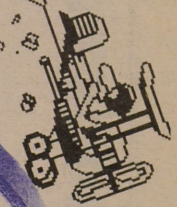


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Two-party system failing

Voters are fed up with the two prevailing parties; a major political realignment seems more likely now than at any time since the Civil War.

Poll after poll shows that a majority of voters do not believe that the Republican and Democratic parties offer a satisfactory choice of candidates and programs. Public confidence in government is also at or near a historic low. As a result, there is a heightened interest in new, or alternative, parties. According to *Congressional Quarterly*, the Libertarian Party has achieved a status not enjoyed by any "third" party in decades (see related story) while the Ross Perot-backed Reform Party is struggling to achieve ballot status on a state-by-state basis. So far, the Reform Party has been successful in California, but failed to meet requirements in Ohio and Maine. Other new entries include the Green Party and the Natural Law Party.

50 States, Congressional Majority

Of the "alternative" parties, only the Libertarians seem likely to meet two key requirements to qualify as a true, nationwide third party. First: ballot status in all 50 states. And second: fielding candidates in a majority of the 435 Congressional Districts in the United States. There are at least three serious contenders for the Libertarians' presidential nomination, while the Reform Party has no prospects other than the mercurial Mr. Perot. Reform Party organizers admit that they may in fact wind up simply endorsing another party's candidates. Understandably, this has dampened the enthusiasm of some of their supporters.

Old Parties "Out of Touch"

Fueling the growing dissatisfaction with the two old-line parties is a sense that both have "lost their way." The Democrats, once the

party of civil liberties and anti-discrimination policies, now support censorship, racial quotas, and the police-state tactics of the disastrous "War on Drugs." Likewise, while the Republicans continue to give lip service to the idea of "minimum government," they have abandoned any pretense of actually *reducing* the size, cost and power of the Federal behemoth. Now, they talk only of "slowing the rate of growth," and turning programs over to state governments. And younger voters are being turned off by the repressive social views which many Republicans support.

Major realignment possible

A look at history shows that the U.S. political system undergoes a major realignment about once every 70-75 years. The last such upheaval was in the 1930s, at the time of the New Deal. It appears increasingly likely that we are now in the early stages of the next major "sea change." See related stories, pages 3 and 11.

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The essence of liberty

As a founder of the Libertarian Party and Editor-in-Chief of *California Liberty*, I am often asked how to tell if someone is "really" a libertarian.

This question has arisen more often than usual in the past year, as more and more politicians are starting to use libertarian-sounding rhetoric — and it's a point worth raising.

There are probably as many different definitions of the word "libertarian" as there are people who claim the label. These range from overly broad ("anyone who calls himself a libertarian is one") to impossibly doctrinaire ("only those who agree with every word in the party platform are truly anointed"). My own definition is that in order to be considered a libertarian, at least in the political context, an individual must adhere without compromise to five key points.

Ideally, of course, we'd all be in agreement on everything. But we're not, and probably never will be. Debate is likely to continue indefinitely on such matters as abortion, foreign policy and whether, when and how various government programs can be discontinued or privatized. But as far as I'm concerned, if someone is sound on these five points, he/she is *de facto* a libertarian; if he fails on even one of the five, he isn't.

What, then, are the "indispensable five" — the points of no compromise?

You Own Yourself

First and foremost, libertarians believe in the principle of self-ownership. You own your own body and mind; no external power has the right to force you into the service of "society" or "mankind" or any other individual or group for any purpose, however noble. Slavery is wrong, period.

Because you own yourself, you are responsible for your own well-being. Others are not obligated to feed you, clothe you, or provide you with health care. Most of us choose to help one another voluntarily, for a variety of reasons — and that's as it should be — but "forced compassion" is an oxymoron, a contradiction in terms.

The Right to Self-Defense

Self-ownership implies the right to self-defense. Libertarians yield to no one in their support for our right as individuals to keep

and bear arms. We only wish that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution said "The right to self-defense being inalienable..." instead of that stuff about a "well-regulated militia". Anyone who thinks that government — any government — has the right to disarm its citizens is *not* a libertarian!

No "Criminal Possession" Laws

In fact, libertarians believe that individuals have the right to own and use *anything* — gold, guns, marijuana, sexually explicit material — so long as they do not harm others through force or the threat of force. Laws criminalizing the simple possession of anything are tailor-made for police states; it is all too easy to plant a forbidden substance in someone's home, car or pocket. Libertarians are as tough on crime — real crime — as anyone. But criminal possession laws are an affront to liberty, whatever the rhetoric used to defend them.

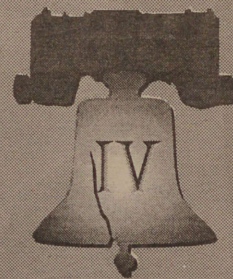
No Taxes on Productivity

In an ideal world, there would be no taxation. All services would be paid for on an as-used basis. But in a less-than-ideal world, some services will be force-financed. However, not all taxes are equally deleterious, and the worst form of taxation is a tax on productivity — i.e. an "income" tax — and no libertarian supports this type of taxation.

What kind of taxation is least harmful? This is a topic still open for debate. My own preference is for a single tax on land, with landholders doing their own valuation; you'd state the price at which you'd be willing to sell your land, and pay taxes on that amount. Anyone (including the tax collector) who wanted to buy it at that price could do so. This is simple, fair, and minimizes government snooping into our lives and business. Is this "the" libertarian position on taxes? No. But all libertarians oppose any form of income tax.

A Sound Money System

The fifth and final key test of anyone's claim to being a libertarian is their support



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for an honest money system; i.e. one where the currency is backed by something of true value (usually gold or silver). Fiat money — money with no backing, whose acceptance is mandated by the State — is simply legalized counterfeiting and is one of the keys to expanding government power.

The five points enumerated here are not a complete, comprehensive prescription for freedom... but they would take us most of the way. A government which cannot conscript, confiscate or counterfeit, and which imposes no criminal penalties for the mere possession and peaceful use of anything, is one that almost all libertarians would be comfortable with. **David F. Nolan**

Congressional Quarterly: Libertarians earn their stripes

WASHINGTON, DC — The Libertarian Party is the most influential and successful third party in decades, says the new issue of *Congressional Quarterly's* **Researcher** magazine.

"Founded in 1971, the Libertarian Party today wields influence far beyond its ranks," reports the December 22, 1995 issue of the magazine, which focuses on the return of Ross Perot and third party prospects in 1996 and beyond.

"In Washington, libertarian positions — espoused by the party itself or the Cato

Institute, an avowedly libertarian think tank — now form part of policy debates on issues ranging from health care and government regulation to welfare and tax policy. [And] many of the newly elected Republican members of Congress use libertarian-style rhetoric," writes the magazine.

