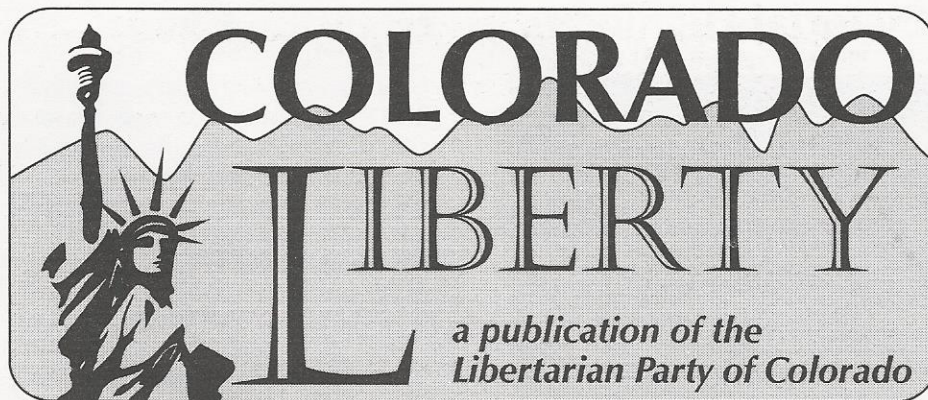


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## Denver's People's Fair Wet, But Many New Libertarians Find Their Party

by W. Earl Allen

Hundreds of Denver-area folks stopped by the Libertarian Party booth at the People's Fair in Denver on June 7 and 8. David Aitken coordinated the Libertarian booth and provided literature and encouragement for Libertarians who helped answer questions and inquiries from passersby. About 20 people per day signed up to

receive more information.

Rain dampened both days but Libertarian humor was dry. Helpers at the booth included: Chris Bogart, Grant Johnson, Lloyd Sweeny, David Bryant, Jerry Hatch, Gregg Miller, Marty Schur, Elizabeth Schlomer, Richard Combs, W. Earl Allen, Gailann Perez, Bert Wiener and Griz.



Jerry Hatch greets a brightly clad well-wisher.

## Half-a-Slate in '98 Moves Forward

By David Aitken

Project Half-a-Slate in '98 is moving ahead as the Issues committee, comprised of activists Richard Combs, Kevin Wilkerson, and David Aitken met recently to discuss the issues candidates would be able to include in their brochures.

Each issue will have a brief description for the candidate brochure, a one page executive summary, and a bibliography. Candidates will be able to choose three issues to focus their campaign on.

The issues the committee has under consideration are: growth, education, transportation, environment, taxes, guns, drugs, abortion, government spending, privatization, regulation, affirmative action, crime, welfare, children's issues, health, judicial reform, and free speech. If there are other issues you feel merit consideration, or some you feel that don't, please call David Aitken at 303-831-4334 or send e-mail to [david.aitken@kr-bbs.com](mailto:david.aitken@kr-bbs.com) prior to July 31st, 1997.

The sooner we hear from you, the more effective a job we can do.



Elizabeth Schlomer looks on as David Aitken converses with a visitor to the Libertarian Party booth at Denver's People's Fair.



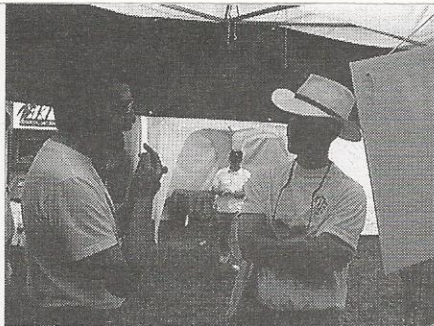
## Pictorial Highlights



BetteRose Smith makes a point about the garage sale at the June Board Meeting



Judd Ptak speaking on FIJA issues at the June Board Meeting



Richard Combs in spirited discussion with a People's Fair attendee



David Aitken and Elizabeth Schlomer clean up the booth after a long day at the People's Fair

## From the Chair:

What a great month this has been! The LP of Colorado has made waves with press releases on the "Separation of Church and State," the seat belt law, and the regulation of churches in Aurora. We also sent a mailing to an unprecedented 116 Aurora churches on the subject of the Libertarian Party's abhorrence of the government regulation of churches.

At least 3 libertarian letters to the editor were published in Denver papers thanks to Brian Erikson, Doug Newman, and Larry Hoffenberg.

Bette Rose Smith sent out a great fundraising letter, organized a first ever garage sale fund-raiser in conjunction with the People's Fair, and worked on plans for our 1998 convention.

We are working with the newly formed "Colorado Coalition" whose common goal is to reduce the size of government. Details to follow.

Our new editor, Earl Allen, very successfully published his first issue of the Colorado Liberty. New features include many photographs and a welcome subtle sense of humor.

Two lawsuits are progressing to the deposition phase: one is on fairness in ballot position, the other is fighting Amendment 15 (the campaign "reform" amendment which only Philadelphia lawyers can understand).

Did you see the AP story reviewing two libertarian books? The headline in the *Pueblo Chieftain* (June 1, 1997) was "Readers free to choose between two libertarian books." Doug Esser (of the Associated Press) wrote very positive reviews of David Boaz's "Libertarianism: A Primer" and Charles Murray's "What It Means To Be a Libertarian: A Personal Interpretation."

