

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."  
— Benjamin Franklin, Historical Review of Pennsylvania, 1759



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## Chairman and Administrator to come Visit

Chairman Mark Bodenhause and Administrator Mike Rster will be coming by to talk with our members about the future of the LPA. They are interested in hearing comments and concerns that our membership might have. Topics of discussion will include candidates and our effects on various races as well as strategies for the future. Please attend this vital meeting. Our first announced candidate for 2002 — Candidate Dick Coffee will also be there to discuss his campaign.

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## How to Win the War Against Terrorism

The Pentagon sent out a plea for technological solutions to their overwhelming task of protecting the nation against terrorism. Yes it is overwhelming! Ask yourself, how can you stop a terrorist willing to give up their life for their cause? Martyrs are nearly impossible to stop. The only means, once the terrorist is on their mission is to utterly destroy them and if they are armed with explosives it will include everyone and everything around them.

An impossible task? Not really, but the real solutions are not new devices that invade our privacy or require us to give up our Constitutional rights. But rather the real solutions require a leap of faith on the part of the public and the United States government. Instead of forming additional vast centralized bureaucracies, the government simply needs to trust its citizens. Instead of further eroding our liberties and freedoms and concentrating them in the hands of the Executive Branch, the government needs to expand the power of its citizens to fight terrorism. Instead of a force of five thousand or ten thousand or one hundred thousand you can have a force of two hundred million strong.

How? The horrible incident of September 11<sup>th</sup>, would never have happened if the citizens of those planes simply had their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights! This outrage happened because citizens were deprived of their rights to defend themselves. The most horrible aspect of the entire incident was the fact that the terrorists were able to do this with...box cutters?! When virtually anything can become a weapon -- the government insists on further depriving its citizens of any ability to combat a criminal, drunk, or our worst nightmares.

The solution is not a new National police force to fight terrorism. But the solution of decentralizing the ability of the United States to defend itself. This will only happen when each citizen can combat crime and terrorism. This will happen only when each citizen has inalienable rights of defense. Inalienable? That is a word that has slipped out our vocabulary. Rights

that are inalienable cannot be registered and controlled, any more so then rights of religion should not be registered or controlled. Those ideas of our founding fathers have been distorted into our present political correctness and impotence.

Libertarians understand that this is not a common solution that you will hear from the various political pundits. We understand that there is fear in the ideas of common gun ownership. But our nation emerged from such a time when all had guns and those that were deprived through various laws instantly became lesser citizens. What gun control has done has changed us all into lesser citizens. All citizens must have the ability to enforce those rights guaranteed in our Constitution.

Real solutions to terrorism require open minds that respect each person around you and the ability to defend oneself, in an instant when transgressions occur. Anything else is merely delaying the inevitable -- another horrible moment that will be etched in our minds and in the history books.

Mike Rster  
Administrator

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## There's only one way to protect the U.S. against anthrax terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON, DC -- The outbreak of anthrax on Capitol Hill is ultimate proof that nothing can protect all Americans from unpredictable "retail" terrorist attacks -- and that the only long-term solution is to move towards a "Protect America First" foreign policy to deprive terrorists of their rationale for targeting us, the Libertarian Party said today.

"With these anthrax attacks, terrorists have demonstrated that they have the ability to attack and injure Americans in grisly ways no one predicted, and in ways that are all but impossible to protect against," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director.

"That's why, even as we pray for the men and women in Washington, DC who have been exposed to this deadly disease, we must point out: A non-interventionist foreign policy is the only real protection against ruthless, cunning, and savage terrorists.

"Only a non-interventionist foreign policy will help keep Americans safe from hijackings, bio-terrorism, and whatever vicious and evil future attacks such terrorists might conceive."

This week, 31 Congressional staffers and police tested positive for anthrax exposure, causing panic on Capitol Hill and prompting the U.S. House to temporarily shut down. The airborne anthrax spores that triggered the infections had apparently been mailed in an envelope to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office.

The anthrax is believed to be the same strain that caused outbreaks in at least two other states and killed one man in Florida, leading the FBI to speculate that the attacks are the work of terrorists.

If that is indeed the case, the anthrax assault is evidence that law enforcement can never completely stop unconventional terrorist attacks, said Dasbach.

"Most of the U.S. government's anti-terrorism plans revolve around what might be called wholesale terrorism: Airline hijackings, truck bombs, poisoned water supplies, and so on," he said. "Those kinds of attacks focus on killing large numbers of people, and are best thwarted by heightened vigilance and traditional law enforcement techniques.

"But with the anthrax assault, the terrorists have begun to engage in retail terrorism -- using methods that kill individually, but are designed to strike fear into the entire population."

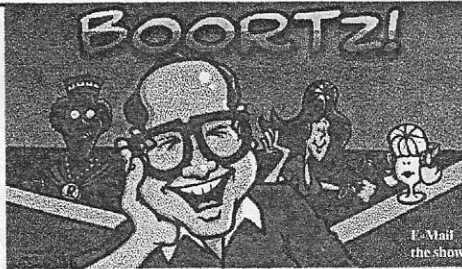
The problem with such retail terrorism, said Dasbach, is that it is nearly impossible to individually defend 280 million Americans from such threats, especially if the terrorists continue to use original and innovative methods.

"If you look at countries that are most vigilant against terrorism -- like Israel -- you see that terrorists are still able to assassinate politicians, bomb restaurants, and launch sniper attacks on remote farms," he said.

"The danger is even greater in the United States, since we are a more open nation. Who knows what terrorists might do next: Plant anthrax spores in food products in your local supermarket? Put smallpox bacteria in a public swimming pool? Drop plague-causing agents into the ventilation system of a hotel? Or launch some other kind of deadly offensive we

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**Anthrax Solutions**

can't even predict?"

That's why the only viable long-term solution is to make sure that terrorists have less incentive to try to kill Americans, said Dasbach. And the only way to accomplish that is to adjust our foreign policy so it focuses on defending America, while steering clear of foreign conflicts, hatreds, and feuds.

"Our foreign policy should have one simple goal: To defend Americans in the United States against the risk of attack from foreign powers," he said. "Unfortunately, our current policy does everything but that.

"Instead, the United States has more than 200,000 troops stationed in 144 countries and territories. We routinely send money to both sides in international conflicts. We make alliances with totalitarian or oppressive regimes. We fund and train ruthless military forces -- like the mujahedeen in Afghanistan -- that we later go to war against.

"This isn't a foreign policy that makes Americans more safe. It is a foreign policy that puts our military at risk in countless foreign conflicts, inspires waves of anti-Americanism across the globe, and gives deranged terrorists an excuse to target us for retribution.

"And it's a foreign policy that must change if we want to protect Americans against future anthrax attacks -- or whatever depraved evil that homicidal terrorists may think up next."

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## Political Survey

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What do think should be the main priority of the Libertarian Party of Alabama? Please check two at the most.

- Ballot Access**
- Activist Programs**
- Signs and Billboards**
- Campus Activity**
- Legislative Remedies**
- Candidate Support**
- Membership Growth**
- Other**

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What ISSUES should the Libertarian Party of Alabama focus on? Please number by priority.

2nd Amendment Rights \_\_\_\_\_

Taxes \_\_\_\_\_

Drug War \_\_\_\_\_

Privacy Issues \_\_\_\_\_

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