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Book Review

Takings

Takings: Private Property and the Power of Eminent Domain, by Richard A. Epstein, Harvard University Press, 1985, 362pp.

reviewed by Kenneth Prazak

Takings is becoming a standard in libertarian repertoire. Its influence grows steadily. Before it was written in 1985, the United States Supreme Court went through a 35-year period of relentless avoidance of the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution. *Takings* has laid the groundwork for a gradual return by the Supreme Court to guaranteeing property rights.

Many people may recall Senate Judiciary Chairman Joseph Biden wildly waving Epstein's book while accusing then-Supreme Court-nominee Clarence Thomas of adhering to the "libertarian philosophy" in *Takings*. After reading the book, I can understand Biden's concern. Epstein has the ability to take radical ideas and present them in a scholarly, rational, and scientific manner that can not easily be shrugged off as nutty or irrelevant. The book is a definite threat to the liberal/socialist status quo, which Biden is trying to preserve. One may recall, unfortunately, that Thomas betrayed any adherence to the book during the hearing.

Epstein lays a gradual and thorough foundation in *Takings* that justifies takings for public

use by government but requires just compensation in the process. He begins by describing the common law and then applying the same concepts of tort and property rights to constitutional law. He justifies the existence of the state by concluding, as John Locke did, that the value of increased social order, through government protecting property rights and adjudicating disputes, exceeds that of a society with no government—having more freedom, but less social order. According to Epstein, in an anarchistic condition, man spends too much time defending himself, and hasn't the time to enjoy his freedom. Epstein dismisses competing protection societies because of the Hatfield/McCoy syndrome. Protection societies may easily revert to a situation of warring gangs. Recent events in the Balkans and Somalia certainly give support to his view.

So the total pie of aggregate value for individuals in society increases with the existence of the government, but that does not give the sovereign free reign over its citizens as Hobbes believed. In a Hobbesian world, life was "solitary, poore, nasty, brutish and short." That justified a sovereign ruler obtaining monopoly rents from its subjects. In other words, almost all of the extra value obtained by having a government went to the sovereign through taxation. For the subject, life was, at best, only marginally better than it would

Great Fun and Outreach at Rose Parade

Once again, the LPI participated in the Rose Parade in Roselle. We entered a fine float in the parade. Under Wayne Nosel's expert direction and organization, the float, featuring concerns for our children, was built without a hitch and looked splendid. Milan Vydareny acting for both the Advocates for Self-Government and the LPI made a number of good contacts for libertarianism through the use of the Operation Politically Homeless booth at the festival. Helen Heyden once again provided a wonderful picnic after the parade. Many thanks to all who helped, especially Helen Heyden, Wayne Nosel and Milan Vydareny. Others who helped include John Kramer, Bob Prazak, Neal Reynolds, Andy Spiegel, Glenn Olofson, Ralph Miron, Pat and Bob Franke, Dave Peerenboom, and Jeanette Clinkunbroomer. A good time was had by all.



"Lady Liberty" stands tall in Rose parade.



Libertarians party after parade.

New Members in June

Carrie Belt	Mark Maphes
Brian Keves	Tim Flagle
Jane Soloman	Jean Bicicondi
Bob Trotter	Julie Fox
Karen and John Kramer	Allen and Barbara Froehling

The Libertarian Party of Illinois
welcomes all of you.

Bill Clinton Says He's "Almost-Libertarian"

by Eric C. Banfield

As part of his response to a question about gay rights, President Clinton said today:

"It's interesting that . . . those who disagree with me here are primarily coming from the political right in America. When I was governor, I was attacked from the other direction for sticking up for the rights of religious fundamentalists to run their child care centers and to practice home schooling under appropriate safeguards. I just have always had an almost-libertarian view (pause) that we should try to protect the rights of individual American citizens to live up to the fullest of their capacities, and I'm gonna stick right with that.

That might be the first time President Clinton acknowledged the growing libertarian movement in America. That might be because he recognizes that government had better start paying attention to the basic libertarian precepts of Americans, or it will continue to lose its connection with the real world, where the rest of us all work, live, raise families, and pay taxes.