On the national scene, more celebrities such as Clint Eastwood and Hugh Downs are stating that they are libertarians. The latest is actor Kurt Russell, who announced his stance at the Cato Institute's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

And finally, did you know that we gained 27 new members last month? We welcome them all!

Are you considering being a Libertarian candidate in 1998? If you are, make sure that you are a registered Libertarian before August 1997.

Would you like to help establish voting on LP issues and board mem-

bers by mail and email? We need you on our By-laws Committee. See the article by David Bryant on page 4 for more information.

Hope to see you at our big 26<sup>th</sup> LP Birthday Party Picnic in Boulder on Saturday, July 5.

In Liberty,  
Sandra Johnson, Chair  
Libertarian Party of Colorado

## Why I Am A Libertarian

by Deborah Bishop

I'm a "kid nut," which is to say, I'm Nuts about Kids! From Scout leader, to step-parent, to foster parent, I've always found ways to keep kids in my life. I've also spent a lot of time studying to make sure that my involvement with children is as positive as I can make it. When I started researching the subject, I figured I'd find a plethora of different views that I could massage into a reasonable approach to growing happy, healthy children. What I found instead surprised me. All the books, and all the seminars seemed to have a common theme, and that theme was "personal responsibility". In one way or another, they all stated that a happy child is one who is given more and more responsibility for his decisions and actions. They also agreed that it is important to allow a child to experience natural consequences for his actions, rather than imposing external, artificial consequences (i.e., punishments).

Since the findings were 'unanimous,' they became the principal guideline for working with my foster children. The results were amazing. I found that children, even troubled ones, tended to grow the most when my partner and I gave them as much personal responsibility as they could handle. They seemed to learn the most and function the best when we limited our involvement in their daily decisions. Over time, they thrived as they discovered their 'new' abilities to influence their worlds and make themselves happy. And they tended to seek out and make more and more effective (some would say GOOD)

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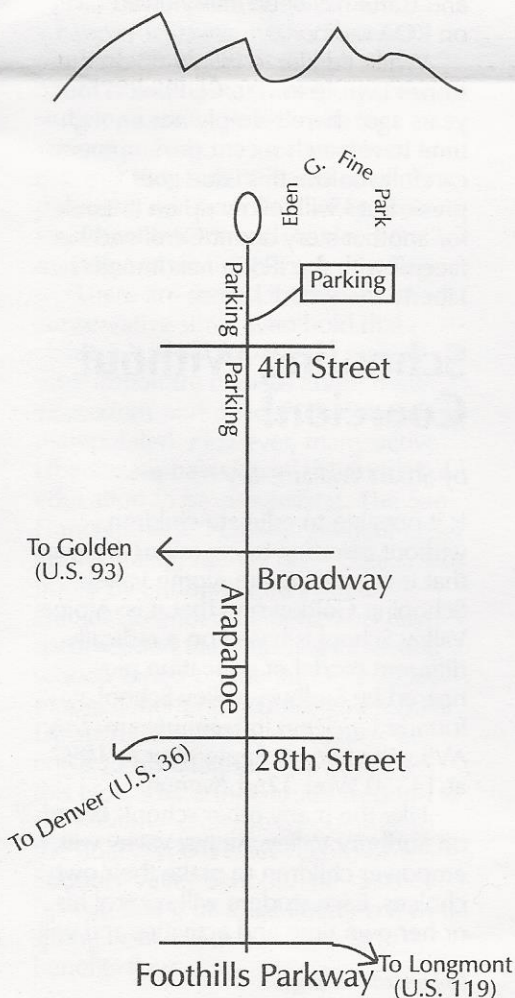
## Calendar

Deadline to be registered as a Libertarian to run for office in 1998 as a Libertarian: one year in advance (August 1997) of the primary election in '98.

### July

- 1: Ft. Collins 1st Tuesday Breakfast Club, Tony's 224 S. College, 7 a.m. (970) 224-3116
- 2: Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Doug Anderson's home. Come at 6:00 for some refreshments and grilled stuff. (531 Washington #1, Denver)
- 5: LP Annual Picnic to celebrate our 26th anniversary: Saturday July 5, 1997 at 1:00 pm at the Eben G. Fine Park in Boulder. Bring your own food, drinks, frisbees, footballs, etc. Alcohol is allowed; parents are legally responsible for their children. Grills and charcoal, paper plates, napkins, forks and tables will be supplied. Call Chris Bogart to help at 303-449-6327.

### Mountains



## Garage Sale a Big Success

by BetteRose Smith

June 8th and 9th the Libertarian Party of Colorado had its first ever garage sale to raise money for Party expenses and for the State Candidates' Fund. Termed a big success, the LPC was able to raise more than \$650 during the two days of the sale. After minor expenses, the LPC should see a profit of more than \$600.

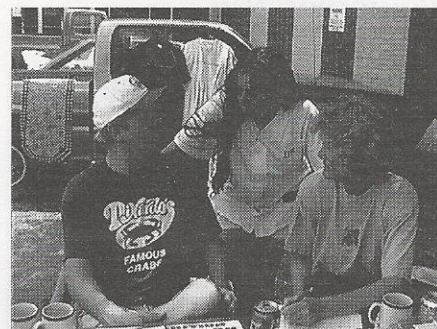
There were twelve people who helped by donating items to the sale and six people who helped with either the sale or with the set up of the sale. The LPC wishes to thank these people who helped to make this sale so successful. Some of the best sellers among items donated were TVs, stereo equipment, books, cameras and computer parts. A special thanks to Warren Kruse who donated his hand crafted cement stone plaques. Three of these sold within the hour.

