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Give Me Liberty — Not Equality!

by Dick Boddie

"That's an interesting concept coming from a black guy!"

Yes, it is, and that comment has been said to me on numerous occasions.

Frankly, almost forty years of my life had passed before I was even faintly aware that "equality" and "liberty" are not synonyms. In fact, the two concepts virtually exclude each other in practice. But, like so many, I learned and accepted the misconception as a result of my early environment.

I was born in Elmira, New York on October 19, 1938 (the day I became a colored people), a second child. I was the first son of African American parents. My father was, and still is, a third generation Baptist minister and my mother was, and remains, a full time mother.

The persuasive thought of the times and my environment was collectivist, altruistic, group, and even tribal, considering our cultural heritage. Fortunately, the idea of individuality was not prohibited in our household. However, outside sociological influences of the government schools, the Black Church and collectivist politics developed a false belief that "equality" was the solution to almost every secular problem faced by colored people, the country and even the world.

The Black Church then, as now, was rooted in some sort of tribal collectivism where the "chief" or pastor controlled the "throng". This naturally led most to believe that other paternalistic institutions, such as government, were compassionate allies on this road toward equality.

I am forever thankful for that small light of individuality that was fostered in my home, allowing me to eventually pierce the darkness of the equality dogma. Men like Charles Drew, the discoverer of blood plasma, Benjamin Banneker, the surveyor who mapped out the District of Columbia, and Booker T. Washington, an advocate of self help, spawned my individualism from my African American cultural perspective.

Early influences such as the Boy Scouts (individual skills), the Declaration of Independence (self government), jazz (free form) and traditional gospel music (structured group), made lasting impressions. The nature of track and field (individual) allowed me to excel, while traditional team sports were not too important to me. Clearly, I was marching to a different drummer than my ethnic counterparts.

Liberty and equality are profoundly different. Consider these words by Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn, writing in The Freeman:

... freedom and equality do not mix, they practically exclude each other. Equality doesn't exist in nature and therefore can be established only by force. He who wants geographic equality has to dynamite mountains and fill up the valleys. To get a hedge of even height one has to apply pruning shears. To achieve equal scholastic levels in school one would have to exercise control over each student's work while holding others back.

I've found it virtually impossible to see liberty or freedom as anything but the opposite of equality or egalitarianism. Perhaps my law school experience acadia. But reality has proven socialism a failure at allowing people true liberty. As Murray Rothbard said: "Socialism is dead, from the neck up." For a time, socialism was the triumph of a bad idea over reality. Fortunately, reality always wins in the long run.

H. L. Mencken exposed politicians for what they are: "Socialism is dead, from the neck up." For a time, socialism was the triumph of a bad idea over reality. Fortunately, reality always wins in the long run.

...government has but one legitimate function: to defend an individual when his or her rights are being violated. The rights are life, liberty and property, granted not by government but by "the Creator". Thus, all other functions of government are not legitimate and today, in many instances, they are immoral - all based on the not-so-subtle attempt to seize honestly acquired property or wealth from those to whom it belongs and hand it over to others with no proper claim to it.

I've also learned that most of what government does is unnecessary and only gets in the way of people in the private sector who do a better job providing "government" services. During the 1984 election campaign, David Bergland frequently posed two questions to his questioners: (1) Must these services be provided by government employees? (2) Must these services be paid for with tax dollars? The answer to both questions is: NO!

Now, I ask: must we accept the present egalitarian, collectivist, socialist, fascist welfare-warfare state imposed upon us by Democrats and Republicans? I hope your answer, like mine, is: HELL NO!

The idea that equality, enforced by government, can be achieved is as hopeless as the idea that centrally planned socialist economies can ever satisfy the needs of their people for food and consumer goods. The harder governments try to reach even well intentioned goals with force, the less they accomplish and the less liberty is left to the people.
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Candidate Profile:

Andre Marrou

Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou, 52, has a well-rounded and highly diversified professional and educational background.

Working in the active Las Vegas real estate market, Marrou holds a license as a broker-salesman. He currently represents a major nationwide firm, working primarily on large-scale commercial projects.

Before moving to Las Vegas in late 1986, Marrou owned and operated his own real estate agency in Alaska, where he still holds a broker license.

In 1984, he was elected as a Libertarian to the Alaska House of Representatives, where he served two years.