"Meanwhile the party is also working to build its local base. [There are] more than 140 Libertarians that the national headquarters lists as current officeholders — ranging from a state legislator in New Hampshire down to a member of the downtown neighborhood board in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Libertarian officeholders give the party a status that no third party has enjoyed in decades."

The CQ Researcher devoted a "sidebar" — nearly full-page in length — to the Libertarian Party. The only other "third party" contender receiving equal treatment: Colin Powell.

And the "For More Information" section of the magazine included the addresses of the Republican National Committee, the Democratic National Committee, United We Stand, America — and the Libertarian Party. The Libertarian Party now has more than 160 members in public office. —DFN

Libertarian Party sets three growth records

WASHINGTON, DC — The Libertarian Party achieved a triple breakthrough recently, setting new records for the number of contributing members, registered voters, and Libertarians in office.

"The Libertarian Party is definitely on a roll!" said LP National Director Perry Willis.

According to party records, there are now:

- 14,031 contributing Libertarian Party members — an all-time high. That represents an increase of almost 5% in the last month, and a 33% increase since early 1995.
- 164 Libertarians serving in public office — an all-time high. That represents a 26% increase from early 1995.

The list of Libertarian Party members in elected or appointed office now includes one State Representative in New Hampshire, one mayor in California, and more than 30 city or town council members around the country

"These 164 Libertarians are our Farm Team," said Willis. "These are the people who give us credibility and who will someday win election to state legislatures and eventually Congress. They are laying the foundation for our future Libertarian majority."

Also, according to figures released by Richard Winger, editor of *Ballot Access News*, the number of registered Libertarians has reached an all-time high: 123,000. That represents a 13% increase since 1994, the last time figures were available.

Willis said this triple score — record numbers of members, registered voters, and Libertarians in office — confirms the political strategy the party has been following for the past two years.

"Our strategy has been to build membership, and everything else will follow," he said. "This growth is giving us the resources we need to succeed as America's Third Party."

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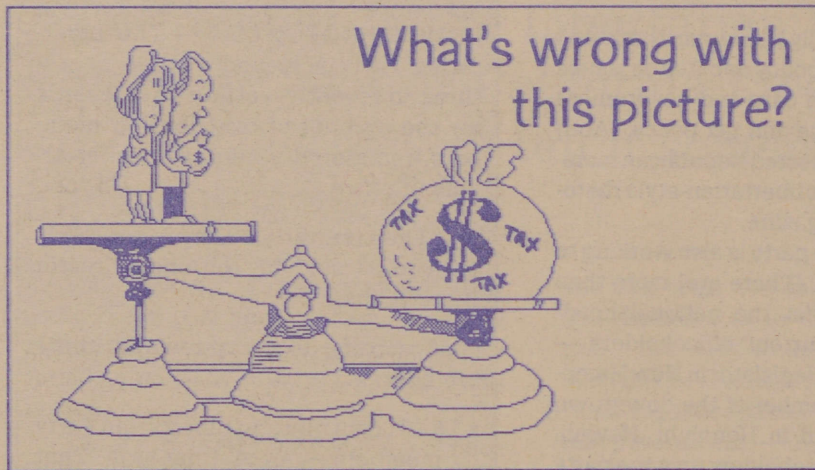
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Income Tax under fire



Members of Congress are seeking public support for various proposals to abolish the present tax system; they realize that it is 'broken and can't be fixed.' It's expensive to run, extremely complex and requires invasion of privacy. The IRS has gotten "out of control" — our constitutional rights are being trampled, while the government loses \$200 billion in tax revenue each year because an estimated 20 million non-filers, including illegal aliens and those in the underground economy, don't pay any income taxes.

A recent Gallup poll revealed that 67% of Americans, of all political affiliations, would prefer a national retail sales tax to the present

system. One big reason: simplicity — no Form 1040 to file, no agonizing paperwork; you just pay as you purchase. No more dreading April 15th, no invasion of privacy, no audits... and no IRS!

U.S. Representative Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, says he wants to "abolish the Federal income tax and replace it with a broad-based tax on consumption." Archer says he's looking at all sorts of options to get the IRS out of our lives, but isn't sure he has the power to fight the wall of opposition — the special interests who benefit from the current system. "Only a groundswell of public opinion can break through the wall," says Archer.

Hot issue in '96 campaign?

Several presidential candidates have already boarded the tax-repeal campaign train.

When Richard Lugar, U.S. Senator from Indiana, announced his presidential candidacy, he stated that the major plank in his platform is to establish a national retail sales tax. Lugar said, "...I favor abolishing the federal income tax and all of the Internal Revenue Service apparatus... Specifically, I propose to abolish completely the federal individual and corporate tax, capital gains taxes, gift taxes, and inheritance taxes all at the same time."

Libertarian presidential aspirants Harry Browne, Rick Tompkins and Irwin Schiff have also said that they would repeal of the income tax; Schiff claims that most Americans are not actually required to pay this tax anyhow. And Senator Phil Gramm, from Texas, also a candidate for president, has said that he, too, is considering a proposal to eliminate the Federal income tax. Other presidential candidates are likely to hop onboard as support for ending the income tax continues to grow. As David Keating, President of National Taxpayers Union Foundation, has said, "More and more elected officials are coming to realize what millions of taxpayers already know: the current federal tax system is a lumbering dinosaur that crushes economic expansion and taxpayer rights under its weight. Taxpayers would welcome its extinction before we enter the next century." **Lynford L. Theobald**

Why are laws abused? Some food for thought.

What is law, and what is its purpose? We must agree on the answers to these fundamental questions before we waste further debate on the federal budget. In 1850, Frederic Bastiat posed these questions, and with impeccable logic, he comprehensively answered them in his essay entitled "The Law." I encourage everyone to read his work, which I paraphrase here.

Property existed before Law. The right of an individual to defend himself and his property existed before Law. When people contracted with each other to take turns at guard or to pool their resources and hire full-time guards, so that they could be more productive and more reliably enjoy the fruits of their labor, they made Law.

Law is merely an expression of collective self-defense. As such, the Law cannot justifiably be used by one individual or group of individuals to take the life, liberty or property of another individual or group, or to deny them self-defense. If the Law is so used, it is perverted. The Law becomes an instrument of plunder (rob, ravage, despoil) rather than the punisher of plunder. There is no end to the mischief that can be done in the name of Law perverted.

Regardless of the form a government may take, the Law can only take one of three

forms: 1. the few plunder the many; 2. everyone plunders everyone; or 3. nobody plunders anybody.

In the first form, the Law is perverted by a few and used for their benefit at the expense of those without influence. In the second form, suffrage is more or less universal. Everyone competes to pervert the Law to their benefit, or to impose their vision of utopia on everyone else. In the third form, the Law is unperverted. It is restricted to the equal protection of each individual's life, liberty and property, so there is little interest in the making of Law.

