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Toward an Effective Libertarian Political Movement

If you read the rest of this issue, you will see where we are now. There are lots of fine activists and good State parties. For example, note North Carolina, where Professor Munger crossed the magical percentage needed to improve ballot access for Libertarians across the state. A half-dozen state parties to no avail urged the LNC to spend its time on doing real politics rather than the internal feud with Angela Keaton.

The LNC did pass a budget for next year, a budget somewhat thin on doing real politics, including budgeting nothing for Affiliate Support, Ballot Access, Brand Development, Campus Outreach, or Lobbying, and only \$5,000 for Candidate Support. The 2008 Presidential campaign ended nearly a quarter of a million dollars in debt, yet spent — see the article below — rather little on doing politics, not to mention almost nothing to take advantage of the strong points of the Vice Presidential candidate. That's the Presidential campaign whose candidate was supposedly recruited by our National Chair.

America needs an effective Libertarian political movement. That movement will necessarily be a Libertarian centrist movement. How do we get from here to where we wish to be?

- **Organize** — create and lead local and state groups that chose to do real politics
- **Mobilize** — recruit fellow libertarians, most of whom see no point in a national committee that spends most of our money yet obtains few of the movement's results
- **Delegate** — divide the work over new volunteers as well as the *grogards*, the faithful long-time members.
- **Supervise** — in a mostly volunteer organization, just as in the paid workplace, everyone will not perform. The message is 'trust but confirm'. Treat fellow volunteers with respect, but see they are living up to their promises.

If you already belong to a state party that is doing the right things, or is open to being led in the right directions, be vigorous and active. If your state party is under the grip of people who are not effective and will not let go, note the success of LibertyForMassachusetts.Com.

At the national level, an effective national organization is needed. The energies that our party's radical and establishment wings are about to spend on redirecting LNC,

Inc., would far better be spent on doing real politics.

Future issues of **Liberty for America** will discuss ongoing positive steps to bring an effective national libertarian political organization to our Republic.

A Draft Budget

A draft million dollar political budget for a serious Libertarian National Political Organization

Consider what a draft budget for grownups interested in making things happen might look like:

As a first cut, I propose on an estimated income of one

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million dollars and 20,000 members. That's for comparison with LNC, Inc.

Costs:

- Rent \$50,000 That's for 5000 square feet at 10 dollars per square foot per year. Those numbers are both large for New Hampshire.
- Website management \$50,000
- Edit, Print, mail Newsletter \$100,000 Includes one full-time staff member
- Back office \$100,000 One accountant, one front desk person
- Office supplies, postage \$50,000
- Membership retention \$4 per member (the sensible way to budget it) \$80,000
- Insurance (D&O, other, and related) \$25,000
- Legal services and litigation \$50,000
- Volunteer mobilization \$100,000 Includes National Mobilization Facilitator
- Advertising \$100,000 Includes Media Director
- Ballot access, including petitioning you can do now and creating a reserve fund for 2012, targeting \$400,000 for the start of 2012 \$100,000
- Fund raising \$100,000 Some of the above are sufficiently well-defined programs that they also do their own fund raising, though one might express the hope that well-defined projects that actually spend money on the

proposed activity will be easier to fund.

- Reserve fund.... \$50,000
- Projects ... \$40,000

A Political Director and National Office Manager — when we reach the size to need the latter — are treated as overhead expenses and charged to all these items as an overhead %age, likely something around 13%. I assume you have a Political Director who is in the main office supervising the political aspects of what we are doing.

By the way, the historical main rationale for a DC office is that it puts the Media Director where he can interact with the press. We just had a Libertarian Presidential campaign, and the Media Director was in Atlanta working for Barr. We got nothing for that D.C. office under that rationale, for this quadrennium. That's the better part of a half million dollars down the drain at what the LNC pays in rent.

Letter

I get Mail all of the time telling me what I should do for the National Libertarian Party. Maybe it is time to ask what the National Libertarian Party is doing for the state and local parties, where politics will be won or lost. Other than solicitations for donations all I see thus far are attacks on other party members.