From 1978 to 1980, Marrou studied and practiced self-sufficient living in the Alaskan wilderness.

For three years in the mid-1970s, Marrou owned and operated a company that distributed restaurant and bar supplies along the 365-mile-long highway between Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska. In the course of business, he was often required to drive a heavily-laden truck in nearly perpetual darkness along icy and treacherous mountain roads. He also set up technical libraries in the pump stations along the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

Marrou also boasts 10 years of experience in engineering, including more than six years as an engineering manager with a staff of 21 in the Boston area during the late 1960s and early 1970s. He worked on high-tech applications along the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

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During the past two years, he has travelled extensively around the country as Director of Project 51-92, organizing signature petition drives and helping state LP groups to overcome legislative hurdles to achieve ballot status. He directed fundraising and managed the successful Nevada ballot drive in 1990. Working with Paul Smith in Oregon, Ken Bush in Missouri, and David Hudson in Massachusetts, Marrou testified before their state legislatures on behalf of LP ballot access. In addition, he lobbied several other state legislatures by telephone to reduce ballot access requirements. He is currently coordinating and raising funds for the North Carolina ballot drive.

As the LP Vice-Presidential candidate in 1988, Andre Marrou travelled to all 50 states and the District of Columbia (a first for a Libertarian candidate), generating considerable publicity and adding over 4,000 new names of prospective libertarians to the mailing list of both the National LP and the respective state parties. His campaign was run and funded separately from the Ron Paul presidential campaign, raising almost $200,000 and finishing with no debt.

Andre Marrou is one of the few LP members to have been elected to office as a Libertarian. While a member of the Alaska State Legislature from January 1985 to January 1987, he was able to derail several proposed laws, including an attempt at massive state regulation of the transportation industry, and was the author of a law that partially rolled back state professional licensing requirements.

Marrou was also actively involved with several LP-sponsored voter initiatives in Alaska, including a successful one that repealed the state personal income tax.

Andre Marrou has drawn upon his experience in the political trenches to aid other Libertarian candidates with advice, fundraising, and financial support. In 1990 alone, he was an advisor for 11 LP campaigns and raised $36,000 for Libertarian candidates. At 32 LP state conventions, he has conducted seminars on how to run a winning campaign.

A veteran of hundreds of talk shows and newspaper interviews, Andre Marrou is a forceful and articulate spokesman for the Libertarian point of view. His experience as a ballot drive organizer, a state LP officer, a fundraiser, a Libertarian campaign consultant, and LP convention speaker, a candidate, and a legislator make him uniquely qualified to be the standard bearer for the Libertarian Party in 1992.

Material provided by the Marrou for President campaign.

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Andre Marrou, Dick Boddie, Larry Dodge and Michael Emerling

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Continue to Meadow Drive. Turn left. Continue to Iris. Turn Right. Continue to Fireweed. Turn right. Go down the hill and into the ECC parking lot.
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$20/person/night; 2-4/room; across the street; 303-674-4179; P.O. Box 43 80439.
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Marrou is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1962. He was one of the first persons to receive a National Merit Scholarship. While in college, he played on the last football team fielded by MIT (until 1988, when the program was restarted). Marrou also played several years of high school and junior high football.

Andre Marrou was born in 1938 in Nixon, Texas, only 20 miles from where the first shots were fired in the Texas revolution of 1836.

As a member of the Libertarian Party since 1976, Andre Marrou has worked...
AZTEC '91

THE ANDERSON & ZINK FOR TOMORROW'S ELECTION COMMISSION 1991 COMMITTEE

News Release

Election Commissioner Anderson begins re-election campaign joined by Zink

Denver Election Commissioner Doug Anderson is predicting victory as he kicks off his re-election campaign this week.

The only Libertarian ever elected to municipal office in Denver, Anderson will be joined in 1991 by another free thinker, Mike Zink, who is seeking the other elective, citywide position available on the three-person commission. The third election commissioner is always the Denver county clerk, a position appointed by the mayor.

Both candidates announced the formation of the Anderson & Zink for Tomorrow's Election Commission 1991 Committee, or AZTEC '91. This committee -- consisting of David Bryant, Carol Steinheimer and Ron Bain -- will coordinate petitioning, publicity, fundraising and finance reporting for the joint campaign.