We must choose among these three forms of Law. In 1776, we chose to end the plunder, with two exceptions: slavery and import duties. Bastiat accurately predicted in 1850 that these exceptions would compel disunion, as they did in 1863. It was import duties and the threat of free ports in the South that motivated the North to forcibly maintain the union.

Not long after the American Revolution, the French people ended their monarchy, but despite Bastiat's best efforts to persuade them otherwise, they used their newly acquired vote to partake in the plunder rather than end it. They embraced mercantilism and socialism. We see in their recent

riots the difficulty of ending plunder once it is considered to be a right.

We in America gradually came to emulate the French. We voted to pervert the Law and use it for plunder. Now many Americans feel they are entitled to the property of others or to the fruits of their labor. Many Americans find it easier to grasp the Law and use it to compel rather than persuade people to contribute to their favorite charity or to behave differently. Our corporate and social subsidies, unequal taxes and duties and innumerable regulations are just various ways of organizing plunder. We are all less secure, less wealthy, less free and more divided as a consequence.

Do we continue the perversion of Law as an instrument of plunder? Do we continue the congressional circus, the see-saw battle over power and pork? Do we continue to organize into special interest groups seeking more plunder, or seeking protection from plunder? Do we continue to escalate the cost of influence to the extent that the few again plunder the many? Or do we return the Law to its rightful purpose?

The choice is yours. You may continue to vote Republican or Democrat, or you can vote Libertarian and end the plunder — all of it. **William T. Holmes**

Social Security stomps Generation X

A recent poll taken by Generation X group Third Millennium found that almost twice as many 18- to 34-years olds believe in UFOs as believe in the long term existence of Social Security.

Estimates of the demise of Social Security range from the year 2010 to 2030, with the 2030 guess counting on the money in the Social Security Trust Fund to delay the crash. The only problem is, there's no money in the Social Security Trust Fund because Congress continues to spend it all.

Either way, the difference is of little relevance to the average college student. Social Security will be toast by the time we

face a lower standard of living than our parents. We certainly do not need to add to this burden by carrying the cross of a Social Security disaster.

We might expect that our pal Newt Gingrich, Mr. Fiscal responsibility himself (except when it comes to military procurements in his own district), would be hot on this issue. After all, part of the Contract with America is about guaranteeing "our chil-

The reason timing is so critical is that the burden needs to be shared with the boomers, and that means something needs to be done soon, before they start retiring.

What are some of the options?

Test Social Security benefits. We hand out billions of dollars to the well-to-do elderly while slashing social programs for children. What kind of society operates like this? Benefits should be ratcheted down incrementally in proportion to income over a set amount, say 10 percent of benefits lost for every \$10,000 of annual income over \$40,000. This is an idea that is gaining acceptance for all federal entitlement programs as budget balancing has (finally) entered the realm of mainstream political discourse.

Raise the retirement age. The retirement age is the same today as it was when life expectancy was 10 years lower than it is today. Even a modest increase, to 67, would mean huge savings.

The IRA option. One proposal suggests that workers pay about half of what they do now into the system to provide for low income elderly, and the other half into mandatory IRA-like accounts. This would keep the government's hands out of the cookie jar, and guarantee that workers today would see at least some of their money when they retire.

In closing, a few words of magnificent wisdom from former Senator Paul Tsongas, co-founder of the Concord Coalition, a grassroots bipartisan organization dedicated to eliminating budget deficits:

"As someone who goes to campus and gives speeches, I think the retirees would be well-advised to spend a little more time with the young and get a sense of how strong their feelings are about this.

"It's not a choice between an adjustment today and keeping things as they are forever. It's really a choice between an adjustment today or waiting for the cataclysm to happen, at which point the young will rebel and you will see politicians running on an anti-retiree platform."

Gosh, Paul, couldn't have said better myself. Listening Newt & Bill? Listening, AARP?

Listening, fellow students? **J. D. Whitlock**

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Why this hypocrisy? Go figure. The AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) is the country's largest, and arguably most powerful, lobbying group. Suggesting that Social Security needs an overhaul is the political equivalent of jumping on a live hand grenade on Capitol Hill today. Older Americans vote; we don't.

retire if the status quo continues to reign.

In order to finance the baby boomers' retirement at a level equal to today's benefits in the year 2010, we will need to shell out about a quarter of our income in payroll taxes. Why? Because in 1950 there were 16 workers paying taxes for every retiree collecting benefits. Today, three workers support each Social Security recipient. In 30 years, the figure will be two to one.

In addition, longer life expectancies and automatic cost of living adjustments mean that the average Social Security recipient today collected all that he/she paid into the system (with interest) in the first few years of retirement. Everything after that has been hoisted onto the backs of younger generation.

As we are all quite aware by now, our generation is the first ever in this country to

dren" the opportunity to have a realistic shot at the American Dream, right?

Maybe not. Gingrich recently called the problem with Social Security "an abstraction that is 25 years from now."

The Democrats aren't much better. Their traditional "offend no one" strategy, while talking about constructive change, hasn't failed them yet (or they haven't noticed yet). Common sense proposals on Social Security from moderate, bipartisan groups are routinely slashed by the White House.

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This situation can be handled a few different ways:

1) We can sit on our collective backsides now and in 20 years sacrifice our lifeblood to pay obscene payroll taxes.

2) We can sit on our collective backsides now and in 20 years vote the payroll taxes down and kick our parents out into the street.

3) We can demand that a realistic plan be developed and put into place now that will cushion the blow to future beneficiaries and create a substantial cash flow for Social Security.

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Cyberspace revolution?

Since we celebrate Independence Day in July, I thought it might be worthwhile to take a look at some of the factors leading to the next American Revolution. Consider for a moment what a German radical said about the revolutionary nature of modern capitalism back in the early 19th century:

"The [capitalist class] cannot exist without constantly revolutionizing the instruments of production, and thereby the relations of production, and with them the whole relations of society... Constant revolutionizing of production, uninterrupted disturbance of all social conditions, everlasting uncertainty and agitation distinguish [this

epoch] from all earlier ones. All fixed, fast-frozen relations, with their taint of ancient and

Encryption and the developing technology of digital cash allow people to circumvent government restrictions on currency transfers.

venerable prejudices and opinions are swept away, all new-formed ones become antiquated before they can ossify. All that is solid melts into the air, all that is holy is profaned, and man is at last compelled to face with sober senses his real conditions of life and his relations with his kind."

Consider how true those words would be today if we substitute "cybernetics" for "capitalist." Cybernetics has already revolutionized the world. Information, and not production, is becoming the critical factor in the post-industrial economy. Any political movement that gains control of the means of information (and not the means of production!) will lead the next revolution. The new revolutionary class is composed of the scientists, operators, and utilizers of cybernetic technology.