"This was such a profitable adventure," said BetteRose Smith, "that I feel we should do this at least once a year." The sale was able to generate much of its money from people outside of the Libertarian Party, something the LPC has not been able to do before on such a large scale. "In terms of the man hours spent versus the money brought in, this is definitely a big money maker."

Asked what she might do differently in the future, BetteRose had several suggestions. "Most of our sales were done on Saturday. I believe next time we will hold a one day sale. This will also give us a better chance at having enough volunteers to help with the sale." Another change being considered is finding a place to store items until the sale. This year people were asked to bring their items either on the day of the sale or the night before. "This was not really convenient for many people," commented BetteRose. The plan is to have a space for at least two weeks in advance to allow people time to bring their items to the office. Finally, the sale may be held a little later in the summer to avoid the afternoon rain.

The LPC thanks all those who were involved in making this sale so successful. Remember, we will do this again next year so everyone will have a chance to help out again!

People who contributed to the sale included: Deb Bishop, Michele Bethke, Doug Anderson, BetteRose Smith, Larry Hoffenberg, Jeff and Nancy Lucius, Steward Barr, Robert Rood, Earl Allen, Warren Kruse, Richard Prentise and Mr. Horn.



Doug Anderson, BetteRose Smith and Deb Bishop discuss pricing on an especially desirable item during the Annual Libertarian Garage Sale.

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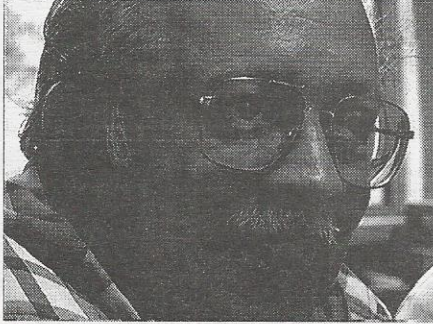
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## Committee Members Needed

By David Bryant

### Help! We need volunteers!!



Our By-laws provide that two committees must report to each annual convention: the Platform Committee and the Constitution and By-laws Committee. At its recent meeting on Wednesday, June 4, the Board of the Libertarian Party of Colorado accepted David Bryant's offer to spearhead the formation of the Constitution and By-laws Committee for next year's convention. The Platform Committee will be formed at a later date.

At our convention in Estes Park this spring, two issues were referred to this year's Constitution and By-laws Committee, which must formulate a recommendation for the 1998 convention. The first suggestion is to modify our rules to allow voting at the convention by snail-mail, by e-mail, or by proxy. The second is to limit the Board's authority to contract debts in the name of the Party. Of course, the committee will consider other issues if and when they arise.

In the past, the Board has generally been forced to serve as the Constitution and By-laws Committee. This year, let's get rolling with the proposed changes to our Constitution and By-laws early enough to involve a significant number of Party members in the process. If you want to help make this happen, please contact David Bryant at (303) 744-6577.

Or send an Email message to: <davidbryant@worldnet.att.net>.

### Why I Am A Libertarian

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decisions about their own behavior. What a thrill: they were making this parenting stuff pretty darned easy!

One day, while calculating my quarterly taxes, I started wondering why the rules change when we grow up. Why is it that children thrive on personal responsibility while we adults work better when we let others assume our responsibilities for us? Why do we encourage children NOT to call on us to solve their day-to-day problems, while we turn more and more to government to do it for US? What makes us so different from kids?

It really puzzled me, and I found myself scanning a shelf of old college texts, looking for some insight. I came across a book on personnel management, and I read a chapter on the two predominant theories of employee management. The first, "Theory X", is based on the belief that employees must be carefully supervised to ensure that they are productive. The second, "Theory Y," espoused the notion that employees flourish as they are empowered; that is, they are most effective when they are given responsibility and authority for regular decisions in the workplace. Wow! One treated employees like adults, and the other like children!

But which is which? Ironically enough, Theory Y is considered the "politically correct" approach to management. It also agrees with the generally accepted philosophy on effective parenting. So... what are we adults doing when we relinquish responsibility, issue by issue, to *our* 'parents,'—the government? Why is it okay to reject responsibility while encouraging children to do the opposite?

I don't believe it is. This is why I joined the Libertarian party and became an activist. I believe that we are all children at heart, and we ought to start acting like it!



Deb Bishop (right) enjoying a childlike moment.

## IRS Gets Whacked, But They're Your Tax Dollars

by David Bryant

If you attended the state convention in Crestone four years ago you surely will remember Ms. Carol Ward, who arrived in the midst of a thunderstorm with an all too familiar story about being mistreated by agents of the Internal Revenue Service. Because she had insulted an IRS agent in Colorado Springs, Carol had lost her house, her car, and her bank accounts, and the inventory in her son's "Kid's Avenue" clothing stores had been seized. Even her mother's house had been attached as part of a "jeopardy assessment" against Carol herself.

Carol recently had her day in court, and the IRS has now been ordered to pay her \$325,000 in damages, plus attorneys' fees! The judgment has transformed her into a local celebrity: several stories have appeared in the Denver news-papers, and Carol has been interviewed (live) on KOA radio.

