



# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OAKLAND COUNTY

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Al Doyle

As you read this, I am back in Florida. I was fortunate, however, to attend the L.P.O.C. monthly meeting held on April 21st at Red Lobster. The members in attendance approved a final set of by-laws which should give substance to our organization. I understand from Diane Szabla that our numbers are continuing to grow as measured by paid memberships. That is very gratifying, but I suspect Billory has more to do with our gains than we do. Some meeting attendees asked if my recommendation to avoid the currency depreciation mentioned last month meant that they should buy gold. I haven't been a fee-only investment advisor for 10 years and hesitate to offer free advice because it is valued in proportion to what is paid for that advice. I will, however, point out that to do good, you must do well. A poor Libertarian has only his labor and his vote, a wealthy Libertarian has influence.

The older I get, the more cynical I become. I recognize that, but one thing that really gets my goat is an analyst who describes a problem and then recommends a cure, which not only won't fix the problem, but will make it far worse. Imagine going to a garage with a flat tire on your car. The mechanic correctly diagnoses the lack of drivability of your car as a flat tire. Now the logical response to the problem is either fix the flat tire or put on a new tire. If Perot, Billory, and Dole were your mechanics, however, the answer would be to flatten the other

three tires thus creating a "level" platform. Of course, they would have to hire an expert to tell the mechanics where they should flatten each tire, and with which of the 360 American-made special instruments from approved vendors should be used to deflate the tires. The mechanics, recognizing their limited abilities to decipher complex instructions, fail miserably, and would be forced to hire more competent contractors recommended by the experts. Coincidentally, the mechanics, experts, and contractors all graduated magna cum laude from TOP tire-flattening universities.

Four hundred and fifty dollars later, you would have four flat tires and a steady platform. Four trillion five hundred billion dollars in debt, the United States taxpayer has four flat tires and a steady government. Neither the car nor the government will do what it is supposed to do. Perot, Dole, and Billory are experts at government and experts at requiring government contract services needed to achieve "level" playing fields. The cures they recommend are more taxes, more regulation, and more spending. This is the same group of experts that flattened all of our tires. Now they want to remove our car's wheels and restrict access to the ignition key of our cars. That way, there is less chance the expertly-flattened tires will be further destroyed. Preposterous? Yes! Invalid? No!

There is little chance the average autoowner would be foolish enough to subject themselves to such shoddy treatment by a mechanic. As prudent consumers, they would shop around and talk to their neighbors. Ultimately, their search will bring them to a mechanic who can not only render a

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correct diagnosis, but also fix the problem for a fair price. Consumers are able to confirm a fair price through the mechanics advertising and quote beforehand. What about taxpayers?

At first blush, the election and campaign process could be compared to advertising. Warrenties are offered and values are quoted freely. The only problem with the analogy is that our political mechanics own the news-gathering and delivery medium. Even though some taxpayers know they have four flat tires and that they are going to lose their wheels, they don't know what a moral political mechanic would do or how much it would benefit them to fix the government.

Our last national campaign with Marrou is a case in point. Unless you are a cable news junky, why would you watch C-Span or Larry King? True, some watched. Most watched the network news. That's where most Americans get their information. How many times was Marrou on CBS, NBC, or ABC Evening News? Zero. Maybe less if the anti-Libertarian slurs are added. No one existed except for Bush, Clinton, and Perot. We can carp and carry on and hope that someday Libertarian candidates and ideals will be given exposure on the 6:00 P.M. news, but thats not going to happen. The political mechanics own the news. They are not going to allow us to accurately describe the problem and suggest the correct solution because that would destroy their market control of government. This newsletter and others like it are where we have to get our message to befuddled taxpayers. This is where we must make our case for lawful government, sound money, and an end to government violence against our persons and property. Is it worth ten bucks a year to you? We hope so.

April's LPOC Meeting

Tim O'Brien presided over the April 21st meeting. Marc Smith acted as temporary recording secretary.

The only item on the agenda was the discussion of adoption of bylaws after discussion and revision. The meeting was moved into informal session by vote of those present. Tim O'Brien read a copy of the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Discussion took place over every point of concern. Many articles were deleted or modified, as was consistent with the needs and concerns of the LPOC.

A copy of the approved bylaws was given to the responsible parties for recording purposes. Members present and voting approved the bylaws by acclamation with 14 votes in favor.

Next LPOC Meeting May 19

The Libertarian Party meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The location for the LPOC meeting is the Red Lobster, Madison Heights, 101 W. 12 Mile Rd. between I-75 and John R (542-1140). Cocktails are at 6:00 P.M., dinner at 7:30 and the general meeting will start at 8:00.

