget was transformed from a \$22 billion surplus to a \$24 billion deficit..

That dramatic plunge into debt was due mainly to Gov. Davis' mishandling of the energy crunch.

Governor — from p. 1

CEO of a bio-information company, husband/father, and a man of faith. I'm running for Governor for my children's futures and the future of California. The only proper realm of government is the protection of our lives, liberty and property from criminals and foreign invaders. Other functions violate our rights and make us dependent on government. Libertarians trust individuals to make decisions about their lives. Let's support the vision of our Founding Fathers. •

Lieutenant Governor — from p. 1

ing to legalize the domestic ferret in California. During this process I have seen how politics works in California. And it only works for those who have political power. Domestic ferrets are legal in 48 states. Our state constitution recognizes our right to own domestic animals. Yet our state government has blocked efforts for this very simple matter. Our freedom does not come from the government; it is our birthright. Elect people who understand that. •

On Terrorism

It's odd that libertarians have come under fire since Sept. 11, because we stand for nothing if not a wise foreign policy and strong national defense. Some equate isolationism with nonintervention. Thoughtful libertarians have never called for isolation. We have said, however, America cannot police the world; and such policing as we do must be closely related to our national interests. Reasonable people can disagree about those interests, of course, and how to secure them. That's a far cry from isolationism.

Ironically, those horrendous attacks constituted a massive failure of government to do the main thing libertarians call upon government to do — protect us. Yet far from seriously examining that failure, officials rushed to acquire ever more power over American citizens, with marginal, if not dubious, gains in security. In foreign affairs, then, the nation could well heed the libertarian call not for more but for wiser government. During his presidential campaign, George W. Bush spoke of the need for humility in foreign affairs, for a policy of restraint suited to a free people. That's exactly right. •

A fine is a tax for doing wrong.

A tax is a fine for doing well.

About the Libertarian Party

The Libertarian Party, America's third largest political party, was founded in Colorado in December 1971. The party now functions in all 50 states. Over 250 Libertarians hold office around the country — but you don't hear much about us in the media because our views are a threat to the nation's political establishment.

The California party was founded in May of the following year in. It has the largest membership of any state. Libertarian officeholders in California include Thomas Tryon, Calaveras County Supervisor; Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley City Council; Robert A. Noble, Arcata City Council; and Norman L. Vroman, Mendocino County District Attorney. Nearly 100 other state Libertarians serve in appointed positions on school boards, water districts, and various community commissions. •

Texas congressman Ron Paul posed with college students before they engaged him in a Question and Answer period. The session followed his keynote speech to delegates at the Feb. 16 convention of the Libertarian Party of California in Santa Maria.

Photo by Students for Individual Liberty. L. A. Harbor College.



Rep. Ron Paul faces heat for wanting to uphold Constitution

Recently, Texas Congressman Ron Paul sent a letter to friends and supporters saying he "made a huge gaffe on national TV. I told the truth about the crimes of the U.S. government."

Paul, elected to Congress in 1978 and again in 1998 as a Republican, is a libertarian. In 1988, he won the Libertarian Party presidential nomination. He is known as "Dr. No" for his refusal to vote for anything not authorized by the U. S. Constitution.

Paul went on to say, "I was interviewed on C-SPAN's morning 'Washington Journal,' and I used the opportunity, as I do all such media appearances, to point out how many of our liberties have been stolen by the federal government. We must take them back. The Constitution, after all, has a very limited role for Washington, D.C.

"If we stuck to the Constitution as written, we would have: no federal meddling in our schools; no Federal Reserve; no U.S. membership in the UN; no gun control; and no foreign aid. We would have no welfare for big corporations, or the "poor"; no American troops in 100 foreign countries; no NAFTA, GATT, or "fast-track": no arrogant federal judges usurping states' rights; no attacks on private property; and no income tax. We could get rid of most of the cabinet departments, most of the agencies, and most of the budget. The government would be small, frugal, and limited.

"That system is called liberty. It's what the Founding Fathers gave us. Under liberty, we built the greatest, freest, most prosperous, most decent country on earth. It's no coincidence that the monstrous growth of the federal government has been accompanied by a sickening decline in living standards and moral standards. The feds want us to be hamsters on a treadmill—working hard, all day long, to pay high taxes, but otherwise entirely docile and controlled. The huge, expensive, and out-of-control leviathan that we call the federal government wants to run every single aspect of our lives."

It's partially right

The California Supreme Court ruled (5-1) that gun manufacturers can not be held liable for criminal misuse of the firearms they make. (federalists.com)

...no NAFTA,
GATT, or
"fast track"

On that TV interview, Paul emphasized not only the attacks on our property, but also the decline of our civil liberties, at the hands of the federal police. There are not supposed to be any federal police, according to the Constitution.