Anderson, 34, has been a south Denver resident for six years and was elected to the Denver Election Commission in 1987. A professional bartender and owner of Denver rental properties who has been familiar with metropolitan area issues for 10 years, Anderson's contributions to the Denver Election Commission include streamlining the commission staff by 40 percent through use of attrition and nonetheless increasing efficiency of election operations.

Native Denverite Zink, 33, is a self-employed home maintenance businessman who said he decided to get into electoral politics because "people are tired of hearing me complain about government, so I have to do my part."

Both candidates pledged to bring an end to political patronage on the Denver Election Commission, an organization that oversees all elections held in Denver. Zink also agreed with Anderson that further modernization of the election commission is needed, and both promised to continue Anderson's program of promoting staff efficiency via attrition.

Libertarians Like Healthy Habits

The restaurant, that is. Two local chapters have chosen this restaurant, which features what is probably the most extensive salad bar in Colorado, plus soup and pasta, for their meetings. (But please note: there are two different locations: the Denver meeting is at the one on Colorado Blvd., and the Jefferson County meeting is at the one on W. Colfax.) Whether you live in those counties or not, you're welcome to come to one or both!

Denver LP Meets First Tuesdays

by Ron Bain
Chairman, Denver Libertarian Party

The next meeting of the Denver Libertarian Party will be held Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Healthy Habits Restaurant at 865 South Colorado Boulevard; we'll be having dinner in the privacy of the Everest Room and in the company of Denver Election Commission candidates Doug Anderson and Mike Zink.

Petitioning has begun for the two candidates, who have formed a joint campaign committee known as AZTEC '91 (see announcement in box). The members of the AZTEC '91 Committee will be at the DLP's March 5 dinner meeting with petitions in hand, so why not make it as easy on those of us who are working to place Anderson and Zink on the municipal ballot by coming to the meeting, having an excellent meal and signing each candidate's petition?

Anderson is an incumbent election commissioner, and we'll get lots of media attention as well as fairer elections in Denver if he's re-elected. There are enough registered Libertarians living in Denver to give Anderson the 300 signatures he needs to get on the ballot -- if Zink gets elected too, Libertarians will dominate the three-man election commission!

This is important: make sure your Denver voter registration is up to date and attend this meeting plus, if no other, the Anderson-Zink victory celebration.

Other topics to be discussed at the meeting: the CLP state convention, March 22-24; the People's Fair (entry deadline is March 8 and it costs $60 or $90); and ways to express our opposition to the Persian Gulf War.

Common Law Guest Speaker

by Thane Eichenauer
Jefferson County Chair

Jeff Michener will be the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Jeffco L.P. He will be speaking about the Barrister's Inn School of Common Law. Common law, as the subject is known, is a method of exercising the rights granted to the people in our Constitution. Common law seeks to rebuff government intervention into our lives by seeking redress through...
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HEADLINES IN '84 COLORADO LIBERTY WHICH READ “WE WIN!”
SHOULD HAVE READ “WE WERE SCREWED!”

by Ron Bain
CLP Campaigns Director

How many long-time activists remember the lawsuit filed against the Colorado Secretary of State in 1982 by the CLP, the ACLU and the Citizen’s Party which sought to overturn unbearable aspects of Colorado election law?

Back then, members of third parties couldn’t register to vote as members of their parties, they couldn’t prevent unauthorized candidates from usurping the party name and their candidates couldn’t appear automatically on the ballot without petitioning until after one of their gubernatorial candidates obtained 10 percent of the popular vote in a general election.

Today, we Libertarians can register to vote as Libertarians and can prevent the usurpation of the party name by unauthorized candidates from usurping the party name and their candidates couldn’t appear automatically on the ballot without petitioning until after one of their gubernatorial candidates obtained 10 percent of the popular vote.

Natalie Meyer convinced the three appeals judges to only “selectively” uphold two aspects of the original ruling in our favor, denying and ignoring the third and perhaps most important aspect of the ruling which stated unequivocally that the 10 percent requirement was “excessively high”.

Here’s a brief review of the history of the case, followed by a proposal of how we can perhaps turn the tables on Ms. Meyer, albeit seven years late:

In the March-April 1982 edition of the Colorado Liberty, former national LP Chairman and CLP 1982 gubernatorial nominee Paul Grant announced the filing of the joint CLP/ACLU/Citizen’s Party federal suit against then-Secretary of State Mary Estill Buchanan, challenging the three previously mentioned points of Colorado election law – the denial of registration rights, lack of protection for the name of unrecognized political parties and the unconstitutionally restrictive, excessively high 10 percent requirement.