Jon Coon libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate will speak and answer questions. Jon would like to answer questions that the common voter might ask about the libertarian platform and how it effects citizens livlihoods and freedoms. The question and answer period will be videotaped and used as a tool to improve public communications and awareness. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Letters to the Editor

Articles and letters to the editor are welcomed. Letters should be signed. Send your materials to LPOC Newsletter, Box 182, 145 S. Livernois Rochester, MI 48307.



# Why I Am Not a Republican

By George L. O'Brien  
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I am proud to be a Libertarian.

While watching the Republican national convention, I was reminded repeatedly as to why I am a Libertarian rather than a Republican or Democrat.

Realistically, it would be impossible for me to identify with the national Democratic Party. Even its "moderate wing" favors more government spending, more regulations, more trade quotas, more controls, and higher taxes. They turn legitimate concerns about the environment as a justification for huge new bureaucracies and see nothing wrong with the current tort system or business taxes. In short, the prescriptions for the economy offered by the Clinton/Gore ticket keep looking like more of the same statist nonsense that has caused our current economic malaise.

However, the fact that I reject the big government programs of the Democrats does not mean I can accept the Republican Party. If anything, the events in Houston alienated me from the Republican Party even more than before.

As a libertarian, I could never in good conscience be associated with a party whose vice president attacks gays as being immoral and whose leadership continues to pander to all kinds of bigotry. I could never support a party which boos Gov. Weld of Massachusetts when he announces that he is "pro-choice."

I was absolutely disgusted by the speeches of Pat Buchanan, Pat Robertson, and Jerry Falwell. Buchanan in particular made it clear that he believes that the country is in the midst of religious and "cultural" war against gays and lesbians, women who feel they must choose an abortion, non-Christians, people with AIDS, immigrants (if they do not look and sound just like him), and straight couples who are not married. What is worse, the bitter intolerance of the "Religious Right" has been institutionalized in the Republican national platform.

Perhaps it is too much to ask that the Republican Party actually consider issues such as legalization of drugs and ending all attempts to censor erotic materials. But the attacks on gays, the rigid anti-abortion positions, the calls for a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, these were not "necessary," yet the Bush administration did nothing to prevent such statements from being put into the platform. I for one am not "reassured" by the claim that they "don't really mean it."

However, my dissatisfaction with Republicans does not stop there. I became increasingly annoyed by the Republican claims that the reason the Soviet Union fell was because of the Republican arms buildup in the early 1980s. What really happened was that the Soviet economy fell apart due to statist economics and its own military spending which was quite high even during the Ford and Carter administrations when U.S. spending grew less quickly. I am not convinced that the Reagan buildup had more than an incidental impact on the events in the Soviet Union.

If the military buildup of the early 1980s was not necessary or at best overdone, then the fact that the Republicans traded off accepting Democrats' domestic spending to gain support for more military spend-

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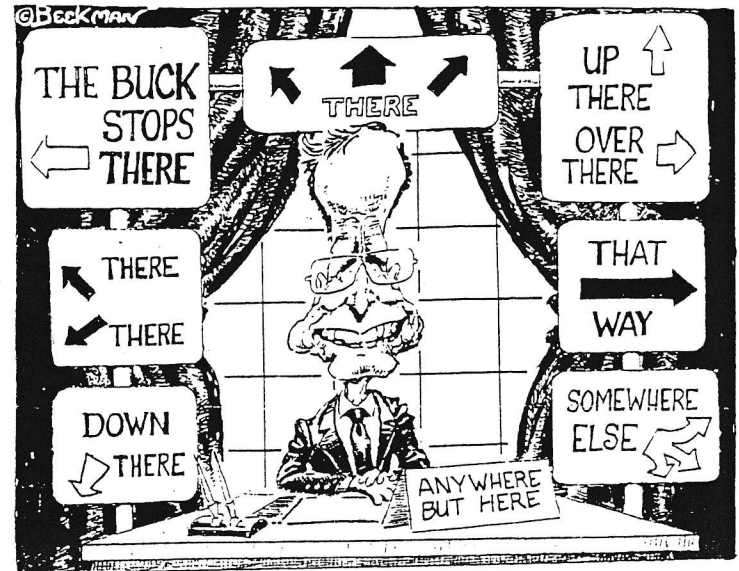
The Republicans consider the last four years to be an unqualified foreign policy success. I am not so sure. Panama now has more drugs running through it than before and has an extremely corrupt administration where the police are all former members of the Noriega national guard. Iraq was being sold military hardware right up to the invasion, the retaliation left Saddam still in power so he could attack his minorities, and U.S. policy prevents Iraq from selling oil which was supposedly the whole point of the invasion. The U.S. was slow in supporting Yeltsin, was slow in supporting the secession of the Baltic states, and has continued to give foreign aid to governments rather than focus investment of private individuals. The U.S. resistance to the partition of Yugoslavia served as a prop to the Serbian thugs for many months.