I am not sure what Angela Keaton is accused of doing, but if you feel slandered by her it is your problem, not ours. The fact that many local candidates are running without much of the way of infrastructure support (web expertise, knowledge of campaign laws etc.) should be the problem of the National Committee, which is obviously preoccupied with other things.

The members of the LNC should be proud to be Americans because if they were in most European Democracies and achieved a .5% showing, they would feel honor bound to resign and let someone else take a shot at the next election, elected or not. I might also suggest that if the LNC achieved better results they might not be so feel as much of a need to spend so much energy stamping out criticism.

...Robert Joseph Underwood

Keaton Driven from LNC

After much waiting, the LNC debated what should be done about Angela Keaton. In advance, the reasonable outcome was clear. Angela Keaton's supporters had enough votes on the LNC to defeat Stuart Flood's motion attacking her. They had but to bring the motion to a vote, and put the Flood motion out of its misery. They instead voted for a motion to refer the entire question to an ad

hoc dispute resolution committee. Her supporter's votes meant that the entire issue would go to a committee, from which it was nearly sure to surface again at the end-of-February 2009 LNC meeting. Keaton has noted that the *sturm und drang* over the Flood resolution was destroying her health and interfering with her work for Anti-War.Com. Finding that she faced another quarter of a year of pointed bickering, and noting that her employer viewed the current situation to be unacceptable, Keaton waited until the day after the LNC meeting, and then resigned from the National Committee. The attacks of her opponents, and the choices made by her supporters, left her in an untenable position.

Keaton was an At-Large LNC member. The LNC chooses her replacement. There is a motion on the table to replace Keaton with Alicia Mattson, whose tenure as LP Tennessee chair was brought to an end when she was defeated by Tony Wall.

State Parties Supported Keaton

Before the December 2008 LNC Meeting, no fewer than six state parties sent resolutions to the LNC urging that the LNC drop its discussion of Angela Keaton in favor of doing the political business of the party. In additions, New Hampshire sent a resolution (see next article) informing the LNC that the New Hampshire-related charge against Keaton was factually meritless. The LNC went ahead regardless. Indeed, the resolutions opposing the Keaton trial were not entered into the record of the debate. The Resolved parts of the resolution (full texts are at IndependentPoliticalReport.com) were

Florida BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of Florida strongly suggests the Libertarian National Committee remove the Angela Keaton discussion from said meeting Agenda and that time be devoted to more pressing issues facing the Libertarian Party. We feel the Libertarian National Committee should spend the extra time on Jim Lark & Patrick Dixon's Agenda item regarding "goals" and how to achieve those goals.

Georgia RESOLVED, the Libertarian Party of Georgia expresses its deep disappointment with the Libertarian National Committee in its continued activities regarding Angela Keaton and it neglect of its proper Party duties, and expresses a desire that the LNC get back on proper course for the LP by actually

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working for the growth of the Party and advancing public policy in a libertarian direction, instead of engaging in self-destructive, alienating, embarrassing, and pointless internal squabbles.

Massachusetts BE IT RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts calls upon the Libertarian National Committee to decline to consider resolutions suspending Angela Keaton, and Be it further resolved, that the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts commends to the Libertarian National Committee the desirability of spending its precious meeting time on important issues that may advance our party, Be it further resolved, that the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts urges the Libertarian National Committee to spend that time, instead, on contemplating the substantive objectives of its budget and volunteer mobilization programs for the next year.

Nevada BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of Nevada demands that the Libertarian National Committee drop its vendetta against Angela Keaton, keeping in mind that she was elected At-Large by the delegates of the 2008 Libertarian National Convention and is largely supported by those who elected her and by many other Party members, retract the proposed Resolution of Discipline, and turn its attention to proper and necessary Libertarian Party business such as membership growth, finances, campaigns, advancing public policy in a libertarian direction, and increasing awareness of Libertarianism.