The Cyberspace Front

Possession of a computer, a modem and a place to link it gives the individual the following capabilities:

- a secure means of communications (through encryption);
- the ability to maintain contact with literally millions of other individuals;
- a means to generate propaganda (through communications and printouts);
- the ability to penetrate into the enemy's computer systems and neutralize them.

In effect, the individual can become a one-person revolutionary cadre. Multiply this process by millions of similar cybernetic operators, and it becomes apparent that repressive measures based on traditional means are inevitably doomed to failure.

No longer will governments or major media corporations be able to dominate the flow of information. Control of information is one of the prerequisites for repression in the modern world, a point which is recognized by every repressive states' utilization of censorship and propaganda apparatuses.

This has implications in other fields as well. For example, encryption and the developing technology of digital cash allow people to circumvent government restrictions on currency transfers. The standard government custom of seizing people's monetary assets becomes virtually impossible as, with the execution of a single preprogrammed command, one can transfer one's accounts to any number of secure locations globally. The balance of power as shifted to the individual.

Of course, those who benefit from the current power structure will resist cybernetic innovations. These interest groups claim that

cybernetics are a "threat" to society. They are right, but not in the way they claim in the media. The threat is not to individual citizens practicing their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The threat is to a society in which entrenched interests can dominate an otherwise free people.

Given the widescale presence of cybernetic communications equipment in the United States, any attempt of the government to suppress or even regulate cybernetic communications is inevitably doomed to failure. Since there is no centralized system of control or switching (as is true of telephone and network radio and television) it becomes impossible to strike against any insurgent cybernetic infrastructure.

By its very nature, cybernetics are chaotic. The more repressive the government becomes, the more people will resist; the more rigid security procedures are, the greater the opportunity to circumvent them. This cycle was demonstrated by the collapse of the late Soviet Union. The Soviet government attempted to suppress the new communications technology by rigidly controlling computers, faxes and photocopying machines. But no state in the modern world can destroy its own communications infrastructure and hope to survive. The end result was a revolution which brought down the once mighty Soviet empire.

This process is also apparent in the United States. Through its prosecution of Phil Zimmermann (inventor of PGP, encryption for the masses), the clipper chip controversy, and the Communications Decency Act (censoring cyberspace), the United States government has alienated the very people on whom the future of its technological progress depends. By alienating millions of cybernetically oriented citizens, the United States government has created the groundwork for the very revolutionary situation it hoped to avoid. This is already manifested in the widescale mobilization of the cybernetic community against further government intervention in cyberspace. The government has already been defeated in several key battles. The illegal Secret Service raid on Steve Jackson Games led to the government's comeuppance in court and the rise of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. More recently, the forces of freedom mobilized via the Internet to stop the clipper chip dead in its tracks.

It is fairly obvious that whatever the wishes of the government it is impossible for a state to stop the march of scientific/technological progress. A nation that did so would be destroyed, for it would be unable to compete economically or militarily in the modern world.

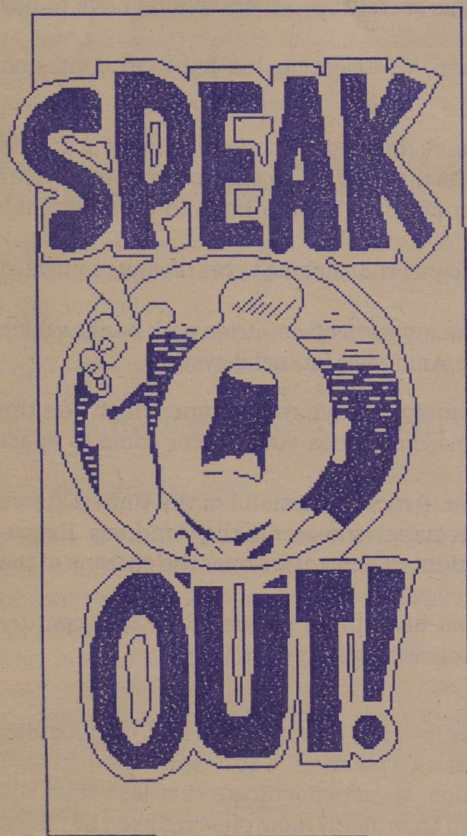
What Is to Be Done?

Any movement which desires to lead the next American revolution must mobilize the rising wave of cybernetics. This would mean:

- Learning how to use cybernetic technology.
- Abandoning policies which are past oriented; concentrate on the future instead.
- Actively recruiting cybernetically oriented people.
- Establishing advocacy and legal defense organizations to combat repressive government policies
- Actually utilize this technology for political protest and gaining the support of the majority of citizens.

The point is, it doesn't really matter what the forces of repression do; historically, they are doomed by the revolution in technology. The real question is how effectively can the forces of freedom grasp cybernetic technology. **Joseph Miranda**

Speak out! (readers write)



When is a cut not a cut?

I heard Phil Gramm speak at the Cato Institute to present his New Economic Program. Early in the speech he made reference to his intention to introduce "real"

spending cuts — presumably different from cutting the rate of increase. He also said he would balance the budget by the end of his first term, or he wouldn't run for a second term.

When he finally got to the spending cuts, this is what he said (I quote from the handout passed around to the faithful):

Spending Pause for Four Years after a Balanced Budget: After balancing the federal budget, the growth of government will be limited to the rate of inflation for four years to allow the economy to grow up to the size of government. This restraint will free \$250 billion to be used to reduce the tax burden.

None only does this mean he doesn't intend to reduce government EVER, it also means he intends for government to grow faster than the rate of inflation for the next 4 years. There is no chance he means the opposite — that government wouldn't grow at all the first 4 years, and then would grow only at the rate of inflation — because he refers to the second 4 years as a "spending pause," as a new "restraint." In other words, some kind of a slowdown from the first 4 years.

I think our [libertarian] territory as the sole proponents of reducing government remains safe from encroachment.

Harry Browne

Browne is seeking the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination.

Land of the free?

On May 19, 1993, federal agents arrested Sam Zhadanov, a 68-year-old engineer from Russia and charged him with conspiracy to distribute 10 tons of cocaine. Zhadanov is the owner of an injection molding factory in New Jersey.

Zhadanov's "crime" was to accept an order from a new customer to manufacture small plastic perfume sample vials—the kind found in many retail stores. When he learned that such containers were popular with drug users, he ceased production. He resumed production after his lawyer confirmed in writing that Zhadanov, like manufacturers of plastic bags and razor blades, couldn't be held criminally responsible for another person's illegal use of his product. Meanwhile, federal agents kept Zhadanov's factory under surveillance.

Even though the federal government never found a speck of drugs, and can't name one drug dealer that used Zhadanov's vials, agents arrested him for "conspiracy."