The context in which he made the comment was interesting, almost as if to say, "Hey—I've always been the good guy here, I'm on neutral ground, and I mean what's best for Americans. In fact, I'm such a good guy, I even come out on the libertarian side of things."

His response even implied, correctly, that libertarians are not liberals or conservatives, or some mushy compromise. Indeed, libertarians say they are the best of both worlds: they favor free markets, where the conservatives claim ground, and they favor personal freedom, where the liberals stand. They oppose government intervention in private life. On top of that, libertarians say they accept full responsibility for their lives and actions.

What does "libertarian" mean? Most dictionaries say only that a libertarian believes "in exercise of the free will." A more correct definition would be:

A libertarian is someone who believes in maximum individual rights and economic freedom, and is willing to assume full responsibilities for his or her actions. Libertarians believe that government has no right to interfere in the voluntary activities among individuals as long as the individual is not violating the rights of or aggressing against others.

Live and let live, in other words.

One may question whether President Clinton even knows what libertarianism is. Clinton after all *is* no libertarian. But at least he has publicly acknowledged our existence.

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Takings (from page 1)

have been with no government at all.

Locke posed an alternative theory of government on which the United States Constitution is based: that government should exist only through the consent of the governed. This implies that government only tax and regulate to the extent necessary to protect the natural rights of individuals. Epstein concludes that all "takings" from government, whether the taking is through taxation or regulation, must be fully compensated, as is stated in the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution: "... nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Epstein looks at all manners of takings in the book through three property-rights constructs: possession, use, and disposition. If any of these constructs is abridged, a taking has occurred. In all possibilities, Epstein asks the questions: 1) Is there a taking? 2) Is it justified? 3) Is it for public use? 4) Is there compensation?

Just compensation may range from the added value of increased social order as in the case of being taxed to pay for police protection (a taking), to a monetary award to compensate for an implementation of a regulation (a taking) that decreases the value of property.

Towards the end of the book, Epstein discusses the two most prominent theories of government that have derived from Lockean theory, Robert Nozick's *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*, and John Rawls' *A Theory of Justice*. According to Epstein, Nozick's theory implies anarchy as the only moral system because Nozick states that eminent domain can never be justified in a free society. On the other hand, John Rawls' theory based on social contract asserts that inequalities at birth must be rectified by the state. This construct justifies totalitarian control. Epstein takes from both: the notion of a social contract from Rawls, and the idea of natural rights from Nozick, maintained through the payment of just compensation via the "takings" clause. Thus, Epstein poses a theory of government that is neither anarchistic nor totalitarian, but coincides with the idea of the founding fathers of a very limited government, one that is limited through the "takings" clause.

Takings is written in a scholarly fashion. For those not used to that style and are not familiar with the arcanum of legal discourse, the book is somewhat difficult to read. However, as scholarly works go, it is very readable. *Takings* is a must for the serious student of liberty, whether he or she believes in limited government or none at all.

The End of Private Schooling: The Voucher System

by Maggie Kohls

When I joined the LPI 17 years ago, the first article I wrote for *LP News* explained my reasons for opposing a school voucher system. My reasons haven't changed and the arguments are still valid to today's circumstances.

Some problems with vouchers are obvious. Tracking and distributing vouchers would have to be centralized, so we would lose what remaining local funding and local control we have over public schools. The state would establish eligibility requirements, forcing private schools to adopt state curricula, state admission practices, state hiring standards, state-approved disciplinary practices, etc. Schools that complied would become indistinguishable from public schools. Those that refused to comply would close as they lost students to the voucher schools. Competition and educational standards would decrease since all schools would be the same.

Right now in Illinois you can still teach your child at home or send him or her to a non-accredited private school. Even accredited private schools can hire non-certified teachers who meet that school's idiosyncratic criteria. Private schools can set their own curricula. We would lose those freedoms as each child was required to enroll in the voucher system.

But these are only the obvious problems. There are limits to a libertarian's ability to envision what a state-run voucher system could become. Let me quote from an article that appeared in the Chicago Tribune by James Nehring, a New York public school teacher.