The case wound its way slowly through the courts, and on January 10, 1984, Federal Judge Jim Carrigan issued his ruling, stating that Colorado’s election law was “so likely to chill the exercise of fundamental First Amendment rights as to be intolerable in a free society.” Judge Carrigan in particular agreed with the plaintiffs that members of third parties should be able to register as party members and that requiring 10 percent of the popular vote for governor was an unconstitutionally high barrier as a requirement to qualify a new political party.

Buchanan’s successor as Secretary of State, Natalie Meyer, immediately appealed Judge Carrigan’s decision to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, placing the matter before Judges McKay, Logan and Seymour and winning a temporary stay of execution.

On March 1, 1984, Judges McKay, Logan and Seymour issued their opinion on Judge Carrigan’s ruling. The decision clearly upheld the right of third party members to register and to protect their party name from unauthorized candidates; however, the three judges in their opinion refused to discuss the matter of the 10 percent requirement.

In the March-April 1984 edition of the Colorado Liberty, Bob Hurt wrote, “The third issue, that of ballot access by means other than petition was referred back to Judge Carrigan for a new rule under which candidates’ names can appear on the ballot. As of this writing, this issue has not been resolved.”

As of this writing in February 1991, we are still operating under Rule 16 of the Colorado Election Code, which is dated March 1, 1984 – Judge Carrigan never issued the rule he was asked to write, apparently.

Here is the proposal: Colorado has a newly-elected Attorney General, Gale Norton, who was an active Libertarian at the time the original lawsuit was filed; she must remember it. If we contact Attorney General Norton, explain the situation to her and ask her for an official opinion on how the issue of ballot access by means other than petition should be handled, perhaps she will graciously comply.

We should also contact Judge Carrigan, if he is still a sitting judge, to find out why the new rule he was asked to write was never delivered.

Then, armed with the original ruling and any new information we might be able to obtain from Judge Carrigan as well as the hoped-for opinion from Gale Norton, I suggest we approach potentially helpful legislators (Terry Considine, perhaps) to lobby for an election reform bill that would correct the currently unconstitutional situation.

Some of the party’s most glib tongues and best legal minds will be needed in this effort – I cannot do it alone. If you believe we’re onto something beneficial here, call me at 321-6780 to plan a course of action or attend the next meeting of the Denver Libertarians, the CLP Board of Directors or the state convention.

Idleness will achieve nothing – action might position the CLP to put away its petitioning clipboards after the 1994 general election.
NATIONAL CONVENTION
DELEGATES TO BE Elected

Thanks to an increase in the number of national LP members living in Colorado, we are eligible to send 14 delegates to this summer’s national convention in Chicago.

Delegate allocations are based on membership, and membership in Colorado increased 44% since the last delegate allocation two years ago!

In Chicago, delegates will, along with other business, be nominating the LP’s candidates for President and Vice-President for the 1992 election.

National delegates will be elected at the state convention in Evergreen, 22-24 March (see page 3 for more info). If you want to be a delegate, but can’t make it to the state convention, be sure let someone who will be attending know to put your name in nomination.

Boulder Group Plans TV Advertising

The Boulder chapter of the LP is planning to run an advertisement, opposing the income tax, on local cable TV. The ad was produced last year by the national LP, and has been run on the Denver area cable system.

The ad will be run during the first two weeks of April, leading up to “tax day”. To run the ad 30 times on CNN will require contributions of $540. Send your contributions to Kevin Bloom at 1750 30th St., #323, Boulder, CO 80301.

Candidates Make an Issue of “Matching Funds”

Presidential candidates Andre Marrou and Dick Boddie are, each in their own way, making the question of federal “matching funds” a campaign issue.

Marrou has made matching funds the centerpiece of his fundraising plan, and promises to spend all the federal funds on television advertising. His supporters say Libertarians are entitled to take this money, because it represents “stolen loot” which they are “recovering” on behalf of its rightful owners. (See “The Moral Case For Taking Federal Matching Funds” in the Dec. 1990 CLiPboard.)