While I'd like to follow up on the stories I wrote for the CLiPboard four years ago, there's simply not enough time to research recent developments carefully before this issue goes to press. But I will follow up on it. Look for another story about Carol and her faceoff with the IRS in next month's Liberty.

## Schooling Without Coercion!

by Stuart Williams-Ley

Is it possible to educate children without resorting to coercion? A group that is organizing the Alpine Valley School in Golden says that it is. Alpine Valley School is based on a radically different model of education pioneered by Sudbury Valley School, founded in 1968 in Framingham, MA. AVS will open on September 8, 1997 at 14350 West 32nd Avenue.

Like the many other schools based on Sudbury Valley, Alpine Valley will empower children to make their own choices. Each student will control his or her own time and activities and will

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always be free to choose whether to play, talk, read, organize, create, or whatever.

In the opinion of many Libertarians, this is the only educational approach consistent with the central tenet of Libertarian philosophy, the avoidance of coercion. In contrast, conventional educational approaches are rife with coercion. Conventional schools begin with the premise that adult authorities should decide what students "must" know. Then the schools dictate how and when students must learn these things. In order to efficiently carry out their mission, schools abrogate students' rights of assembly, speech, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

So how do children learn when you strip out coercion? The same way they learn to talk: eagerly, voluntarily, and exceedingly effectively. For example, younger children in a Sudbury Valley-type school see the written word all around them and decide for themselves that literacy is useful and important. They then use whatever learning method is most congenial to them—asking a staff member or parent for help, quietly studying familiar words, playing various word games, or whatever. In this way the student learns not only a particular skill such as reading, but important lessons such as decision-making and decision-implementing.

There are some Libertarians of a conservative strain who hold that children are not capable of making such important choices about their educations and need to be coerced or manipulated. However, many active Libertarians have found this model of education to be compelling. The San Francisco-based Libertarian mail-order book catalog, Laissez Faire Books, sells books by Sudbury Valley founder Daniel Greenberg. Libertarians have spearheaded the founding of several schools based on the Sudbury Valley model. Libertarian author and scholar David Friedman (son of Milton) has enrolled his daughter in a school of this type. These individuals respond to conservative criticism by pointing to the documented track record of Sudbury Valley School. They also believe that individual liberty is a well-spring from which a multitude of benefits flow.

For the last three years, a hardy band of parents and others has labored to make Alpine Valley School a reality. If you would like a free brochure about Alpine Valley School, or know of children who are prospective students, contact Larry Welshon at 237-2872. We are located at 14350 West 32nd Ave. Golden.

## **Government Has Lost War On Cancer**

WASHINGTON, DC — Bad news for millions of Americans who were desperately hoping that the government would save their lives: After spending \$30 billion, the government has lost the War on Cancer.

A startling analysis in the new issue of the New England Journal of Medicine reveals the government has spent \$30 billion since 1971 fighting the War on Cancer. The result: An increase in the cancer death rate — from 199 deaths per 100,000 population to 200.9 deaths.

"Politicians have accomplished only two things during their War on Cancer: Squandered billions of dollars and broken their promises," said Steve Dasbach, the national chairman of the Libertarian Party. "Like almost every war waged by the government — the War on Poverty, the War on Drugs, the War on Homelessness — the politicians have failed."

"It's time for the government to admit defeat, stop wasting our money, and leave this struggle to those who might actually win it."

Despite the billions spent by the government, 550,000 Americans continue to die from cancer each year.

"Imagine how many of those Americans might be alive today if private laboratories, rather than politicians, had decided how to spend that \$30 billion," Dasbach said. "Profit-making companies have a tremendous incentive to cure cancer that public employees lack: A chance to reap billions in profits from inventing breakthrough drugs."

"And nonprofit organizations dedicated to fighting cancer have a passion and determination to beat this disease that will never be matched by

government employees."

But the people who have the best incentives to cure cancer, Dasbach said, are those whose lives depend on it: individual Americans. An author of the study, John Bailar, points out that Americans could cut cancer fatalities by 33% simply by eating healthier food.

"That means individuals can save 180,000 more lives a year than the government — without spending a dime of tax money," Dasbach said. "Other voluntary lifestyle changes, like exercising and quitting smoking, would save tens of thousands of additional lives."

Ironically, as the New England Journal of Medicine's report went to press, the same government that failed to cure cancer was busy prosecuting a physician who was succeeding.

Doctor Stanislaw Burzynski was tried by federal prosecutors in Houston last month for distributing a breakthrough drug to brain cancer victims without FDA approval — a drug that over 300 of his patients believe is keeping them alive.

"Incredibly, at the very moment the trial was going on, the government was using Burzynski's drug — antineoplaston — in clinical tests," Dasbach said. "That's because the FDA now believes the drug has the potential to save lives, but was too stubborn to drop charges against the doctor who invented it."

"Politicians and bureaucrats who have failed to cure cancer should not prosecute pioneering doctors who are keeping people alive."

How many other researchers might have come forward with breakthrough drugs, but were deterred by the government? And how many lives could have been saved?

"We may never know," Dasbach said. "But we do know that it's time to turn this fight over to those who have shown they can win important medical battles — such as private research labs, nonprofit groups, and individuals. Since millions of lives are at stake, the War on Cancer is too important to be left to the government."

— Libertarian Party Press Release



# All God's Chillens Got Guns

By Vin Suprynowicz

Last time, M.C. wrote in, from back East, asking whether any logical reading of the Second Amendment doesn't also guarantee individual Americans the right to own mortars, howitzers, and even nuclear weapons.