"I welcome the (voucher) movement . . . I recommend the following short list of rules be part of any voucher scheme to ensure that it is democratic and fair."

- A school must rely solely on voucher revenues. If an additional tuition charge is allowed, then that school may not participate in the system."
- "The value of a voucher should be higher for students with special needs."

"A public agency should be established to help place kids who lack a strong parent advocate . . . To ensure that . . . children do not get left behind, the state should provide professional advocates."

- "Schools must pledge that instruction will be non-sectarian."
- "Schools must make a pledge of equal opportunity admissions. Incentives should be offered to schools that develop an ethnically and economically diverse student body."

"A thoughtfully crafted voucher-based system offers endless opportunities for real improvement in our national system of public education."

Libertarians will not require any commentary on the above statements, so I offer the above with only one additional item to ponder. These are the ideas of one "frustrated" public school teacher. Imagine how many more "democratic and fair" ideas a good Senate sub-committee could generate.

Impressions of a Newcomer

by Julie Fox

Although I've always believed in the basic principles of libertarianism, I did not realize that my views had anything to do with the Libertarian Party. To me, they were just basic beliefs of right and wrong. That all changed after a few conversations with a Libertarian last summer. I hadn't the slightest idea what the Libertarian Party stood for before that. I mistrusted most politicians and so preferred to stay away from anything political. Reading David Bergland's *Libertarianism in One Lesson* was valuable in that it helped me to understand in more detail how Libertarians stood on different issues and how they were different from other parties. But what really motivated me to get involved was reading *Atlas Shrugged*. Realizing how so much

of what was depicted in the book is now true today made me think that I had two choices—escape to some very remote "Galt's Gulch" island or get involved in making things change. So I made the more practical choice and, after a few months of procrastination, contacted the LPI.

My first meeting with fellow Libertarians was Sunday of the LPI convention. I came to the last half-hour of the newcomer's meeting, attended the brunch, and listened to Tamara Clark speak. I was introduced to many people that day, and right away felt very comfortable with them. No one seemed to mind my many questions. In fact, they seemed to enjoy answering them. Tamara Clark's speech was fantastic—I could relate to her previous non-

Editorial

In the Real World

Because I've been elected State Chair this year, I've been asked to prepare some kind of an editorial for the newsletter. First, for those of you I don't know personally, let me introduce myself.

Through a trick of fate, I happened to become old enough to vote the same year that the Libertarian Party was founded, so I can say truthfully that I've been a Libertarian all my life. I only once voted for a non-Libertarian presidential candidate—Richard Nixon, because I was scared to death that McGovern would win that year. That experience gave me an unforgettable lesson in exactly what it means to waste your vote.

I haven't been a Libertarian activist all my life, and haven't even faithfully maintained my dues over the last 22 years. The reason for my lapses has been, in the main, that after attending a number of meetings, turning out for rallies and events, and in general hanging around with a variety of Libertarians, I believed the Party would never get anywhere because we all seem to enjoy arguing amongst ourselves so much more than we love to act directly in the political arena. This is still true. However, times are evermore desperate, and I'm willing to tolerate our tendency to criticize each other if it means I can also do something constructive to promote Liberty.

Let me further explain. To me, liberty is do-it-yourself government. That is, governing yourself, not waiting for Uncle Sam, or the IRS, or even the Libertarian Party to do it. A champion whiner myself, I have zero sympathy for people who whine without accompanying their complaints with some kind of constructive action. I tend to believe that if you complain, yet do nothing to solve your own problem, then you do not want a solution—you're only manufacturing an excuse for your misery.

Thus—fair warning—if you have not attended a meeting or even the State Convention in fifteen years, don't expect a kindly response when you contact the office to say you are not happy with the direction the Party is taking. We are small enough yet that you yourself, acting all on your own, can influence the policy and the activities of this organization. You have only to hoist yourself from your armchair and motivate yourself into the LPI office.

The Great Debate now (as always) seems to center upon whether the Libertarian Party is a political party, or whether we are—or in fact, should remain—an elite, exclusive debating society.

I would say: That all depends upon how important liberty is to you, and how much you trust The Powers That Be.