Supporters of Dick Boddie accuse Marrou of abandoning “principle”, and say their candidate won’t attempt to get such funds. Boddie’s campaign budget does not allow for paid television advertising, giving priority to field organizing and travel, although he plans to produce audio and video material for distribution in other ways.

The Libertarian Party calls for an end to government funding of election campaigns (and opposes the spread of this practice to state and local elections), but, as with many other government programs, has taken no official stand on whether an individual may participate in an existing program.
Resolution of the Libertarian National Committee
August 1990

Saddam Hussein’s intervention into the internal affairs of Kuwait by rolling tanks across its border has outraged the world as an act of naked aggression. Any such military incursion not required for the defense of a nation’s territorial integrity must be soundly condemned by all who believe in justice.

Notwithstanding this act of war, we, the National Committee of the Libertarian Party, support our Party platform’s strong and consistent opposition to foreign interventionism, including the affairs of the Middle East, and condemn the Bush Administration decision to send American troops to Saudi Arabia and call for their immediate recall.

A military blockade is an act of war. American youth should not be sacrificed to defend monarchies, nor artificial national boundaries drawn by previous generations of foreign politicians. Iraq’s marauding despot is no direct threat to America’s security. His pernicious cause is only advanced by the insertion of American troops into the present turmoil. The residents of the region are the best defenders of their own interests against Saddam Hussein’s aggression. The Baath movement, Hussein’s so-called Arab Socialism, will fall the same way that the Socialist movements of Europe are falling -- from the moral and economic bankruptcy of Socialism.

The Republican and Democratic politicians supported Iraq after its unprovoked invasion of Iran, subsidizing Iraqi grain purchases with American taxpayers’ money. They continue to fund aid to countries guilty of occupation and annexation comparable to that perpetrated by Iraq. The hypocrisy of their alleged concern over the most recent Iraqi aggression is an embarrassment to the founding principles of the United States.

The Libertarian Party stands ready and eager to lead America back to a commitment to those principles of free trade and friendship with all nations and entangling alliances with none.

Libertarians Comment

Nobody is more interested than Libertarians in seeing dictators like Saddam Hussein defeated and dethroned. With their police-state violations of basic human rights, and their socialist economic orientation, such regimes represent the antithesis of the libertarian ideal.

But Libertarians disagree with the “bipartisan” view that fighting the many such dictators around the world is a proper function of the U.S. government.

Libertarians ask:

Why should American taxpayers be forced to pay for such wars? Why should Americans who joined the military to help defend this country be forced to risk their lives elsewhere at the whim of politicians?

How likely is it that U.S. action, no matter how militarily successful, can force a real, long-term, improvement in the human-rights situation in parts of the world where the ideas of individual freedom are not yet well established?

Will U.S. politicians, once “cured” of the “Vietnam syndrome”, be tempted to apply military force wherever they perceive “U.S. interests”?

What does it say about the security of our own freedom here in America when many of our neighbors can be so easily inflamed by our government — inflamed into an artificial “patriotism” that includes hostility to fellow Americans who disagree with them or have the “wrong” ethnic background (sometimes to the point of violence)?

What does George Bush really mean by a New World Order? Do his attempts to partially fund the Gulf War by soliciting contributions from other nations portend the establishment of a world tax to fund future “worthy projects”?

CONSCIENCE, PATRIOTISM, AND THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

by Jacob G. Hornberger
President, The Future of Freedom Foundation

as commanders-in-chief of their respective armed forces, are sending their servicemen to their death in the pursuit of one primary mission: possession of the great Socrates to death? Was it not the majority who crucified Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Was it not the majority who gassed the Jews? Was it believe that you will also agree that history is filled with people who have supported the tyranny of their own government, mostly out of fear of their
Dear Mr. Hornberger:

When you wrote your essay, "War for Peace in the Middle East," last August, you were entitled to your opinion. Today you are still entitled to it. If however you continue to broadcast it now that we are committed to war in Iraq, then I hope there is a special place in Hell reserved for you.

And if you think that all is so bad with your present system of government and the way it is handling the Middle East crisis, then why don't you move to Iraq?

Sincerely,
L. A. (Wisconsin)

Dear Mr. A:

My belief last August was that the lives of American servicemen were more valuable than the nation-state of Kuwait and its oil wells. I continue to hold that they do the lives of American servicemen more highly than the nation-state of Kuwait and its oil wells; if so, they are undoubtedly incurring the wrath of their fellow citizens who have chosen to support their ruler in this time of crisis!