It certainly does.

The real question is: Why does this bother us?

Such weapons now exist, are widely dispersed, and are under the control of common, mortal men. What makes us think God has sent us a special race of angels, called "officers of the government," who can be better trusted with these weapons, than you or me? Do you really believe Bill Clinton is of sterner moral fiber than you or me? Or some Air Force enlisted man, on a ladder in a missile silo, retrofitting new fuses on a nuclear warhead?

How about the president of France? He has nuclear weapons. Do you or I know for a fact that he isn't some kind of secret, unbalanced speed freak? Didn't they just elect a bunch of giddy Socialists, over there? How about the president of the Ukraine?

We don't know these guys from Adam, yet we implicitly trust them, because they "work for a government."

What nonsense.

In fact, most of these people are *not* your moral equal, or mine. They all suffer from a mental disease which causes them to sacrifice all moral principles — to throw away the happiness of their families, to step on their friends — in order to gain great power over their fellow men. I submit that it is not merely a *possibility* that one of these guys may be nuts, but that, in fact, *most* of them are nuts.

The reason they don't unleash these weapons, therefore, is not their saintliness, but the simple fact that they know other parties, equally well armed, would kill them for their trouble. That has *always* been the strongest deterrent to the aggressive use of force.

The president of the Ukraine may be a nice and decent fellow. But the reason the French sleep soundly at night is not because their psychiatrists are allowed to interview the president of the Ukraine weekly, but because

they know, that HE knows, that they could and would hit back.

Do I "advocate the unrestricted right to own weapons of mass destruction"?

No, I acknowledge this pre-existing right of all individuals. To do otherwise is to pretend we can put the Genii back in the bottle. You might as well enact legislation "ceding to government" the right of a mother bear to use her claws in defense of her cubs.

Morally depraved zealots possess every terrible weapon you can think of, right now. Even as we speak, half the cashiered colonels of the former Red Army are operating what amounts to one giant drive-in flea market from Odessa to Tashkent, auctioning off everything from souvenir hammer-and-sickle cufflinks to RPGs to purified plutonium to any wild-eyed Iranian or Indonesian misfit who can come up with a year's salary and a couple pounds of fish eggs.

Attempts by us to to "cede their self-defense rights" back to "government" will prove about as effective as King Canute standing on the shore and ordering the tide not to come in, or the attempts of various medieval states to institute the death penalty for anyone who taught their enemies how to make gunpowder.

The best way to curb the worst instincts of bad men is to let them know that men of good character possess stuff even more powerful than theirs, so they'd better not try anything.

The principle that keeps Saddam Hussein from sneaking a barge full of poison gas into New York harbor, is the very same principle that makes the potential mugger look at you and go, "Uh-oh. I don't like the confident way this guy is striding around, especially out here in the dark. I'll bet dollars to donuts he's got a .45 under that jacket. I think I'll wait and pick on a more likely-looking victim ..."

And that is *precisely* the thought pattern I want to see in the minds of Bill Clinton and Janet Reno when they consider seizing my guns and ordering me to line up for fingerprinting for my new "National ID card" and "internal travel permits." Which is why every loyal, freedom-loving American should own a BAR ... and a couple of Stingers. To keep our leaders from the path of temptation.

If I am given the choice between dying in a nuclear blast, or leaving to my children a life of slavery to which I acquiesced on their behalf, out of fear

or the mere desire for personal ease and convenience, please ... bring on your bomb.

Once the people are disarmed and terrified of their neighbors, once they believe that nothing is worse than death, and that the only way to be safe is to lock their doors, cringe in terror, and dial 9-1-1 for the government police at the first sign of trouble, ... then making them into slaves becomes mere child's play.

Best Wishes,

— V.S.

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## Command Society Versus Free Society

*(House of Representatives - May 16, 1997) Rep. Ron Paul, once Libertarian candidate for President, speaks.*

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Paul] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, it is safe to say that we now live in what we call a command society, we do not live in a free society where social and economic problems are solved through voluntary and free market solution. Whether it is food for the poor, homes for the homeless, medical care for the sick, we endlessly call on the Government to use force to redistribute wealth and distribute our production of welfare, with total disregard for the conditions required to produce the wealth.

In this misdirected humanitarianism, great harm is done to the very people who are supposed to be helped, both the recipients, as they are forced into a degrading dependency, and the working poor, who bear the greatest tax and inflation burden. In a command society, the

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Government continuously says, do this, do that, and we obediently do it. But smoldering anger and resentment results, confusion arises, because all the Government does is supposed to be good and helpful.

We are endlessly forced to get licenses for all that we do. Rules and regulations are all around us, from morning till night, cradle to grave. We tax life, we tax death, we tax success, and we tax savings. We suffer from double and triple taxation. Taxes are everywhere, as we work half the time for our Government.

We meet Government regulations and rules and paperwork everywhere we go. We cannot walk, talk, pray, or own a gun without a Government permit. We cannot drive a car without bells and buzzers and horns and belts and bags, without being reminded that Big Brother is watching, just waiting for one misstep, while the rapists and murderers go unpunished. We are intimidated by political correctness to the point that an innocent joke is a crime and the laws are a joke.

Our businesses are subject to invasion at will by Government bureaucracy without warning, pretending to save us from ourselves, while destroying our freedoms. As the bureaucracy thrives, the command society expands.