Twenty years ago, although I hated the Establishment, my solution to a government run amuck—or more specifically, to war and to ruin—went more in the direction of working around the Establishment rather than speaking openly against it. I mean, what could I do? We're up against two huge, entrenched political machines. They give away our tax

money to buy votes! They legislate against us with their stupid ballot access laws! They're corrupt, arrogant and indifferent to the general population. Yadda, yadda, yadda.

OK. So what are we going to do about it?

We can sit and whine—or is that “debate”? We can meet occasionally for dinner to reinforce our mutual suspicions that the U.S. is going to hell in a hand-basket and that only we understand exactly how to fix it.

Or we actually can fix it. We can use the mechanism of this Libertarian political party to select and present alternative candidates. We can use a variety of forums to inject our ideas into the jumbled commentary of media personalities. We can talk to our relatives, our friends, our co-workers, our neighbors, and people sitting next to us on the bus about liberty, about property rights, about the sanctity of the individual.

We can, but most of us don't. Most of us only send in our \$20 per year and then can't figure out why we don't win elections.

You don't think you'd be good at spreading Libertarianism? I assure you, your shyness tends to diminish once you've told off a couple senators, made a complete ass of yourself in front of television news cameras, bored your family to tears railing against the Idiots Inside the Beltway, and argued with the cops about your right to collect petition signatures in front of the Post Office (federal property, protected by the First Amendment.) You know something else? You actually begin to feel good about it. You've done something. You didn't cower and grovel this time. You stood up like a human being and stated your convictions, which are damn good ones, at that.

Oh, but you don't have time. I don't have time to serve as State Chair. I don't have the patience to hear and weigh the myriad arguments that arise over proposals to purchase two dozen pencils for the office, or to determine exactly who is to blame for the fact that the press ignores us. But if you and I don't do it, no one else will.

None of this is a sacrifice. A sacrifice is working diligently though the middle of May for the federal government. A sacrifice is watching the Bill of Rights being interpreted by thick-headed clods whose biggest thrill is watching the cops stop traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue while their limousine passes. Sacrifice is letting some certified blockhead teach your kids that this country has outgrown the concept of freedom. Losing our liberty is a horrendous sacrifice—and for what?

The Libertarian Party is the best alternative to all of that.

Several Party members have gone to some lengths to outline and to try to implement a number of programs—for fundraising, for advertis-

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Real World (from previous page)

ing, for expanding our membership and for winning more public support and votes at election time. But the dozen or so people who serve on the State Organizing Committee cannot accomplish all of the Party goals by ourselves.

We need your help, your commitment to spend a couple hours a week on your choice of a wide range of projects. We also need money—if not your money, then any expertise or contacts you can suggest for fundraising. We need your ideas, your willingness to bring in new members, to sponsor a club in your area, to collect signatures next year—perhaps even to run for office.

Working for liberty—actively working, not just sitting around thinking about it—is not a sacrifice. It does take time, it can sap your energy, and it may not make your spouse happy, but it is still a privilege and an honor; it's fulfilling and its right.

Jeanette Clinkunbroomer
State Chair

Letter to the Editor

Regarding the pledge issue, I am one of those who favored retaining it, but have no problem about its removal as an experiment. However, what really bothers me is that the issue has caused enmity among freedom champions, friends who supposedly were united in the cause of liberty. Surely it could have been handled differently. A few thoughts and questions on the subject:

One of the things we Libertarians become incensed about is the "tyranny of the majority." Have we also been guilty in this case? Perhaps we could have retained the pledge, but without making signing it a condition for membership. Joiners could sign or not sign, and that would be on the record. Or, it could be reworded to specify that force is acceptable as self defense.

Why wasn't more time spent presenting the case to those who were opposed? As Mark Skousen has said, "... the triumph of persuasion over force is the sign of a civilized society and the only means to achieving liberty." Surely this is relevant to the pledge issue?

As the issue relates to winning elections, I'm as happy as anyone when Libertarians are elected to various offices but don't expect to see a truly libertarian U.S.A. in my lifetime. However, Norman Thomas never won an election, and his socialistic program has been adopted almost in its entirety. We too can make a difference, and as Paul Stout has said regarding the political and economic situation in general, "Maybe we have to hit rock bottom before we go up." I already see evidence that Libertarian thought is influencing the electorate, and I am also interested in projects such as "Oceania."