In answer to a caller's question, he pointed out that Waco, and the federal murders at Ruby Ridge, caused many Americans to live in fear of federal power. He added, "I said that a lot of Americans fear that they too might be attacked by federal SWAT teams for exercising their constitutional rights, or merely for wanting to be left alone."

For days after the interview, Paul was attacked by Democrats, unions, big business, establishment Republicans, and of course the media, in Washington and his home state of Texas. Before the interview, media had reported competition would be light. During the primary election, he faced four well-funded Democrats and a Republican backed by the establishment. Paul anticipates strong competition until the General Election.

The Texas physician was the keynote speaker at the Libertarian Party of California state convention on Saturday, Feb. 16, in Santa Maria. He will be a featured luncheon speaker at the LP convention in Indianapolis over the Fourth of July weekend.

Those who wish to support Paul can contact him through the Committee to Re-elect Ron Paul, 837 W. Plantation, Clute, TX, 77531. A web site is www.ronpaulforcongress.com. •

Libertarians say "end all foreign aid"

The most valuable foreign aid we can give people is the market economy, the concept of private property ownership and The Rule of Law. Without them, foreign aid money will be wasted or stolen. With them, foreign aid will be unnecessary. Our strongest tool to export ideas is friendship and one on one education. This may not even require any government involvement. Churches and other private volunteer organizations can and do travel around the world spreading ideas to willing listeners.

— George Phillis, chair, Pioneer Valley Libertarian Assn. of Massachusetts, physics professor at MIT, and candidate for LP chair.

**"Emancipate
yourselves from
mental slavery.
None but
ourselves
can free our
minds."**

— Bob Marley,
"Redemption Song"

*This country is a
one-party country. Half
of it is called
Republican and
half is called Democrat.*

*It doesn't make any
difference. All the really
good ideas belong to the
Libertarians.*

— Hugh Downs, in a
1997 broadcast.

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Felix Miranda, center, is encouraged to file nomination papers for the 40th California Senate District by fellow Libertarians Robb, at left, and J.R. "Nobody" Graham, far right.

Photo by Daniel Beeman

Trials of a Libertarian seeking nomination

Note: Libertarians and other minor party candidates often have a difficult time getting on the ballot for various reasons. Some people perhaps can relate to this story of one individual's experience.

by JR "Nobody" Graham

It took a lot of work, a small pile of cash, and some encouragement by fellow Libertarians for Felix Miranda to finally get everything done to get on the ballot as the Libertarian candidate for the 40th district of the California Senate.

"I guess I'll have to get a suit," said Miranda. "I'm basically a jeans and tennis shoes kind of guy."

Signature gathering in the South Bay district in San Diego County is never easy. It is a "poor working class neighborhood" where people move often. Communicating is also a problem since the area is home to people from many cultural backgrounds who speak many different languages.

Compounding the problem was the recent redistricting. "We didn't even have the maps of where the new district lines were when it was time to start gathering signatures," said San Diego Libertarian Party Chair, Edward Teyssier. "It was a nightmare."

In fact, Miranda found himself redistricted a few blocks outside the 40th and had to move in order to qualify.

Miranda and his allies, Jeff Keup for Congress, Joshua Castro for California Assembly, JR "Nobody" Graham for State Board of Equalization, and activist Daniel Beeman, spent many hours gathering signatures and registering new Libertarians at college campuses, street corners, court houses, DMV offices and shopping malls. Still, it wasn't enough and Miranda had to pay hard cash to the Registrar of Voters' office.

"That's the kind of dedication shown by many of our Libertarian candidates," says candidate recruiter Graham. "It's the reason they deserve your support."

JR "Nobody" Graham is an activist and candidate as well as a founder of Liberty Slate, providing a source of promotional political signs among other services. •

Attorney General — from p. 1

would take the War on Drugs out of the criminal justice system and put it in the health care system where it belongs. I would end laws restricting the right to bear arms; establish a statewide system of police officer discipline run by the Attorney General's office, rather than local government; assure that the three-strikes law is applied only to violent felons; end the restriction of doctors practicing only "conventional medicine" and finally, I would encourage reform of D.M.V.'s hopeless bureaucracy. •

Treasurer — from p. 1

courage private investment and development. As a CPA and three-term elected City Treasurer in West Covina, I am well-qualified to manage state investments and finances. I oppose the issuing of government bonds for any purpose, as this financing method almost doubles the cost of any government project and forces debt on our children and grandchildren. Libertarians favor less government across the board and are dedicated to protecting your personal freedom and economic liberty. •

Insurance Commissioner — from p. 1

(established 1987) and have 27 years of diversified insurance regulatory-related experience. I am an actuary with professional credentials for both life-health and property-casualty insurance. Among hundreds of clients, I have consulted with and provided expert testimony for several state insurance commissioners, executive agencies of the federal government, and executive and legislative branches of state governments to help improve state insurance regulations, by drafting laws and regulations that promote the free market, and get the government out of the way. •

Zero tolerance = No judgment

The zero tolerance of school officials in setting policies banning children from playing many traditional games now considered violent or exclusionary at school is having unintended consequences.