I see no evidence, sadly, of a reversal of this trend. We continue to tinker with the bureaucracy through disbursement and talk of great benefits of block grants and local controls and never talk of the philosophic or moral principles that permit the command society; that is, the concession that the arbitrary use of force to mold personal behavior in the market in our entire society is permissible.

Without change in our philosophic approach to government, we will find all the adjustments and revamping of the command society will not and cannot succeed. It cannot change the course upon which this Nation is set.

Placing confidence in pseudo-reform does great harm by postponing the day we seriously consider the moral principles upon which a free society is built. I am anxiously waiting for that day.

## **The Timothy McVeigh Verdict Settles Nothing: Militia Mentality Won't Die**

*By Llewellyn Rockwell, Jr.  
President of the Ludwig von Mises  
Institute, a nonprofit think tank in  
Auburn, Ala.*

Was Timothy McVeigh on trial for his politics or for murder?

Recall that in the days after the bombing, members of the Clinton Administration blamed it on the rise of talk radio. They darn near ascribed it to the Republican takeover of Congress and implicated every right-of-center political activist as inherently dangerous.

In the trial itself, the prosecution continually denounced McVeigh's "motive" in the bombing. What was it? That he doesn't like the federal government.

The next step is easy: Every person who is suspicious of government is a potential domestic terrorist. Better gag him and marginalize him while we can. The cause of restricting free speech, of chilling public debate, of censoring the Internet and of closing politics to outsiders has never had more friends on the left than it does today.

With the guilty verdict, then, liberals may think that they have won a great political victory. They'll snuff out McVeigh and his antigovernment opinions. That will send a message: If you think that the federal government is too big and intrusive, you are capable of malicious acts.

But millions of people share McVeigh's views. Moreover, their grievances are real and their concerns genuine. Nothing about this trial is going to change that.

The rise of militias and the patriot movement has not taken place in a vacuum. It coincides with a time in which federal agencies have seized control of virtually every aspect of private and public life, and

sent forth an army of federal bureaucrats and lawyers to enforce that control.

This trend has dramatically restricted individual liberty, something most Americans think they are entitled to as a matter of birth. We used to hear the phrase, "It's a free country." The phrase was used to turn back the burden of argument on those who would restrict our liberty, invade our privacy or take our property.

But no more. The burden of proof is now on the citizenry. In truth, we no longer live in a free country. The United States is host to the largest and most powerful government known to the history of man. And not a day goes by when some federal agency doesn't demand more power.

The country is strewn with government's victims: the businessman who hired or promoted in the wrong racial configuration, the landowner whose property values have been destroyed by environmental bureaucrats, the family corporation driven to bankruptcy by regulation and taxes or the gun collector who finds himself unjustly under federal investigation.

Liberals say people who resent this are nut cases. Far nuttier is the belief that you can erect a leviathan state in a free country and not have people rise up in rebellion.

All reports say what's been haunting McVeigh is the death of more than 80 people in Waco, Texas. When it came time for justice there, who was on trial? The surviving members of the church.

The guilty verdict in the McVeigh trial will settle little. The judge forbade testimony of an informant for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms who wanted to implicate the federal government at some level. Further, the judge wouldn't allow full reports of corruption at the FBI's own lab.

The prosecution kept reminding us that the government was not on trial here. Will it ever be? Can it be, under our present system?



## Why Are Public Schools More Segregated, But Marriages More Integrated?

WASHINGTON, DC — America is becoming more racially divided and segregated. No, America is becoming more racially integrated and tolerant.

Actually, both statements are true, the Libertarian Party says, depending on who's in charge — private citizens or the government.

"The evidence is clear: If you want a racially divided society, get politicians to start passing laws," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national chairman. "If you want to promote harmony and tolerance, put your trust in individuals and the free market."

Need proof? Dasbach cited two new studies — one showing that America is fracturing on racial lines, and one showing that racial togetherness is flourishing like never before.

- A new study by the Harvard Graduate School of Education entitled "Deepening Segregation in American Public Schools" reveals that "segregation is spreading" in government schools. The study, taken between 1968 and 1994, reports that segregation of black and Hispanic students is surging — despite the government's 43-year campaign to mandate integration.
- But new research by the Bureau of the Census discovered that intermarriages between blacks and whites are skyrocketing. Since 1970, the number of interracial marriages has grown from less than 400,000 to more than 1.5 million. The number of interracial children has quadrupled to more than 2 million. And by 1993, one in every eight African-American marriages included a white spouse — the highest percentage in American history.

"Marriages are becoming more integrated. Government schools are becoming more segregated. How do we explain this paradox?" asked Dasbach. "The answer is simple: The government is in charge of schools.

And individuals are in charge of marriage."

Coincidence? Not at all, said Dasbach. Instead, it's the result of a fundamental difference between the government and individuals.

"Government politicizes every decision and creates battling special interest groups," he said. "In fact, politicians maintain their power by encouraging conflict and divisiveness — and by handing out favors and privileges to the people who win political battles.

"The result? Throughout history, certain groups have been able to use the power of government to turn their prejudices into law: through slavery, Jim Crow laws, apartheid, affirmative action, restrictions on voting, and so on. In other words, racism gets perpetuated through too much government, not through too much freedom."

The answer is not to turn to more government for solutions, said Dasbach, but to keep government from doing harm. "The answer is to trust people to do the decent thing, and give them the freedom to do what is right," he asserted.

