



## Change In New Hampshire Libertarian Party

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During the last two months I have watched a hostile take-over happen to an organization that was fighting for the equality and freedom of every individual in this state. An organization that wanted to see all people treated with respect, to have the liberty to choose freedom. I believed that with these same goals we could learn to work together.

I confess that I was wrong. I have watched secret plots occurring and been shushed about it and advised that I was simply misunderstanding, and that non-supportive behavior on my part would not be tolerated. Meanwhile, these same individuals have made public statements about their intention to rid my organization of those who had fought to build it over all these years in this state. Their strategy of so-called "bold messaging" is not designed to promote freedom and educate people on how to peacefully take back the freedoms guaranteed to them in the Constitution. Their strategy is, frankly, designed to discredit the Libertarian Party in the state and in our nation.

There is a right way to be bold. There is a right way to make demands for freedom. There is a right way to move people to want to fight for their rights. But, as humans, we are fallible and sometimes we don't learn the lessons of history – even our own immediate history. January 6<sup>th</sup> showed us what can happen when people are riled up into a frenzy and given little direction. For the last two months, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire has been using this strategy, the strategy of riling up mobs to frenzy and giving them no direction. These new members have stated their intention was to take us over and then move on to do the same thing in the Republican Party. While the Republican Party is my opposition, I am not willing to have this Party used to support such a goal. I am not willing to allow this Party to be turned into a force that takes apart the hard work of thousands of individuals across this country, the candidates who had to work three times as hard as their opponents just to get on the ballot, let alone win their races. These individuals deserve our respect and support, not angry mobs.

When I was elected as Chair, I was hopeful for the opportunity to grow and diversify of the Party, to build a strong core of politically motivated individuals ready to write policy proposals, testify against bills that stole the freedom of the individuals of New Hampshire, and stand up for individual rights and equality. I was enthused that there was a desire for bold messaging to promote these ideals and large committees of people ready to stand up for the individual.

While my desire for these things has not lessened, neither has the division in the Party between those who have those same goals and those who have an alternate agenda. We have always had diverse opinions in the LPNH. This is not new, but this is the first year that the distinction between them was so rigid that individuals cannot see through them to work towards a common goal.

There are now two groups in the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire where there used to be one. One group that is the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire and another that wants to work towards their vision of Liberty in a more "bold," more bellicose manner. It is not up to me to say which of these strategies is correct, but it is my responsibility to lead my Party towards the success of the goals of both the State and National Libertarian Party.

These two internal groups refuse to work together and so, if either is to succeed, it is time to separate. Those members who wish to push for the open umbrella of the State and National Platform by seeking to promote Libertarian Candidates and fight for individual rights and equality on the state stage are invited to stay with me in the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire. Those who wish to push for goals specific to a more independent branch of libertarianism through bold social messaging are welcome to stay with the other members of the previous Executive Committee. Fighting for the rights of all individuals means fighting for your right to represent yourselves, and this is your opportunity. Start your own Party, if you wish, free from the perceived limitations of the Libertarian Party. This is your time, your best chance to seize on this opportunity. You have an amazing capacity to grow your numbers without being burdened by the constant struggle of being affiliated with a Party that does not agree with your goals or methods.

To this end, we have established a new interim set of Bylaws and Platform and instituted a new Executive Committee to work with me in the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire. To those who wish to rejoin us, previous membership payments will be honored, however there is a requirement to sign a new oath and review the interim Bylaws and Platform and affirm you can agree to abide by them.

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire will still be the Nationally recognized Libertarian Party as I was the only unanimously elected official at our last election. As evidence, I am including a copy of a [letter from the Chair of the National Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party](#) attesting to this fact.

Out of respect for all of those who have been angered, threatened, or insulted by the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire, there will be no new Social Media posts from us for the rest of this weekend.

I thank you for your time and for all of you who wish to fight for freedom in our lifetime.

New Oath of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire:

"I will not advocate or endorse the initiation of force as a means to achieve political or social goals. I will advocate for the freedom from oppression and coercion for all New Hampshire residents and affirm that as Libertarians we condemn bigotry as irrational and repugnant."

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