Currently, Sam Zhadanov is serving a five year term in Allenwood Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery, Pennsylvania. He has started a hunger strike and has vowed to die in prison. Also, his factory and life savings were confiscated.

It is both ironic and tragic that Sam Zhadanov, who came to America seeking fairness and liberty, ended up with neither.

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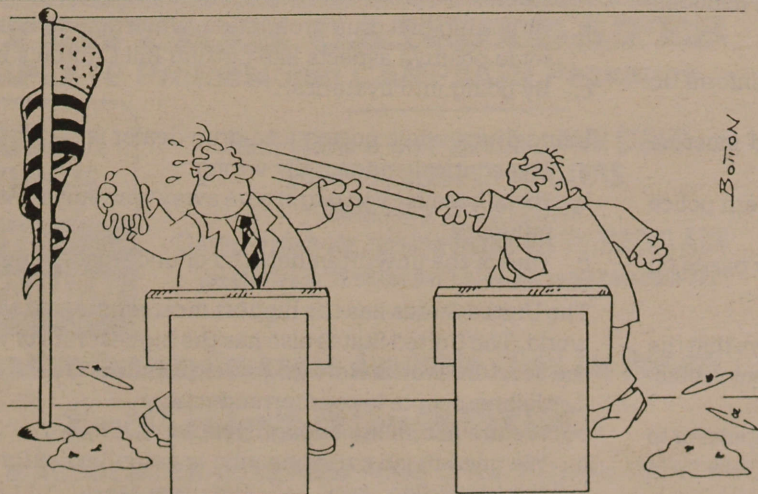
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Humor

The Federal Law Enforcement Aptitude Test

California Liberty recently came into possession of a copy of what appears to be the qualifying examination for federal law enforcement officers. Readers are invited to take the test and see how they would do.

A religious minority is suspected of stockpiling weapons. What do you do?

- Nothing. They are practicing their right to bear arms.
- Get a warrant from a judge, put on a business suit, and politely knock on their front door to serve the warrant.
- Launch a military style assault and massacre everyone.

Governments are instituted among men to...

- Secure certain unalienable rights.
- Enforce the law.
- Send hither swarms of Officers.

Sobriety checkpoints, random searches of luggage, and drug testing are:

- Violations of the Fourth Amendment.
- Generally ineffective because they waste police resources harassing law abiding citizens.
- The way we do business.

Civilian versions of military assault rifles are involved in around 8 percent of violent crime. What should government do about this?

- Concentrate law enforcement resources on arresting violent criminals.
- Register assault rifles.
- Ban these rifles and persecute millions of innocent citizens.

An intelligence agency comes up with the idea of emplacing decryption devices in every computer manufactured in the United States. What do you do?

- Refuse to cooperate and instead demand immediate dissolution of what is obviously an out-of-control agency.
- Look up federal regulations and see if this will put you in jail for illegal wiretapping.
- Demand that your agency get a piece of this action.

You are at an airport where you see a citizen paying for an airline ticket with cash. What do you do?

- Nothing. Cash is legal tender for all debts.
- Stop the citizen and ask he is using cash instead of a credit card.
- Confiscate the money and arrest the citizen as a suspected drug dealer.

A known criminal approaches you and tells you that your neighbor has some contraband. What do you do?

- Nothing. Law enforcement experience demonstrates that known criminals are unreliable informants who frequently try to frame innocent people for crimes they never committed.
- Try and get more evidence to corroborate this story.
- Break into your neighbor's house with a SWAT team, handcuff your neighbor, and let him die of a heart attack.

Drug education programs which encourage children to inform on their parents are...

- Based on Nazi and Soviet secret police practices and must be opposed by anyone who loves freedom.
- Disgusting but unfortunately necessary parts of modern police work.
- A great way to destroy the family and create a society based on mutual distrust.

You are an IRS agent investigating a citizen. The citizen says that the 1040 income tax forms are a violation of his 5th Amendment protection against self incrimination. How do you respond?

- By telling him he is right and he is under no legal compulsion to report his income.

- By telling him that if this were true, nobody would have to pay taxes.
- By arresting the citizen, confiscating his bank account, and bulldozing his house.

Many American citizens have decided to move their bank accounts to foreign countries. What is the proper law enforcement response?

- Nothing. It's their money, they have a right to do what they please with it.
- Ordering the citizens to pay U.S. income taxes on any moneys in foreign accounts.
- The U.S. must launch an invasion of countries with banks which are independent of the American financial system.

Your agency is enacting administrative regulations which ban the use of certain drugs. From where does your power come to enact such laws?

- There is no such power. Article I, Section I of the United States Constitution gives all legislative power to the Congress. Executive agencies have no right to enact laws over the citizens of the United States.
- With all the things that have to be regulated in 20th century America, executive agencies have to pass laws.
- From the barrel of a gun.

One of the major rationales for drug prohibition is that illegal drugs are a major threat to America's children. Yet despite the fact that millions of minors use drugs, statistics indicate that less than 100 children die every year from emergency room crises caused by illegal drugs. How do you explain this?

- Obviously, illegal drugs are not a threat to America's children and there is no rationale for drug prohibition.
- The reason the number of drug deaths is so low is because of the heroic efforts of law enforcement in protecting children from drugs.
- If we start basing our arguments for drug prohibition on the facts, we will all be out of a job.

A law enforcement operation based on an illegal warrant confiscates all the computers of a small publisher. How do you evaluate this operation?

- It is a major threat to freedom of the press in America.
- It is a waste of time which would only alienate otherwise law abiding citizens.
- It is a great way to intimidate critics of law enforcement.

It is frequently claimed that most crime is caused by drug addicts stealing to get money for drugs. But according to 1991 Department of Justice statistics less than 14% of all crime is caused in this manner. How would you explain this at a public meeting?

- By stating that the war on drugs is an obvious attempt to scapegoat addicts for the failure of government to maintain order.
- By stating that drug prohibition, while generally ineffective, has some positive aspects like putting Bill Clinton's brother in jail.
- By going into hysterics.

Using drugs while posing as a drug dealer is:

- Hypocritical and morally wrong.
- Risky because you might give away who you are while under the influence.
- One of the unwritten benefits of undercover operations.

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the Western world. The United States also has the highest rate of violent crime in the Western world. How do you explain this?

- Jailing people is counterproductive.
- We are not jailing enough people.
- We need to jail everyone who is not in law enforcement.

According to Department of Justice statistics, the majority of theft in the United States is the result of white collar crime (fraud, etc.). What would you do about it?

- Concentrate law enforcement resources on white collar criminals.
- Harass impoverished urban minorities.
- Get a white collar job after retirement.

Many politicians who support the war on drugs also have connections in the alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical industries. What does this indicate?

