

# MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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## ONE MORE TIME

By: Dick Whitelock

Many efforts have been made to present libertarian political philosophy in a manner that can easily be digested, understood and accepted by non-libertarians. At the risk of being redundant, this is yet another attempt.

To best describe libertarian thought and principle, one must recognize other types of political thought and compare them. Since the turn of the century, ism's having to do with centralized government control and force have been the most prominent; Socialism, Communism, Authoritarianism and Fascism. All of these promote and require huge oppressive government bureaucracies, high taxation of the working class, maximum government control of individual lifestyles, and severely restricted economic and individual freedoms. All four of these ism's are routinely practiced by politicians of the Republican and Democratic parties.

While they deny any connection to the four ism's, the political record is quite clear. The philosophy of Democrat's is to lean more in favor of individual freedom....about seventy percent of the time. They have absolutely no qualms about controlling the other thirty percent of your life. On the economic scale, Democrats lean heavily toward socialism and its share-the-wealth philosophy, allowing nothing in the way of economic freedom. High taxes and uncontrolled government spending are trademarks of Democratic political thought and deed.

Republicans, on the other hand, have a history of allowing seventy percent economic freedom while stealing the other thirty percent of your income. Yet, in the past three decades, Republicans have joined hands with Democrats in their joint program of legalized theft while running up a \$4 trillion national debt.

When it comes to civil liberties, Republicans want to regulate or control most of your personal life; who you sleep with; what you eat and drink; who you associate with; whether or not you choose to gamble or take other risks; how you conduct your personal life....all of these are taboo in Republican circles.



Libertarianism takes a much simpler approach. It's simpler because libertarians reject the idea that it's necessary for government to control your life or your pocketbook. Any issue that involves government naturally becomes complex and confusing under the rule of Republicans and Democrats. To them it justifies the existence of big-government. They look to government as the solution to all problems instead of being the cause.

Libertarians believe that each and every individual, regardless of skin color, religious belief, economic status, ethnic background or personal lifestyle has the

inherent right to one-hundred percent freedom in all economic and social issues without any interference from government. Libertarians want everyone to have freedom of choice....whether they want it or not! No limits or restrictions....just a choice. But to enjoy these freedoms, one must be prepared to pay the price. And the price is responsibility.

It's tough to admit, but the Republicans and Democrats have successfully managed to bully millions of Americans into believing that giving up freedom is a small price to pay for letting them control your life.

*"Those who would give up their liberty for a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."  
(Benjamin Franklin)*

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## U.S. SUPREME COURT: "IT'S O.K. TO KIDNAP"

In an unprecedented display of arrogance and contempt toward the civilized world, the U.S. Supreme Court, by a 6-3 ruling said the U.S. government may kidnap foreign suspects abroad and prosecute them in the United States even if such actions violate international law. The ruling is part of a high-handed pattern of

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trying to impose U.S. rules on foreign countries in criminal, economic and other matters. It also is a result of a "drug war" that needs some rethinking. Sending U.S. agents and military forces around the world trying to interdict drug supplies is a formula for serious trouble. And apparently it doesn't work too well anyway: Drugs are still flooding into the country.

## WELCOME

The following Libertarians are among those who have joined the LPM since the state convention in April. Welcome aboard the "Liberty" ship. We're happy to have you involved in the fight for freedom.

Peter Dale	Mark Hiselman	Thomas Norgield
C.J. Diehl	Edward Karpinski	Ronald Dimpson
James Dyke	JoAnne Karpinski	Arita Sims
Marnie Edwards	Donald Kerr	Don Slabaugh
Todd Greene	Jay Korinek	Pamela Spiro
Erwin Haas	Fred Koski	Gerald Wenson
Eric Hans	Pamela Lotz	Bernard Wezner
John Hart	Calvin Matle	Warren Wolfe
Fred Hemker	James Montgomery	Martin Wuchle
Steven Henderson		

## FROM THE CHAIR

At the July 19 LCC meeting, I suggested a series of goals for 1992-93, extending into 1994 and even beyond. If the LPM is to become a viable force, we are going to have to professionalize the party and do our work in a more thorough and efficient manner. This may be tough for us because we are going to need a more structured approach if we are to compete with the Dumbocrats and Republicrats. These goals are:

1. The Marrou-Lord campaign. Not only do we want a big vote nationwide, but this is the top of the ticket whose vote will determine whether we stay on the ballot in 1994 or go through another painful petition drive. We need you to help. Call Bill Shotey or your regional LP representative.
2. A quality newsletter focusing on the positive for outreach. We need to focus on new members, welcoming them into the party and getting them more active.
3. College organizing. Starting campus Libertarian clubs and providing them with economic seminars, speakers and parliamentary and campaign training. Do you have any contacts on Michigan campuses?
4. A speakers bureau to handle college seminars, alumni groups, high school and college classes, clubs, etc. Tim O'Brien will head this up and I can help. Can you provide us with contacts for speaking engagements? This will be hot this fall with elections coming up.
5. County organizations to find, train and help candidates for office and work on local projects. Meet at least once a month and enjoy the company of local libertarians. James Hudler, our

Washtenaw fireball can give you some ideas on this project.

6. Training of candidates, present and future. We should have at least 150 candidates on the 1994 ballot in Michigan and we need to give them all the information they need to run a strong campaign with a minimum of uncertainty and error. Item 7 would apply for candidate training. Gary Bradley is heading this effort. Can you help?

7. A procedure handbook, permanent and up-to-date so that future officers, committees, activists and campaigners can jump right in without hesitation. It would cover inquiry response, processing of new members, flow of paperwork, tips for campaigners, relations with NATCOM, election laws, by-laws, etc. I will get this started and ask for suggestions from present and past officers.

8. A permanent repository for past minutes, treasury reports, so we know where we are and what we've done.

9. A faster-paced convention featuring good speakers, quick elections and a MINIMUM of parliamentary trivia.

Please volunteer your help. You don't have to spend all your spare time on this, but every little bit helps. You can bet that the two overage parties will have plenty of volunteers. Can we afford to do less? It's YOUR freedom that's at stake.

Keith Edwards, Chair-LPM

## MARROU TO CAMPAIGN IN MICHIGAN

Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou will make a campaign swing through Michigan in early August. His itinerary is as follows: August 10 - Grand Rapids and West Michigan. Contact Todd Greene (616) 532-4234 for information

August 11 - Lansing. Contact Betty Kronmeyer (517) 482-6634. During his capitol city appearance, Andre will tape a PBS-TV show and conduct a telephone interview with host Mark Scott on WXYT radio (1270 AM) at 10 AM and travel to Dearborn for a 7 PM speech and fundraiser at a meeting of Justice Pro-Se. Contact Bill Shotey (313) 278-3673.

On Wednesday, August 12, Andre is scheduled for interviews with Hugh McDiarmid of the Detroit Free Press, Metro Times, and radio interviews with J.P. McCarthy at 10:30 A.M. on 760 AM and David Newman on WHFR-FM (89.3 FM). A 5 PM TV taping is scheduled in Ann Arbor. Contact Emily Salvette (313) 747-7542; a 7 PM speech at the Dearborn Kiwanis club has been arranged by Ben Bachrach. Call (313) 563-1558 for information. And a TV taping for Barden-Cablevision with host Lou Farrel will be aired in early September.

Thursday, August 13, Andre will travel to Midland. Contact Scott Overton (517) 631-0305 for information. Friday will take in the Flint area with David Gillie (517) 845-6267 providing scheduled media coverage.

On Saturday, August 15, a 3 PM Champagne reception and fundraiser will be held at the home of Scott and Karen Scarborough in Waterford. Call (313) 673-2693 for details and directions.

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On Sunday, August 16, at 6:30 PM, Andre will appear on a live audience participation call-in program on WMUZ-FM (103.5) hosted by Ron Edwards. At 8 PM, Andre will be the guest of host Russ Gibb for a live call-in TV show on Dearborn cablevision.

Everyone is urged to participate in as many of these activities as possible. Tell your friends and neighbors. Let's give our presidential candidate the support and reception that the LPM is famous for. Let's attract all of the politically homeless who are fed up with the lies and corruption of the Republicrats to the libertarian agenda of freedom.

(Late notice) On Wednesday, August 12, Andre will be the guest on the Denny McClain show from 8 to 9 AM on WXYT radio (1270 AM)

## BUSH SAYS: "TRUST ME"

(Grand Rapids, July 28) George Bush of "Read my lips" infamy appeared at a carefully staged political rally before some 750 hand-picked supporters at the Holland American Wafer Co. in the Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming. During his 10 minute speech, Bush said; "This election is not just about change, because change has a flip side, and that flip side is called trust. When you go into that voting booth and pull that curtain behind you, trust matters." In all, Bush used the word "trust" a total of 19 times.