"In America, in those areas where we've kept the government out — in marriage and most interpersonal relations — racial tolerance is flourishing. But where the government is most involved — in education, especially grade schools and high schools — we see more racial hostility and segregation," he said.

"So, America has a choice to make: Do we want to repeat the mistakes that created more school segregation — or encourage the trends that sparked more intermarriages? In other words, should we put our trust in government or individuals to create a more tolerant society? The answer should be obvious."

The Libertarian Party opposes government discrimination of any kind. The party believes the only way to create a harmonious society — with opportunity for all — is by making sure that the heavy hand of government is not used to pass laws against, or restrict economic opportunities for, any group or individual.

—Libertarian Party Press Release

## Top Ten Acts of The Clinton Administration To Divide Americans By Race and Ethnicity

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On June 14, at the University of California, San Diego, President Clinton delivered a speech on racial reconciliation and unveiled a "race initiative." The black leadership group Project 21 has put together this Top 10 List to remind every American, of every race, that the President may speak the language of reconciliation, but his Administration has instituted and enforced policies of racial and ethnic division.

- Number 10. Using quotas to choose delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

The 1996 Delegate Selection Rules by the Democratic National Committee required that the racial make-up of the delegates from each state exactly match the racial make-up of voters in the state.

- Number 9. Distrusting the intelligence of minorities, the Administration refuses to count 10% of all Americans in the 2000 Census.

To correct a disproportionately high undercount of minorities in the 1990 Census, the Census Bureau plans to unconstitutionally only count 90% of Americans, leaving statisticians to guess the racial make-up and location of the rest of Americans. Rather than spend more on minority outreach and hire people in their local communities to fulfill a constitutional function of the Commerce Department to count everyone, the Census Bureau has decided that minorities are incapable of filling out census forms.

- Number 8. Violating Title VII (prohibiting employment discrimination) of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

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In a reversal of a previous position, Clinton's then-assistant attorney general in charge of civil rights, Deval Patrick, chose to back the Piscataway High School board in its decision to use race as a means of determining whether to lay off a black or white teacher of equal qualifications. The white teacher lost her job because the school board said the black teacher added to the diversity of the business education department of the school.

- Number 7. Exploiting ethnic and racial politics to get votes and raise money.

African-Americans, Asians, Indians, and Hispanics were among the racial groups targeted with bribes of administrative positions and favors for donating political contributions and using balkanizing outreach plans to increase ethnic and racial votes for President Clinton.

- Number 6. Listing the race and ethnicity of its political supporters in a centralized database.

The White House received criticism for using public funds to maintain a database of political supporters used for campaign purposes. Little criticism, however, was directed at the information on political contributors which went beyond name and address and actually included supporters' race and ethnicity. Even more appalling was that some of the ethnic classifications were based on physical appearance or the ethnic origins of the supporters' names.

- Number 5. Backing special interests over the interests of the nation and minorities.

President Clinton has reversed previous support for school choice and bowed to the National Education Association despite the popularity of school choice among African-Americans. As governor of Arkansas, President Clinton sent a letter to Wisconsin state legislator Polly Williams praising her for her school choice bill: "I am fascinated by that [school choice] proposal and am having my staff analyze it. I'm concerned that the traditional Democratic Party establishment has not given you more encouragement. The visionary is rarely embraced by [the] status quo."

As President, Clinton has opposed

a school choice initiative in California and released the following statement in 1996 regarding a school choice provision in the 1995 District of Columbia Appropriations Act: "...establishing a private-school voucher system in the nation's capital would set a dangerous precedent for using federal taxpayer funds for private schools across the country."

- Number 4. Unfairly accusing political opponents of Administration policies as being racists.

After the Administration's fundraising scandal broke, a Commerce Department memo recommended attacking Republicans and other critics of the scandal as being anti-Asian.

President Clinton, in his State of the Union speech, defended the fundraising scandal by playing the race card and implying critics of his fundraising techniques harbored anti-Asian sentiments.

In another incident, White House spokesman Mike McCurry asserted that Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's initial criticism of African-American Secretary of Labor nominee Alexis Herman was based more on her race than on her ethical standards.

- Number 3. Using the Justice Department to oppose California's Proposition 209.

The Clinton Administration's Justice Department filed an amicus curiae brief against Proposition 209. The brief argued that the proposition, which would bar California state government agencies from discriminating on the basis of race and sex, was unconstitutional. The proposition was approved by 54% of California's voters in the 1996 general election.

Prior to Proposition 209's passage, then-White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta threatened to cut off all federal funding to California when the California Board of Regents eliminated admissions preferences and quotas. Panetta stated: "Obviously we're going to be reviewing our contract laws and the provision of resources to that state."

- Number 2. Threatening Texas universities for ending racist admissions policies.

Norma Cantu, assistant secretary of education and chief of the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights, sent out letters to Texas state

universities informing them that the Fifth Circuit Court's ruling in *Hopwood v. Texas* that different admissions policies for blacks, whites, Hispanics, and Asians are unconstitutional should be ignored. She further insinuated that if these race-based admissions policies were ended, the universities could lose \$500 million in federal funds for scholarships, work study, and research grants. She was later forced to back down on her threat.

- Number 1. Defending and continuing government racial preference programs.