All of this would be enough for me to refuse to associate with the Republican Party. What is especially disconcerting is the discovery that the Bush administration is not really interested in promoting free market economics. Instead of articulating a program of serious deregulation, privatization, and a removal of major areas of government spending, Bush has spent the last four years sending to Congress trivial proposals and then making only halfhearted attempts to get them passed. He then uses this failure as an excuse to blame the Democratic Congress rather than admit that he really ignored domestic policy and the economy for four years.

Except for the capital gains tax, it is unlikely that most Americans have any idea what Bush really wants to do, if anything. However, even with this proposal, he has failed to explain what difference it would make.

In his acceptance speech, Bush apologized for the "budget deal" which led to a massive increase in taxes. What he did not explain was what led him to imagine that Congress would do anything other than spend even more. Furthermore, Bush never explained why he continued to defend the budget deal for the next two years.

Bush never apologized for the fact that new regulations expanded dramatically under his watch (the Federal Register has averaged 650,000 pages per year). Bush never apologized for the misregulation of



posed balanced budget.

Bush never apologized for not telling the American people that federal spending has increased by 40 percent since 1988. Bush never apologized for failing to veto more of the spending bills or for passing what he called at the time a "quota bill." Bush says that he wants a line item veto. While this might be helpful, he never once described what he intends to use it on. In Bush's entire acceptance speech, he never once mentioned a single program he actually intended to cut, let alone eliminate.

Bush never discussed the role of special interest contributions to incumbents as why Congress always wants to expand government so as to have more favors to hand out. Bush never described the role of his own appointed agency heads lobbying and testifying before Congress as to why their department budgets need to be increased. Bush never once explained why he gutted the Office of Management and Budget whose job it is to provide balance to the endless witnesses at hearings favoring

more government.

Bush talked about changing his Cabinet, yet has never once discussed firing Darman and Brady whose compliance with Congress makes them virtual accessories to the fiscal disaster of the last four years. In fact, Bush fired the few free market oriented people who had remained from the Reagan administration and completely isolated Jack Kemp from any general policy role.

Whining about Congress is not a substitute for a truly free market economic policy. Capitulating to virtually everything the Democrats pushed for is not really reassuring for a candidate whose defenders' main argument is "well, he is better than the other guy."

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## Marrou/Lord Campaign 10-Point Plan

- Repeal the Personal Income Tax and abolish the IRS.
- Expand free enterprise: more jobs, greater economic growth.
- Restore gun ownership rights: trust people, beware government.
- Limit congressional terms: citizen statesmen, not professional politicians.
- Enact the Fully Informed Jury Amendment: try laws and defendants.
- End all tax-financed subsidies, including those for harmful drugs.
- Stop hiring federal employees: let attrition cut bureaucracy.
- Cease foreign aid: stop penalizing our workers.
- Privatize education, charterize welfare, allow choice in all



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Even if those of us do not believe in a God, we must protect ourselves from slipping into human secularism and allowing this to become the religion of the State. This State-recognized religion, where the church and the state are one is already deeply embedded in our culture. This State religion is the basis for our new restrictive laws, the cause of the erosion of our Constitution, and the philosophy behind the forced redistribution of wealth.

The individual's sovereignty has been stripped. The State's, and ultimately, our society's false belief that man lacks the knowledge and intelligence to be viable and productive has also led us to believe that without State intervention, man can never reach or create utopia.

We can speak and act as long as it agrees with the politically correct thought of the times. Go against the norm and you are noticed.

People licensed by the State will quickly analyze you in hopes of proving themselves worthy of their peers. They will label you psychotic. Once labeled, the State will want to cure you, and if they can not, then they must kill you.

Sounds paranoid but it happened at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas. Professionals labeled David Koresch a psychotic with a dangerous arsenal capable of revolt or mass destruction. The FBI, using tanks from the armed forces, (Bradley M-728's) smashed through the walls of the children's wing and most likely due to wind conditions and kerosene lamps caused the fire that incinerated almost 2 dozen children and 70 people.