Bush aides had billed the speech as the beginning of efforts to highlight major differences with Bill Clinton and the Democrats.

As usual, the traditional media covering the event failed to question the president on his "read my lips" tax pledge of the 1988 campaign and how he has presided over the largest tax increase in history.

Typical of status-quo political hypocrisy, after lying to the American people for four years, how George Bush has the guts

and audacity to ask the people to trust him is beyond logical reasoning.

## LPM ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

An LPM Advisory Council meeting will be held on Sunday, August 9 at 12 noon at Cliff Schwinck's residence at 3174 Dodge Rd., Clio, MI.

Take I-75 and exit at Mt. Morris Rd. Travel 1.5 miles east on Clio Rd. Turn north and go 2 miles to Dodge Rd. Proceed 0.3 miles west to Cliff's house. Please bring your own food and beverages. For further information call David Gillie at (313) 686-1200 or (313) 550-1115.

Elections for Vice-Chair will be held at this meeting. As of this writing the candidates are: James Hudler, Tony Wright, David Black, and Karen Scarborough. Please plan to attend to nominate someone or to run for office. If you can't attend, please give your voting proxy to an attending member.


## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 1992

Present: K. Edwards, K. Scarborough, M. Elsholz, M. Gillman, G. Bradley. Absent: D. Nagy, Dale Dobberstein has resigned as Chair of the LPM, Keith Edwards has assumed the role of Chair

in accordance with the state by-laws.

Treasurer's report: As of

<i>presenting on AUDIO</i>		<b>NEWS ARTICLES</b> 28 Marrou-Lord '92 Michigan Campaign articles including Detroit News, Ann Arbor News, Midland Daily \$6.00 postpaid
<b>ANDRE MARROU</b>	<b>NANCY LORD</b>	
* Mark Scott Show 1-13-92 WXYT AM	* Bob Whitman Show 10-28-91 WUOM FM Ann Arbor	
* Rick Strawcutter Show 11-26-91 WLEN Adrian, MI	* David Newman Show 1-14-92 WXYT AM	
* Libertarian Party of Michigan - (4) 60 second spots as run on WXYT AM 1270 audiotapes \$6.00 each or \$20.00 for all 5 postpaid		
<b>VIDEO</b>		<b>ALSO!!! 6 TV spots +</b> <b>ANDRE MARROU</b> addressing the New Hampshire legislature Feb. 1992
<b>ANDRE MARROU</b>	<b>NANCY LORD</b>	
* CNN Newsmaker 2-15-92	* CNN Crier & Co. 2-13-92	
* Libertarian Party of Michigan (2) 30 second spots as run on Comcast Cable, Macomb County Videotapes \$10.00 each or \$30.00 for all 4 postpaid		
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7-15-92 there is a balance of \$2,655. Campaign signs are priced at \$3 each. Bumper stickers and buttons at \$1.50.

College Outreach: David Black is doing some college outreach. Keith Edwards suggested a speaker's bureau and that Alumni associations host speakers. Karen Scarborough suggested Tim O'Brien to head up the bureau. Bill Shotey suggested radio stations as a possible forum.

Secretary's Report: K. Scarborough and Bill Shotey are planning LP week banquet. Dr. Mary Ruwart will be the guest speaker. Karen Scarborough is attempting to set up a meeting for Andre Marrou with the Ross Perot organization.

Membership inquiries: 365 received since 12-91. Keith Edwards is handling distribution of information packets.

Membership: Bill Shotey is sending over 1,000 letters to former members and new interested to boost membership.

LPM Picnic: To be held in conjunction with LPM Advisory Council meeting at Cliff Schwinck's on August 9th. Bring items to auction off for fundraising.

1993 State Convention: To be held in Grand Rapids area. Co-Chaired by Mike Gillman and Glenn Barr. Tim O'Brien suggested "New Age Movement" as convention theme.

Candidate training: Headed by Gary Bradley at Gillie's Restaurant on July 26. Tim O'Brien suggested suing the state elections bureau for failing to publish names of Libertarian candidates. A filing fee in the amount of \$250 was approved for David Raaflaub proceed with a lawsuit. Dick Whitelock and Andre Marrou have been invited to meet with Perot supporters in Grand Rapids on August 10th.

Western Michigan Region: LPWM will hold a fundraising picnic on Sept. 12. Dick Jacob's will be guest speaker. Public Opinion Survey (Operation Politically Homeless) booth at the Ionia Free Fair July 31 through August 9.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

(Minutes edited for brevity and space considerations)

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