As you know, throughout history there have been those who have supported their fuhrer without concern about what this has meant in terms of eternal consequences. But one thing is certain: the support of one's fuhrer is not a defense when God ultimately passes judgment on an individual.

There are also those who believe that God does not hold individuals accountable for the evil and immoral acts of their political rulers. I believe otherwise. The evil and immorality committed by one's government places the individual at risk for the very thing for which you have hope for me — eternal condemnation to Hell.

Therefore, when I am ultimately judged by my God, I know that I shall suffer the consequences of the evil and immorality committed by my government unless I do my very best to disassociate myself from it as well as to stand firmly in opposition to it.

Of course, there are those who say, "Since the vast majority of our fellow citizens are supporting our ruler, shouldn't we do the same?". But was it not the majority who condemned the majority who crucified Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Was it not the majority who gassed the Jews? Was it not the majority who incarcerated the Japanese-Americans?

When my ruler chooses to violate the laws of my God, I choose to dissociate myself from him and choose instead to stick with my God. That is what I did last August. That is what I shall continue to do. When I ultimately appear before my Maker, and He asks me, "Were you one of the ones who permitted yourself to be boxed in to supporting the evil and immorality?", I want to be able to answer, "You know that I wasn't, Lord."

The best way to respond to your inquiry regarding moving to Iraq is to refer to our Founding Fathers. Americans have been taught that those who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776 were great Americans. Actually, they were great Englishmen. And many of their fellow British colonists said to them, "If you don't like it in the British colonies, then why don't you move to another country?"

But the men who signed the Declaration knew that devotion to principle sometimes means opposition to the tyranny of one's own government. And so rather than moving away, as their fellow citizens wanted them to do, they decided to stay and oppose not only their own government but also most of their fellow citizens.

Whether you believe that the rebels were right in standing fast and refusing to move to another country, or that the supporters of King George were right in supporting their government in a time of crisis, one fact is indubitable: that it took very little courage for a British citizen to support his ruler and that it took an unbelievable amount of courage for a British citizen to oppose his ruler. And I history is ruled with people who have supported the tyranny of their own government, mostly out of fear of their own government, while only a very small few have had the courage to stand for principle especially when it meant opposing their own government.

Would you have signed the Declaration of Independence? Remember that you would have been opposing your own government as well as most of your fellow citizens. Remember also that in terms of taxation, regulation, enslavement, and control, what King George was doing to his citizens is extremely minor compared to what President George is doing to his citizens. Are you certain that you would have signed it?

If I did move to Iraq, the situation would be similar to the one here in at least one respect: most Iraqis would be supporting their ruler in this time of crisis rather than opposing his tyranny. But if I were an Iraqi and in Iraq right now, you can rest assured that I would be doing my very best to oppose the wrongdoing of my ruler. If you were an Iraqi citizen in Iraq at this time, would you be standing with me? Or would you instead be supporting our ruler in this time of crisis?

Unfortunately, this is the final, tragic result of public schooling — American servicemen dying for a nation-state and its oil wells thousands of miles away because the American people (just like citizens everywhere) have been taught by their governmental officials that patriotism means supporting one's ruler rather than supporting what is right and true.

With respect to Hell, I believe that the special place to which you refer is reserved for those who engaged in great evil and immorality with the best of intentions.

Sincerely,
Jacob G. Hornberger
on the Persian Gulf War

"Peace, commerce, & honest friendship with all nations—entangling alliances with none." —Thomas Jefferson

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The bumper sticker illustrated above is a good way to show your support for the principle that the proper role of the U.S. military is the defense of the United States, not the countries of the Middle East, Europe, or Asia where large numbers of troops are now stationed at U.S. taxpayer expense. You can get one by calling the LP's new "900" number - 1-900-4-LIBERTY – cost is $2/minute billed to your phone.

LP IS THE ONLY PARTY TO
OPPOSE PERSIAN GULF WAR

by Ron Bain

While public opinion polls are saying that 85 percent of America's population has abandoned the principles of self-determination and non-interventionism outlined in the Declaration of Independence, the time has come to remind the other 15 percent in Colorado that the nation's and the state's largest third political party is adamantly opposed to American involvement in the Persian Gulf War.