As for activism, all of us are active or inactive at different times in our lives depending on our individual circumstances. But, whatever we do, let's remain friends. As Ken Prazak has said, "... we all need each other in order to achieve the goal we all believe in—individual liberty in our time.

Jean L. Baker

New Impressions (from page 3)

involvement in politics, and I found her perseverance to be extremely motivating.

Since the convention I've attended two Northwest Club meetings, the picnic at the Mirones, and the Vermillion River canoe trip. I've met very many interesting people during these events (I just wish I could remember all their names). I've found it very refreshing to be around people who have something better to talk about than what they saw on TV last night. While on the canoe trip I was also very pleasantly surprised to find that other Libertarians also shared my love of nature and concern for the environment.

I think the LPI has some very good ideas in the areas of communication and development. I think the Advocates for Self-Government has some excellent ideas along those line because one has to consider how to appropriately approach an audience.

What I quickly became aware of when talking to non-libertarians is that 1) most of them agree with many libertarian ideas, but they commonly have misconceptions about the party, and 2) they are looking for specific answers on issues such as the environment, education, and health care which books such as David Bergland's do not address.

The roadshow idea, which presents libertarian ideas to newcomers, is an excellent one because the only way to get skeptical individuals to change is to sit down and talk to them about their concerns.

The Peoria Journal Star

May 6, 1993

Four pickets protest marina project

by *Adriana Colindres*

East Peoria—Public funds shouldn't be used to help pay for the Eastport Marina, four area residents said as they picketed Wednesday in front of the proposed marina site.

"I won't use the marina. I don't see why I should pay for the marina," said Mike Walraven of East Peoria.

"If it should be here at all, it should be paid for by (private) investors," said Walraven, a member of the Illinois Valley Libertarian Association.

Walraven and the other protesters said they object to the idea of using tax dollars to fund part of the proposed 600-slip marina. State money totaling \$5 million has been earmarked for the project.

The tax dollars should be spent on something more appropriate, such as education, said Wendy Keith of Peoria.

Robin Miller of Peoria said his opposition is based on morality.

"Imposing force on people to tax their wealth is theft," said Miller, a member of the Libertarian group. "The institution of taxation, like the institution of slavery before it, is immoral.

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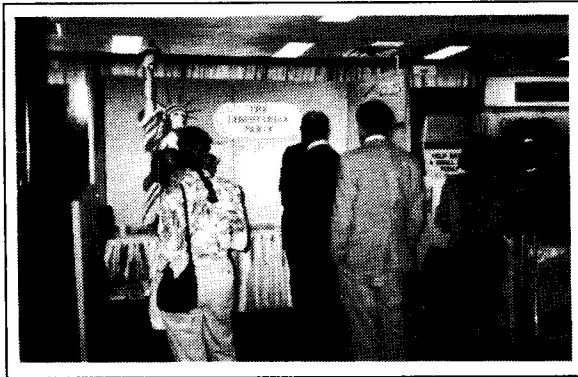
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Club Events and Party News

Expo '93 Fair

The McHenry County Libertarian Club operated a booth at McHenry's Expo '93 in May, bringing in 30 new names. 12 Bergland books were handed out to people who scored 100%-100% on the diamond chart and piles of literature were handed out to hundreds. The club also held a tax protest on April 15 in front of the Crystal Lake Post Office.



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River Cooperates: Vermillion River Canoe Trip a Great Time

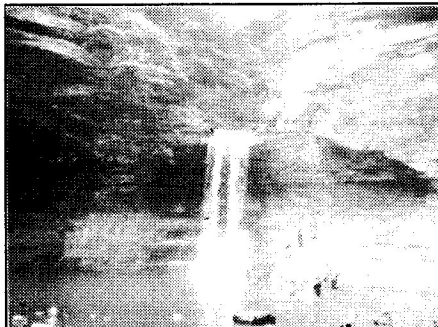


Jean Bicondi and Helen Heyden paddle through quiet section of Vermillion River.