- A glaring conflict of interests. Obviously, these politicians are using law enforcement to suppress alternative intoxicants and medications.
- Nothing. These guys are too powerful to touch so I have no opinion.
- It's the American way.

The head of your agency wants to spend \$500 million to install devices which would allow federal agencies to monitor all digital telephone communications in the United States. What would you tell him in a briefing?

- This is a major threat to privacy in America, one that is reminiscent of KGB practices.
- Spending half a billion dollars when there are only 1000 or so wiretaps authorized every year is a waste of law enforcement resources.
- If we have any problems, we can always call in ex-KGB personnel for technical assistance.

Employment of the armed forces to support law enforcement is...

- A violation of the Posse Comitatus Act.
- An encroachment on local law enforcement's independence.
- Vital because while federal law enforcement officers like to dress up in commando outfits they really cannot deal with people who shoot back.

Your supervisor tells you that you will be going on an operation whose objective is to seize the property of a citizen without due process of law. What do you do?

- State that this is an illegal operation and then tell your supervisor if he persists you will arrest him for violation of the citizen's civil rights.
- Say nothing because you are concerned about being fired if you speak up.
- Make sure you get him to agree to give you a share of the loot.

You have illegally entered a citizen's home. He confronts you with a weapon. What do you do?

- Surrender yourself to a citizen's arrest.
- Apologize and try to sneak out.
- Shoot him to death.

You are part of a heavily armed SWAT team. You have a man, his wife, their infant child, and their neighbor surrounded in a remote cabin. What should your rules of engagement be?

- Fire only if fired upon.
- Open fire on anyone you see with a weapon.
- Open fire on any woman holding an infant.

You have just participated in a SWAT raid in which an innocent citizen was killed by an agent acting in an unlawful manner. What do you do?

- Surrender yourself as a co-conspirator.
- Keep quiet and hope you are not blamed.
- Demand a promotion.

The Bill of Rights...

- Is part of the Supreme Law of the Land.
- Gives criminals all sorts of rights that law abiding citizens do not have.
- The Bill of Rights? What is that?

Scoring:

For every "a" answer give yourself 0 points.

For every "b" answer give yourself 2 point.

For every "c" answer give yourself 4 points.

Total score:

- 76-100.** Congratulations! You have a complete disregard for the Constitution of the United States. You are immediately qualified for service in the IRS, BATF, and DEA.
- 51-75.** You do not have too many qualms about violating the liberties of individual citizens. Apply for any big city police department's vice squad.
- 26-50.** You think that the purpose of the law enforcement has something to do with protecting people's lives and property, so you are unqualified to be a federal agent. You might make it as a private security guard.
- 0-25.** You obviously believe that the purpose of government is to secure certain unalienable rights. You'll never qualify for government service. Try joining the Libertarian Party instead.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR PARENTS ARE IN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG FREE AMERICA.

Take a good look at the Bill of Rights.

You're not living in a police state. You're not helpless in the face of arbitrary power. And you're not alone in fighting for your freedom.

There are many parents who have neglected to read the U.S. Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. They don't seem to understand that you have unalienable rights to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

So the first thing to accept is that violations of your rights, while dangerous to a free country, are one more problem you have to handle as an American citizen. And you'll do it better and faster if you're aware of your rights.

AWARE PEOPLE FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS.

Part of your awareness is to read and understand your rights under the Constitution of the United States. We've made it easy for you. Just look on the back page of this newspaper for the Bill of Rights.

But even though these rights are supposed to be protected by the government, there is no guarantee they will be upheld. So it's important to understand when your rights are being violated.

THE WARNING SIGNALS.

There are no symptoms of parental involvement with the Partnership for a Drug Free America that are absolutely reliable. But there are clues (see box). Many of these symptoms tend to be the usual actions of concerned parents, so don't jump to conclusions. Making false accusations is the territory of those who support drug prohibition, not people who fight for liberty.

Many parents are under pressure from the government to snoop on their children. There's also the possibility they are being blackmailed by some corrupt narcotics cop.

But whatever the problem, we're talking

The Telltale Signs of Partnership Addiction

Chronic confusion of a frying pan with your brain.

Chronic viewing of public service announcements.

Wholesale disregard for the truth.

Totalitarianism.

Deteriorating understanding of the Bill of Rights.

Wild ideas about drugs, hostility to freedom, or repressive behavior.

Chronic drinking parties with narcotics officers.

Drug testing paraphernalia in your parent's room.

Loss of interest in concepts such as privacy.

Tapes of *Reefer Madness* start appearing in the VCR.

about a repressive society which needs help. Right now.

START WITHIN THE FAMILY.

Wait for a moment when your parents are not brain-dead watching the Partnership's television advertisements, then explain that you're worried about certain behavior. Give them every opportunity to explain why they feel their loyalty to the state is greater than their loyalty to you.

You may also have to point out that the Partnership for a Drug Free America is a corporate front; that it is supported by pharmaceutical, tobacco, and alcohol companies which have an economic interest in suppressing alternative drugs and medications; that many of the Partnership's public service announcements are misleading and deceitful.

At the same time, it's important to speak frankly about the dangers of violating your rights as a citizen of the United States of America. Violators can be sued for civil rights infringements. If your parents seem totalitarian or if their explanations repeat prohibitionist lies, you may want to consult a civil liberties lawyers and ask for advice.

FURTHER ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY.

If your parents seem nonresponsive, and you suspect the Partnership for a Drug Free America may be involved, immediate action is vital to safeguard your Constitutional rights.

First, you'll need to point out that your rights to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of

Happiness are granted by your Creator and can not be taken away by any government.

Second, you must point out that the Bill of Rights guarantees you and your property protection from arbitrary searches and seizures.

You may want to get involved with political activist groups which are fighting for your rights. You can find them at your college campus or by

contacting local civil liberties and drug legalization groups.

For the hardcore freedom fighter, you can join the Libertarian Party.

The right political activist group will depend upon the degree you want to involve yourself in the fight for liberty. It's a good idea to talk to a variety of sources so you'll make an informed choice. Whatever you do, don't allow yourself to be fooled by the Partnership's advertisements.

Another point: you need to tell your parents that families stand united in the fight against oppression. The only organizations which would run public service advertisements advocating drug prohibition are miserable lackeys of an incipient police state.

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GIVE UP YOUR RIGHTS.

The parents who today may be turning you in to the police are the ones who supported you before the hysteria of the war on drugs. They're in way over their heads with the Partnership's misinformation, and they need you to tell them the truth. You can start by giving them a copy of this newspaper.

Fight for your rights, no matter what they say.

For more information about your unalienable rights to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, contact the Libertarian Party. (800) 637-1776.

PARTNERSHIP FOR A FREE AMERICA: THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

The next American Revolution

About a year ago, I wrote about my friend Dave Nolan's theory of the Fourth American Revolution.