Why are we defending Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Israel, when those countries are capable of defending themselves (with the possible exception of Kuwait, which prior to the war had one of the highest per-capita incomes in the world. If Kuwait can't defend itself, it's not because it couldn't afford to... it's because the country spent its petrodollars on infrastructure, assuming that America would subsidize its existence if ever attacked).

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Resolution of the Libertarian National Committee
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Whereas the LP 1990 Platform states that:

"The principle of non-intervention should guide relationships between governments. The United States government should return to the historic libertarian tradition of avoiding entangling alliances, abstaining totally from foreign quarrels..."

"The important principle in foreign policy should be the elimination of intervention by the United States government in the affairs of other nations."

"...all U.S. citizens travel, live, and own property abroad at their own risk."

"The violation of rights and liberty by other governments can never justify foreign intervention by the United States government."

"We call for the withdrawal of all American military personnel stationed abroad..."

"We call for the withdrawal of the U.S. from commitments to engage in war on behalf of other governments..."

"We support withdrawal of the United States government from, and an end to its financial support for, the United Nations."

"...we support both political and revolutionary actions by individuals and groups against governments that violate rights. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights."

Be it resolved that the Libertarian National Committee:

Calls for the immediate halt to U.S. military action against the people and armed forces of Iraq.

Calls for an immediate return to the United States of all American military forces in the Middle East.

Applauds and wishes well all individuals in the Middle East who are struggling for liberty, either against invading foreign armies or against their own feudal monarchs.

Calls for the repeal of all U.S. government restrictions on individual American citizens wishing to respond to calls for financial support or combat volunteer service by victims of aggression within the Middle East.
deal with its own internal problems and provide for its own defense is one of the clear thrusts of the Declaration, yet most Americans seem to have conveniently forgotten the meaning of the original document upon which this nation was founded. As have those who call for our government to overthrow Saddam Hussein — that is something for the Iraqi people to do.

Neither the Declaration nor the U.S. Constitution forbids mutual defense treaties with other nations, that is acknowledged; but the Libertarian Party adheres to the principle outlined by George Washington in his statement: "Cultivate peace and harmony with all... The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is, in extending our commercial relations to have with them as little political connection as possible... It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world."

So if the George in the White House today were Washington rather than Bush, we would not be fighting in the Persian Gulf right now. For most Libertarians, that's good enough reason not to fight, but allow me to explain what's wrong with this war from the point of view of a red-blooded, patriotic, freedom-loving American who hates Saddam Hussein as much as the next two-bit dictator.

To a Libertarian, the only justification for fighting a war is defense: fending off an invader who is trying to take over the physical land holdings of this nation. Libertarians also believe strongly in the power of a contract, and as a treaty is a contract between nations, Libertarians would honor a mutual defense treaty with another nation, but would never negotiate such a treaty — especially with a non-democratic monarchy or dictatorship.

So exactly what are we fighting for?
The Bill of Rights is Under Attack

In this “Bill of Rights Year”, the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, our rights are under attack as never before. Unlike more specialized groups like the ACLU and the NRA, which work to defend only specific amendments, the Libertarian Party believes that every amendment is important and the rights they protect are interconnected – all must be defended to preserve our freedom.

Amendment Four
Protection from Unreasonable Search and Seizure

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the places to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Under attack by drug warriors who want to expand police power to eliminate “probable cause” and to allow unwarranted seizures and searches.

Amendment Five
Due Process and Grand Jury

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be put twice in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Under attack by conservatives who want to create re-education camps, mass arrests, and detention centers.

Amendment Six
Right to a Speedy Trial and Court Procedures

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Under attack by advocates of RICO “conspiracy” laws and by advocates of...
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Amendment Seven
Right to Trial by Jury
In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Under attack by judges and lawyers who want to deny jury trials to tax rebels and who oppose “fully informed jury” statutes.

Amendment Eight
Prohibition Against Excessive Bail, Fines, and Punishments
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Under attack by drug warriors who wish to suspend bail, eliminate restrictions on pre-trial property seizures, and create detention without trial.

Amendment Nine
Rights Reserved to the Individual
The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Under attack and ignored by both conservative and liberal opponents of “natural rights” to privacy, free exchange, and self-ownership.

Amendment Ten
Powers Not Granted to Federal Government
The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Under attack and ignored by conservatives and liberals who want centralized government.

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