A 9-year-old California boy was threatened with suspension when officials caught him playing cops and robbers. The boy's father, an Army sergeant, removed his son from class to pre-empt the principal from suspending him.

A school superintendent defends the zero-tolerance policy. He told the Associated Press, "We have suspended play when they're using imaginary weapons until the guidelines can be developed to help the staff differentiate between dangerous and imaginary play."

Other games recently banned from school playgrounds include duck, duck, goose; musical chairs; steal the bacon; and tag — all said to encourage exclusion, theft, bullying, aggression and competition.

John Whitehead, president of the Rutherford Institute, an international legal and educational organization which represents several students, says the zero-tolerance policies are flawed because they do not take into account childrens' intentions and often result in school officials suspending a child before telling the parents about the problem. He said, "If you just look at intent in these cases, none of these kids would be guilty of anything." •

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It's easy. If you have any questions, contact our local representative BOB ARONSON at Earth Tel at 1-800-458-4753. Or to sign up over the internet see the website at www.earthtel.com, Use LPC #BN54. You also may e-mail any questions to: BOB@earthtel.com. Office hours 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., M-F.

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Are you a Libertarian? Take this test to find out:

1 For each question, check off your best answer.
 "Gov't decides" means "There ought to be a law."

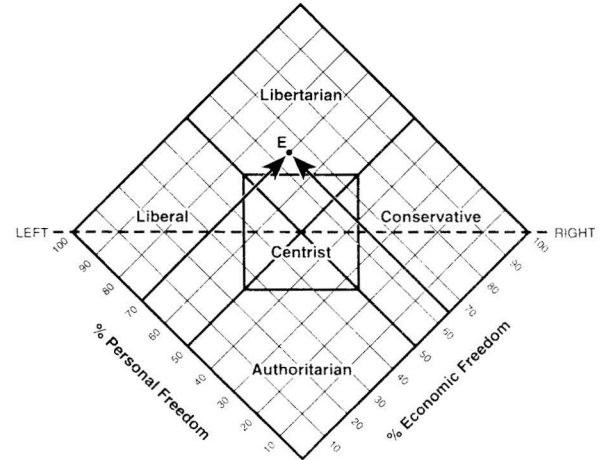
2 To find your home on the political map, mark your scores on the PERSONAL FREEDOM scale and the ECONOMIC FREEDOM scale. From your marked scores, draw lines to where they meet.

Personal Freedoms

Whose decision should it be whether or not you:	My Decision	Not Sure	Gov't Decides
Wear a seatbelt or helmet?			
Buy adult books or videos?			
Own a gun?			
Smoke marijuana?			
Pay for sex?			
Send your children to school?			
Allow smoking in your bar?			
Have an abortion?			
Become a soldier?			
Play cards for money?			

Count checkmarks: _____
 Multiply by: x10 x5 x0

Add multiplied totals for your
 PERSONAL FREEDOM SCORE: _____ + _____ + _____ = _____



Economic Freedoms

Whose decision should it be whether or not you:	My Decision	Not Sure	Gov't Decides
Pay taxes?			
Work for less than min. wage?			
Contribute to Social Security?			
Insure your car?			
Hire a minority worker?			
Compete with the post office?			
Hire an unlicensed contractor?			
Help the needy?			
Invest in something risky?			
Contribute to a foreign country?			

Count checkmarks: _____
 Multiply by: x10 x5 x0

Add multiplied totals for your
 ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE: _____ + _____ + _____ = _____

3 If you had high freedom scores, you found yourself in the Libertarian region of the map. You have more in common with the Libertarian Party than with the Democratic or Republican parties.

Now that you know your political home, isn't it time for you to register Libertarian? America needs the Libertarian Party; America needs you to take a stand.
Register and vote Libertarian.

For more information, call 1-800-ELECT-US or visit our web site at <http://www.lp.org>.

Yes, I want to help make a change and become a dues-paying member of
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Signature for Credit Card payment _____