It seems to me, even as the fabled Republican Revolution ushered in by the incomparable Newt fizzles out in a series of (unfortunately accurate) explanations by Republican luminaries that they aren't cutting the size of government at all, merely limiting the rate at which it has been scheduled to grow, that the larger revolution is pretty much on course.

Dave says the first three American revolutions were marked by the signing of the constitution in 1789, the beginning of the civil war in 1861, and the onset of the New

Deal in 1932. That pattern suggests an American political cycle of about 72 years. If the pattern holds, the next big change in American politics _ the Big Kahuna of paradigm shifts _ should occur in about 2004.

From that longer perspective, the events of 1995, revolutionary as they might have seemed to Capital Beltway denizens, will have been just the beginning _ sticking our collective political toe into roiling, revolutionary waters to see if it gets scalded or frozen. The pace of change should accelerate for the next eight years or so, at which time a regime symbolic of a new order will take over, and the following 70 years or so will amount to consolidation of the intellectual and conceptual gains made between now and 2004.

What's interesting about the revolution we are living through is that it holds the promise of being different in content from the first three revolutionary events.

All three previous revolutionary periods have put a centralizing stamp on the country _ the constitution created a central government far more powerful than we had

under the Articles of Confederation, the civil war effectively eliminated the right of states to secede and consolidated central government power by force of arms, and the New Deal established the principle that the central government should be responsible for all kinds of activities _ from welfare to Social Security to funding the arts _ it had never tried to do before.

The election of 1994 and the events of 1995 suggest the next revolution could be different. It could be a case where we don't just go beyond the paradigm that informed the New Deal, but overturn it.

I don't pretend that the people I talk to represent a random sample of the American population at large. But I certainly talk to a lot of people who think it's time not just to slow the growth of government, but to make it smaller _ for society (defined as the sum total of all the transactions and relationships that aren't coercive in character) to take back from government some of the functions and responsibilities government seized during the last paradigm shift.

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Sometimes a great movie...



Conservatives are constantly complaining about the alleged "liberal bias" in Hollywood and the resulting prevalence of leftish ideas in mainstream movies. And their complaints have some merit. Most movies *don't* champion "traditional values" and many of the Right's favorite institutions (business, organized religion, the patriarchal family) generally get a bum rap on film.

But not all movies are liberal/leftist in orientation. Many are simply secular, humanist and skeptical of any authority. This irks conservatives no end, but it doesn't mean that the movies as a whole are "liberal" in the sense that they are always advocate more State power or oppose individual liberty.

In fact, if you look past the over-simplified labels, a fair number of films are strongly individualist in tone, and openly critical of oppressive institutions. Science-fiction movies, in particular, often address individual-rights issues and portray future societies where government is the Enemy of the People.

And so, we offer this modest guide to a dozen of the most thought-provoking pro-liberty movies currently available on videotape. They vary considerably in quality, but each and every one is guaranteed to stir up some lively conversations on any campus. Go for it!

Lonely Are the Brave (1962)

Kirk Douglas stars in this modern-day Western based on Edward Abbey's "The Brave Cowboy". A compelling portrayal of the "natural man" trapped in a world he never made, the movie features a tense, riveting escape-and-pursuit sequence. Its ending would never get past the "feel-good" marketing-oriented decision makers who dominate the movie industry today. Black & White, 107 minutes.

Shenandoah (1965)

An anti-war film featuring a fine performance by James Stewart as a peace-

loving farmer who tries to keep his farm and family out of the War Between The States. The tart-tongued Stewart delivers a number of pithy zingers on the morality of war and how it invidiously affects even those who try to remain bystanders. Emotionally moving and powerful. Your local video store may have this filed under Westerns, even though it isn't one. Color, 105 minutes.

The Omega Man (1971)

Charlton Heston carries the first 20 minutes or so of this well-wrought "after the plague" film almost single-handedly, portraying a rational man driven partly mad by events too horrible to fully contemplate. Anthony Zerbe plays his nem-

esis, a walking embodiment of superstition, fear, and guilt. Based loosely on Richard Matheson's "I Am Legend," one of the all-time great horror novels. Liberals *hate* this movie! Color, 98 minutes.

Sometimes a Great Notion (1971)

Paul Newman, Henry Fonda and Lee Remick star in this stirring tale of an Oregon logging family that refuses to join neighboring lumberjacks in a strike. Originally released under the title "Never Give an Inch," which pretty much tells what the movie is all about. Great photography, great acting, a high level of artistic integrity and even a macabre sense of humor. What more could you ask for? Color, 114 minutes.

THX1138 (1971)

There must have been something in the air back in 1971. The year the Libertarian Party was founded also provides no less than three of our pro-freedom film

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picks! Rounding out the trio is George Lucas' first full-length film, an expanded version of a short feature he did at USC. A fairly stock depiction of a bleak future ruled by a totalitarian government, and one individual's attempts to resist. Some interesting visuals. Color, 88 minutes.

Rollerball (1975)

Big corporations rule the world in this tale of a popular athlete (James Caan) who dares to buck the system in a corporate-state future. Elaborately staged games make the ultra-violent title sport seem all too real; Caan's portrayal of the stubborn "I'll do it my way" hero is both grand and gripping. Oddly, the liberals generally hated this movie, even though it was directed by arch-liberal Norman Jewison. Color, 128 minutes.

Harry's War (1981)

A modestly budgeted comedy starring Edward Herrmann as a "little guy" who takes on the Internal Revenue Service when it tries to extort more money than he's willing to pay. Not a great film, by any stretch, but it's hard to not like a movie which portrays the IRS as a bunch

of bumbling, arrogant goons. May be difficult to find at rental outfits; try one of the low-end discount video chains like Suncoast Video. Color, 98 minutes.

1984 (1984)

No, that's not a typo directly above. Director Michael Radford deliberately chose to film his version of the classic George Orwell novel in the year of its title. Closing credits state that it was filmed on location in parts of the very city (London) where Orwell placed the action. A grim, gritty portrayal of life under a totalitarian regime, this is the most intense movie on our list; it is not for the faint of heart. Stunning performances by John Hurt and Richard Burton (his last screen role). Color, 91 minutes.

Brazil (1985)

Monty Python alumnus Terry Gilliam wrote and directed this odd, haunting allegory of mistaken identity and betrayal in a strange retro-future world unlike any you've ever seen. Imagine Franz Kafka on psilocybin, and you might get close; some of the sequences in "Brazil" are truly bizarre! A bit on the long side, but enter-

taining performances by Jonathan Pryce, Robert DeNiro, Bob Hoskins and many others make it all worthwhile. (You may have to watch this one twice, to even begin to catch all the weird details.) Color, 131 minutes.