New York: A long letter <http://www.ericsondwall.com/2008/12/open-letter-to-the-lnc.html>, closing: In my estimation this is an internal political pogrom whose results may render the very fabric of our enterprise inoperable or at the very least permanently unpalatable to a large segment of membership. If we cannot function with a general transparency and proceed to render verdict or judgment without reasonable due process, I would consider such resolutions as necessary for potential secession of affiliates as reasonable and with proper cause. If a duly elected official from a body at large is castigated, maligned and subsequently removed without proper recourse or representation, perhaps the real injury and purpose of such 'political' alignment, merits deep review and consideration by all those involved. Thank you for the consideration of this missive and please submit in its entirety to the minutes of your next meeting.

Eric Sundwall
Chairman of the Libertarian Party of NY

Tennessee BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of Tennessee demands that the Libertarian National Committee drop its vendetta against Angela Keaton, keeping in mind that she was elected At-Large by the delegates of the 2008 Libertarian National Convention and is largely supported by those who elected her and by many other Party members, retract the proposed Resolution of Discipline, and turn its attention to proper and necessary Libertarian Party business such as membership growth, finances, campaigns, advancing public policy in a libertarian direction, and increasing awareness of Libertarianism.

Libertarian National Committee Meets

A long description follows. If you have the impression they did less than might have been hoped, I agree with you. However, the LNC goes through over a million a year of libertarian money, so you should care about where the cash goes.

The big commotion in advance was over the motion by Stuart Flood to expel Angela Keaton from the National Committee. Every LNC member was present for the meeting; the gallery was filled with 30 spectators. Mike Seebeck with the Libertarian Transparency Caucus videotaped the meeting. Segments are available on the web at <http://www.justin.tv/tannim123>.

The first surprise for spectators was mention that David Nolan had prepared a resolution condemning the Barr campaign's management of its Presidential campaign. Nolan is not an LNC member; the resolution was submitted by Tony Ryan. Motions to delete the Barr and Keaton resolutions from the Agenda failed.

The meeting opened with comments from the gallery. Andy Jacobs protested at some length that the LNC political director had demanded that LPMass burn several thousand signatures for Barr and Underwood. We did not of course burn the signatures, but that was not the issue. Ron Power urged that the LNC should reach out to the left and not just the right, contrary to its past practice.

Chair William Redpath dropped a bombshell. The Barr campaign generated a large list of donors and volunteers. The campaign refuses to share that list with the LNC. They are keeping that list for themselves until they pay off the campaign's debts, which are close to a quarter million dollars. There was no suggestion that they will share that list with the LNC at a later date.

The Treasurer's Report indicated that the LNC has more liabilities than cash on hand, but that the money we receive as payments from a bequest will bring us up roughly to zero net available assets. Income next year is expected to fall substantially.

The Convention committee has chosen St. Louis as the site for the 2010 state convention. The hotel is a Marriott. It does not have internet access in the rooms.

Wayne Root was allowed to speak for the better part of 30 min-

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utes. He did not hesitate to take questions. Most important point: The Barr campaign owes him about \$20,000 for his expenses, and had lost and ignored his messages to them asking for payment. Most of his speech was in fact the launch of his 2012 Presidential campaign. He did note that he had been vigorous on seeking radio interviews and other media, much more successful than our prior recent VP candidates. He participated in a variety of events, such as the San Francisco Pride festival. Unlike his running mate he had been supportive and effective on getting into a debate with other candidates running for the same office.

The Committee then considered a resolution authored by Party Founder David Nolan condemning the Barr campaign. The Resolution asserted that Barr talked of millions of votes and tens of millions of dollars, and totally failed to deliver, in large part because of incompetence and lack of support of Libertarian principles. The resolution then resolved that the LNC expresses extreme disappointment with the campaign, condemns Russ Verney and Shane Cory as campaign managers, and specifically disavows responsibility for the campaign's huge debts. A Bill of Particulars noted that Barr had regularly avoided the word "Libertarian", notably in his literature, massively mis-spent the money he did raise, only achieved ballot access in 45 states, insulted Ron Paul, and insulted all of our prior Presidential candidates. The list of ill-spent funds included "Campaign staffers were paid inflated salaries; money was spent on refurbishing Bob Barr's Atlanta offices; "political consultants" were paid at least \$100,000; \$19,000 was spent on limousines. But almost nothing was spent on promoting Barr or the Libertarian Party via paid broadcast or print advertising." After considerable debate, the motion to adopt the Resolution was defeated.