On June 12, 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Adarand Constructors v. Peña* that federal set-asides must meet the following "strict scrutiny" test: (1) Set-asides must meet a compelling state interest to remedy specific factual findings of discrimination, and (2) race-neutral remedies must be considered before racial preferences. Furthermore, the remedy must be directed only toward identified victims of past discrimination and cannot extend longer than the discriminatory effects it was intended to eliminate.

Rather than comply with *Adarand*, the Administration has sought to do everything in its power to ignore it. In response to *Adarand*, the Justice Department released a memo written by Assistant Attorney General Walter Dellinger that provides legal instructions to the general counsels of executive agencies on what arguments to make to oppose *Adarand*.

The memo was followed by "Affirmative Action Review: A Report to the President," by two White House aides that did not recommend eliminating even one of the existing 171 federal affirmative action programs.

The Administration continues to litigate *Adarand* in its quest to maintain its racial preference programs. It has argued that Congress is exempt from the "strict scrutiny" standard. The Administration also contends that since *Adarand Constructors* wins half the guardrail contracts in Colorado, that is enough evidence that racial discrimination exists and the government should be free to continue to award cash payments to contractors who award subcontracts to disadvantaged entities. On June 3, 1997, the

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Colorado federal court rejected these latest arguments by the Administration.

A series of official memos from the Executive Branch demonstrate that the "mend it, don't end it" slogan of the Clinton Administration is flashy rhetoric for maintaining the status quo. A memorandum by the Undersecretary of Defense said the following to his subalterns: "I need to be consulted whenever you are confronting the possibility that any excepted position [i.e., political appointment] or any career position at GS-15 level and higher is likely to be filled by a candidate who will not enhance... diversity."

Another memo out of the Defense Department stated that, "In the future, special permission will be required for the promotion of all white men without disabilities."

Yet another memo, this one from the National Park Service's director, stated: "Surely, we must be able to find a use for a Swahili-speaking person who has Peace Corps experience, is a cum laude in English from Harvard and has a biological background in date manipulation... Unfortunately, Mr. Trevor is white, which is too bad."

While these memos are revealing, the real proof of the Administration's support for quotas can be found in the policies and positions of executive branch departments and agencies including the Departments of Justice, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, Education, Transportation, Defense, Health and Human Services as well as the Small Business Administration.

### • Honorable Mentions:

#### I. Playing racial politics with Haitian refugees.

In the midst of his 1992 campaign for the Democratic nomination, candidate Clinton was quoted in the Miami Herald as saying: "I think the president [George Bush] played racial politics with the Haitian refugees. I wouldn't be shipping those poor people back." As President, Clinton said in a radio address to the Haitian people: "Those who do leave Haiti for the United States by boat will be stopped and directly returned by the United States Coast Guard." According to his own standard, Clinton is

guilty of playing racial politics.

#### II. Granting U.S. citizenship to potentially Democratic voters before the election.

The Clinton Administration granted U.S. citizenship to 180,000 immigrants without background checks to increase the Democratic vote in the 1996 Presidential election. Was the ethnicity of an immigrant taken into account when deciding if an immigrant was likely to vote for Democrats?

#### III. Nominating political appointees based on whether they "look like America."

In his book *Values Matter Most*, Ben Wattenberg, a syndicated columnist and a former aide to President Lyndon Johnson, wrote of the first Clinton Administration: "...President Clinton began to look like President Bean Counter by appointing an administration to look like America, rather than to think like America." Wattenberg went on to write: "Just about every other [Clinton] appointee in charge of the various civil rights bureaucracies within government came from the activist ranks of the quota-pushers." Wattenberg described Mary Frances Berry, Clinton's pick for chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission on Civil Rights, as "the all-time, all-star quintessential queen of the quotacrats." According to Wattenberg, Berry once wrote that "civil rights laws were not passed to give civil rights to all Americans... [but only] to disfavored groups [such as] blacks, Hispanics and women."

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## Letter

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your first issue as editor of "Colorado Liberty".

Mary Margaret put together an excellent convention - attended by the terrific state membership. And your reportage of the event was solid.

Looking at the summary of "The Silver Bullet Vs. Silver Buckshot", I must have failed to underscore the two pillars that underlie my speech.

1. The Silver Bullet Fallacy is the belief that there is **one** magic bullet that will, once and for all, bring about the triumph of liberty. "If only we would **all** do X - found a country, or evangelize jury nullification, or put every libertarian dollar in America into one U.S. Congressional race, or convince all Americans to separate school and state, or move to Fort Collins — then our work would be done." • The Silver Bullet Fallacy: there's one big magic silver bullet and **only one** Werewolf to slay.

2. The Silver Buckshot Solution: there are many different things that we can do to dramatically advance liberty. Every one of these effective activities contributes to our Libertarian Progress. And, with organizations like the Libertarian Party, there are five indispensable parts of silver buckshot: mission, management, marketing, members, and money. Their presence in the Silver Buckshot will **not** guarantee success, but their absence **will** guarantee failure. • Silver buckshot is not a one-time miracle cure for freedom. "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance," said Burke. That's part of the price. Other parts of the price are endless effort, continuing education and communication, and "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honors." The fight for freedom is never over.

Please forgive my failure to better communicate these premises.

An informative and exciting "Colorado Liberty" is one more valuable piece of Silver Buckshot that will help move us forward to freedom. You've made a very good beginning.

Warmly, Michael Cloud

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