Demolition Man (1993)

Okay, so it's not great art — but it does a great job of skewering the liberal "nanny state" mentality, and provides a lot of fairly spectacular action sequences along the way. The plot's a no-brainer: tough cop Sylvester Stallone gets put into cold storage, and then thawed out when the wussified PC types who run things in the 21st century can't cope with arch-baddy Wesley Snipes (another thaw-boy). Sandra Bullock does a nice, deadpan job delivering set-up lines. Don't take any of it too seriously. Color, 114 minutes.

Philadelphia Experiment II (1993)

A fairly clever depiction of life in a world (well, at least California) where the Nazis won World War II. Despite a limited budget, this film handles the concept more convincingly than many. An unnecessary — and not very successful — attempt to tie the movie to the original "Philadelphia Experiment" slows things down for the first ten minutes or so, but once it gets rolling, it works well. Brad Johnson stars, but Gerrit Graham (in a triple role) steals the show. Color, 102 minutes.

Braveheart (1995)

This sweeping epic stars Mel Gibson as William Wallace, who led the Scots in a revolt against the cruel British interlopers who ruled their land in the 13th and 14th centuries. Braveheart contains scenes of breathtaking beauty, as well as spectacular and bloody battle scenes. The film's message is unequivocal: one man CAN make a difference; freedom is worth fighting for; human beings can stand up against the State and eventually win. Highly recommended! Color, 148 minutes.

David F. Nolan

DiFi: worst U.S. Senator?

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On any issue, Feinstein will invariably take the big-government, anti-liberty position. Widely despised by conservatives for her attacks on Americans' right to keep and bear arms, she has increasingly earned the distrust and condemnation of liberals, as well.

Her votes on economic issues place Feinstein in the same class as Teddy Kennedy — a big-time tax-and-spend proponent who has fought every attempt to cut the size, cost and power of the Federal government. During her re-election campaign in 1994, she stated that she would vote for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution; she then blithely turned around and voted against it once Congress reconvened.

She is a leader in the effort to negate the individual's right to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution, and appears to have equal contempt for the First Amendment as well. Her most recent effort to gut the Bill of Rights is her proposal to censor Internet transmissions, which has been added to the so-called "anti-terrorism" bill. The Feinstein amendment has been denounced by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) as "a blatant violation of the First Amendment's free speech guarantees."

Feinstein was also one of the few Senators to vote against a recent bill to repeal the Federally-mandated 55-mph speed limit and return decisions on this matter to the states. She has consistently opposed free immigration, and is a strong supporter of the ill-conceived and dangerous "War on Drugs."

Cumulatively, Feinstein's prescriptions add up to nothing less than a blueprint for a police state. And apparently she realizes this fact, and is eager to create the tools needed to make it a reality. Her most recent anti-liberty scheme is a proposed "National ID Card." Under her proposal, everyone would be required to carry a card with their fingerprints, retinal pattern and a voice sample magnetically encoded — a high-tech version of the infamous "pass cards" formerly required in South Africa.

How dangerous is Feinstein? With the Democrats relegated to minority status in both houses of Congress, Feinstein will have less influence than she did prior to the '94 elections. Unfortunately, all too many Republicans seem more than willing to incorporate her command-and-control schemes into their own proposals; GOP Senator Robert Dole consented to adding Feinstein's "anti-bomb" amendment to the "counter-terrorism" bill without even putting up a fight. David F. Nolan

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If you look at the political landscape _ especially at where the innovative ideas and initiatives are coming from, at which forces seem content to be defenders of the status quo and which forces are on the offensive _ that would seem to be almost a slam-dunk. I think it could be harder to shrink the government than many believe.

In a marvelous article in the December 25 issue of National Review, Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute points out and documents that, despite some good work done this year by Republican insurgents, "a fiscal blueprint that calls for \$350 billion more spending in seven years hardly even begins to dislodge the nanny state in America. If this is all there is to the GOP revolution, then perhaps the Left has forever won the ideological battle over the proper size and scope of government."

For all the rhetoric, the Republican insurgents in Congress have managed to abolish only a few minor agencies. The "iron triangles" supporting other agencies _ consisting of sympathetic Congressional committee chairmen, bureaucrats who vote and are politically active, and recipients of largess from the taxpayers through a given agency _ may be tattered around the edges, but are still very much in place. Most people

in the media are absolutely horrified at the thought of trimming even the most useless or harmful agencies, and defines "victims" as those who might be deprived of largess, not those who are forced to provide it.

So it is more than possible that after what is likely to be considerable political churning over the next eight years, the nanny state will be even more firmly in place, taking an even greater portion of national income as its due. Most European countries, after all, managed to establish more far-reaching welfare states than we have in the United States before having the kind of second thoughts that led to serious proposals to trim a little.

On the other hand, most of the political-intellectual energy in this country comes from the get-government-off-our-backs school, broadly defined. This coalition had enough power to stuff Hillary's health plan _ hardly an innovation, but potentially a decisive consolidation of state power and nannyism _ back down Ira Magaziner's throat. Its scholars are busily producing policy papers explaining why this or that federal agency or function could be eliminated with no harm _ indeed, great benefit to the body politic. The foes of devolution and smaller government have no vision

about the next step, they're simply defending turf and nit-picking.

The next year could tell us a great deal about the shape of the next revolution. It will be a presidential election year, so you can expect mostly mindless static in the public prints. But behind that static, if you hear serious proposals and concrete steps toward, for example, dismantling the IRS, making welfare and safety regulation not just something the states can handle through federal "block grants" rather than as federal "entitlements" but the proper responsibility of states and even of private organizations, if a few major cabinet-level agencies are actually eliminated (at least by congressional vote even if they face presidential vetoes), then a strong chance exists that the next revolution will actually reduce the size and scope of government.

We have five elections between now and 2004, three of them presidential. If the issue of smaller vs. larger government (those are the only two realistic choices) dominates most of those elections, and the smaller-government side keeps making gains, the next revolution could be very interesting _ even if President Clinton wins next year. **Alan W. Bock**

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Are you a self-governor on PERSONAL issues? 20 10 0

- Military service should be voluntary. (No draft) Y M N
- Government should not control radio, TV or the press..... Y M N
- Repeal regulations on sex for consenting adults..... Y M N
- Drug laws do more harm than good. Repeal them..... Y M N
- Let peaceful people cross borders freely..... Y M N

My PERSONAL self-governor score: add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for N.

Are you a self-governor on ECONOMIC issues? 20 10 0

- Businesses and farms should operate without govt. subsidies. Y M N
- People are better off with free trade than with tariffs..... Y M N
- Minimum wage laws cause unemployment. Repeal them.. Y M N
- End taxes. Pay for services with user fees..... Y M N
- U.S. government should stop policing the world..... Y M N

My ECONOMIC self-governor score: add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for N.



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