The early June rains brought participants an excellent river level this year with some four-foot drops to contend with. Everyone got wet, and all had a good time. LPI canoeists picnicked alongside "wildcat rapids" enjoying watching kayaks, canoes and rafts negotiate the tough and beautiful rapids. The river level was sufficient to travel upstream to the Matthiassen State Park dells area with its scenic waterfalls. Participants included Helen Heyden, Jean Bicondi, Roger Pope and two friends he brought along, Julie Fox, and Ken Prazak.



Roger Pope and Ken Prazak charge through Wildcat Rapids.



Can this be Illinois!?

IVLA sets Regular Time and Place for Summer Months

The Illinois Valley Libertarian Association will meet every last Sunday of the month for its monthly meetings at Endres Park in Peoria Heights, at 1:00 PM during the summertime. For more information contact Greg James at 309-691-9382.



DuPage Libertarians at 20th Anniversary party at Ralph Miron's house.

Hyde to Speak at Northwest Libertarian Club

The Northwest Libertarian Club will feature Congressman Henry Hyde at its regular monthly meeting in August. Congressman Hyde recently introduced a bill to curb some of the worst abuses of the RICO law. That law is the one the federal government uses to circumvent the constitution by confiscating property without any due process of law. Hyde's bill would reintroduce some due process requirements. The time will be the normal time. The place will be at the Des Plaines Library. Contact Lyn Tinsley for more information, 297-8219.

Another Planned Land-Grab

The Hanover Park Park District is planning to condemn the 70-year Hoeltherhoff Nursery in Hanover Park through Tax-Increment-Financing. The Northwest Libertarian Club is poised to help stop this blatant land-grab. Lyn Tinsley and John Kramer are organizing the effort. If you would like to help, call Lyn at 297-8219 or John at 843-8086.

Protest (from previous page)

"It's forcible extraction of money from citizens to, in effect, subsidize wealthy boat owners."

Greg James of Peoria, also a member of the Libertarian association, said the proposed marina is much larger than necessary and could provide unfair competition to other area marina operators.

Eastport Marina would be near Illinois Route 116, just south of Jonah's Seafood House. East Peoria officials expect the public marina to spur \$20 million in private developments by Peorian G. Raymond Becker. Becker has said the property would feature 80 two-story townhouses, some apartments, a swimming pool and a floating restaurant.

During the 1 1/2-hour demonstration, the four protesters stood on the shoulder of Illinois Route 116, posting and carrying signs with slogans such as "Fight the Eastport Marina," "No tax subsidy for wealthy boaters" and "Halt government waste here and now."

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

July 4

- **Independence Day Parade**, Sunday. Float, Parade, BBQ, Fireworks, assemble and party at Ken Prazak's house. Call Ken for more info: 708-810-1974.

July 13

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, dinner, 8:00 PM, program. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL (1/2 block south of Algonquin). Speaker: Nico Angel, owner of the Arlington School of Music. Call Lyn D. Tinsley at 708-297-8219 for information.

July 25

- **LaSalle County Libertarians** meeting, Sunday, 8:00 PM, at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL. Meets here every last Sunday of the month. More information: Call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

July 25

- **Illinois Valley Libertarian Association**, Sunday, at Endres Park in Peoria Heights, at 1:00 PM during the summertime. Meets last Sunday of every month. For more information contact Greg James at 309-691-9382.

July 29

- **Rockford Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:30 PM. Meets every last Thursday of the month at David and Kathy Kelley's house, 3456 Dallas Rd., Rockford. For more information, call Kathy at 815-874-6345.

August 1

- **McHenry County Libertarian Club**, Sunday, evening, 6:00 PM, meets first Sunday of every month. Call Lenny Grom for details, 815-455-5660.

August 2

- **Libertarian Club of DuPage**, Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Fox Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle. Meets first Monday of every month. Call Steve Nelson for more details at 708-969-1088.

August 12

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:00 PM, Las Palmas Restaurant, located on the corner of Maple & Church Streets, Evanston. Contact Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, for information.

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We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relationships among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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