The 51-day seige of the compound is being justified by all sorts of white-wash reasoning which is unsound and within the grey area of the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

When the Senate Subcommittee asked the question of "why", as in why did the Federal Agents attack the compound in the first place, Attorney General Janet Reno could not supply this crucial answer. She said the seige continued because of the death

of the 4 ATF agents, and that she felt concern for the children who were in danger because of the hostile and unsanitary conditions of the compound; no food, water and sewer. All conditions she failed to mention caused by the government trying to "save" them.

One reason the government used force, we were told, was because Koresh had acquired illegal automatic weapons. But many communities and respected citizens have arsenals and they are rarely subjected to raids by armed federal agents. Koresh had bought his weapons openly and had threatened no one with them.

Koresh had walked about town freely. The ATF agents could have served him a warrent in town.

We were told that there were unsubstantiated reports of child abuse. Child abuse is not a Federal offense, and had been disproven a year ago by Texas authorities. Yet, the children "freed" before the tragedy were then subjected to 2 months of "expert" analysis. Even if we believe these experts authorized by the state, killing the children in the compound is far from acting in their best interests, it is the ultimate abuse.

What happened in Waco, Texas, is a crime against the citizenry of the United States. The history of the Waco incident is being rewritten by our Congressmen, the Attorney General, William Sessions, and those who have a political interest in covering their blunders and disguising the totalitarian power of the State.

For instance, Janet Reno, is on a P.R. tour to change her tarnished image. Reno will appear at the Southfield Civic Center late in May to speak on child abuse. Americans will now associate her with the image of child-protector instead of child-destroyer.

During the Hearing with Janet Reno, one Representative spoke out against the misuse of "military action" in this situation that did not require such violence. This was Representative John Conyers of Detroit. He has been receiving criticism from all over the country for his stand.

Besides the tragic loss of life, another disturbing outcome of this situation is that an overwhelming majority of Americans found no fault in the way



## HEAD START OR FALSE START?

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A citizen who wants to be informed about the issues of our time must look elsewhere than the metropolitan newspapers for understanding. One recent article in the Detroit Free Press started out with this incorrect and biased paragraph, "The opportunity for thousands of preschoolers to get a Head Start this Summer has been eliminated, another victim of Senate rejection of President Bill Clinton's economic stimulus package."

The true facts are that for the almost \$3 billion dollars yearly American taxpayers spent on Head Start, research has not shown long term benefits from the program. HHS has reported that children without the Head Start benefit catch up in only two years time. Head Start does not compensate for bad schools, poverty, and lack of parental guidance.

Political correctness and the government sanctioned religion of human secularism, which can not be separated from the State, will not allow us to analyze the problems that prompted the creation of Head Start in the 1960's; teen pregnancy, school failures, and welfare dependence. None of these social problems have been eliminated, and what's worse, all numbers are up. Head Start, for all its good intentions has not stopped our social woes. Republicans and Democrats alike have supported it because it is a feel good thing to do. Last year, President Bush approved a \$600 million increase in their budget. President Clinton would like to double the funding this year to \$6 billion. Our money is the scapegoat of most ills today. Everyone wants to take it away from us and visibly use it in a politically correct, feel-good way. Giving away our money to the Head Start program is not a way to fix the country's social ills. Citizens must realize that success comes from the initiative of the individual and not the initiative of an expensive and expansive social program.

law-enforcement authorities acted.

Labeling the Davidians as a cult worked. The public has been convinced that they were an evil disease that could spread if not eliminated. The politically correct human secularism of our time is allowing government power to expand and quash any new thoughts on religion, morality or values.

Most of our churches could be considered cults, they contain all the necessary ingredients; leader, followers, zealous worship, blind faith. Most religions had bizarre beginnings. Henry VIII wanted to confiscate the Roman church's wealth and to legalize adultery, thus the Church of England formed.

The Puritans and Pilgrims had a religious zeal and severity that we wouldn't hesitate to label as abusive today.

The Mormons would never have been allowed to exist if they started in the 1990's. Their historical beginnings are very similar to the Davidians. Today they are a respected religious community. If the Mormons would have been under siege, public outcry would have been great. Yet the Mormons killed 125 men, women, and children during the Green Mountain Meadow Massacre. It seems that any established religion is safe, for now.

Through a false humanitarian action, a religious group was eliminated. Americans gave the government blanket police authority despite the obvious evidence that atrocities were committed against the Davidians. When the State-approved religion of human secularism supercedes all other beliefs, our First Amendment rights are seriously threatened, if not abolished.

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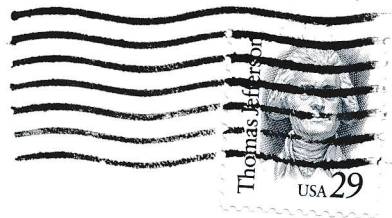
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