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# Three more newspapers editorialize: Include Harry Browne in the debates

WASHINGTON, DC — Three more newspapers have joined the call to include Libertarian candidate Harry Browne in the presidential debates — with one newspaper saying his participation would “blow some fresh air through the stale fog of statism.”

The *Orange County Register* (California), the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (Ohio), and the *Rapid City Journal* (South Dakota) all editorialized that Browne has earned the right to face Bill Clinton and Bob Dole in the three debates sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates in September and October.

The *Orange County Register* wrote on August 29: “The most compelling reason to include [Browne] is that, in recent third-party history, none has had more elected officials across the country or more consistently qualified for the ballot than the Libertarian Party.”

Further, the paper noted, in contrast to Clinton, Dole, and Ross Perot, “Mr. Browne refused to accept any of the taxpayer’s money [to fund his campaign] on principle, earning his support the old fashioned way — by offering compelling ideas. Maybe that’s the best reason for including Mr. Browne in the debates: to blow some fresh air through the stale smog of statism that passes for political discourse between the major parties.”

On August 22, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* wrote: “[Harry Browne] wants to be a part of the televised presidential debates. And why not? The Libertarians are a long-established party that has shown remarkable staying power . . . [and] hews to a discernible philosophy better than either of its two mainstream rivals.

“The answer to ‘why not?’ is that the Republicans and Democrats will have everything to do with the ground rules for the TV debates, and they won’t want their candidates looking over more than one shoulder at a time. Tough. Politics is supposed to be about ideas, and, as a candidate on every state’s ballot, Harry Browne ought to be able to bounce his off Bill Clinton and Bob Dole in full view of the American public.”

Finally, the *Rapid City Journal* (August 16) argued that Browne’s refusal to accept federal campaign funds should not hinder his bid to get into the debates: “Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party have met [the] requirements [of political viability]. The fact that he won’t take federal money . . . shouldn’t prevent him from being invited to the debates.”

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