Staff reports largely focused on ballot access. We have ballot access in Maryland through 2010 and have retained access in North Carolina, an enormous positive outcome. There was a conversation with the Party Attorney in Executive session. Bill Hall was not enthusiastic about continuing as the LNC's attorney. I have since learned that other candidates for the post are being recruited.

After lunch, Stuart Flood moved to expel Angela Keaton from the LNC. The resolution, which was not available to the accused the day before the meeting, began

"Whereas, Angela Keaton has engaged in conduct injurious to the Libertarian Party and its purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Angela Keaton's membership in the Libertarian National Committee is suspended pursuant to Article 8, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party; and further be it

RESOLVED, That the aforementioned suspension is hereby rescinded, contingent upon a determination by the Secretary that Angela Keaton has submitted within seven days of the adoption of this resolution a letter for publication in LP News including (and limited to)"

There followed a long list of complaints about her. Noteworthy on the list was "An apology to the members of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire for attempting on August 21, 2008 to sabotage the party's attempt to win the right to candidate substitution for future elections."

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire had previously expressed an opinion of this complaint, namely in a letter to their LNC representative, Dan Karlan, they wrote

"Mr. Karlan:

LPNH has no grievance against Angela Keaton. The preponderance of opinion among our officers and other active members is that this is foolish, petty, and true to form for LPN. The author of this did not consult with LPNH, and his attempt to embroil our party in this is contemptible. See to it that any reference to LPNH is removed from this resolution.

- Philip Hodson, LPNH chair"

The letter also went to the LNC Chair and many others. Dan Karlan made no effort during the meeting to remove the false claims from the motion. You will not read in the draft minutes Mr. Wrights' reminder that if Angela Keaton had supported candidates of another party, than so had most of the LNC, namely most of the LNC had voted to give material support to the Ron Paul Republican campaign.

A half dozen state committees had sent resolutions urging that the LNC not waste its time on this. The resolutions were entirely ignored.

After an hour and a half of this -- you can watch the video -- the LNC did not give Keaton the courtesy of a vote on the matter. They instead voted to create a "dispute resolution committee" to review the issues.

Authorial comment: This was transparently a battle between our party's radical and establishment wings. The radicals had the votes to vote down the original motion and end the issue. They did not have the good sense to do so. They instead guaranteed that the issue would drag out until the Charleston meeting. Ms. Keaton instead has quit the LNC in disgust, meaning that it is fairly likely that she, a radical, will be replaced with an establishment candidate.

The LNC then was offered a motion to consider a new Mission Statement "The mission of the LP is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a network of pro-freedom activists who can effectively support public policy changes and oppose negative changes by working within the political process on an issue-by-issue basis."

The Motion had not been discussed in detail prior to the meeting. I see contradictory statements as to whether the exact motion had been submitted to the National Committee in advance. An hour was allotted for discussing the motion; at the end, consideration was postponed to the next meeting.

The discussion then turned to a discussion of goals for the rest

of the Committee's term. There was a prolonged discussion of how voting would proceed on goals. On goals:

#1 48 state ballot access. It was clear from discussion that no one had gone through in advance and worked out, state by state, what could actually be done in the next 18 months. Ruwart moved that the committee should in the next 18 months raise 1/3 of the money that will be needed through 2012 or this purpose. Her amendment was defeated. Further discussion was postponed until March.

#2 18,000 members as of 12/31/2009. Paths to this end were not discussed.

#3) The LNC will ensure that each state has an operational affiliate party by July 1, 2009. Their definition of "Operational state affiliate" is a bit strange, namely it does not include actually doing any politics. Instead:

- * There is a properly maintained website for the affiliate
- * There is at least one LP member in the state who actively serves as an official contact for the affiliate in its dealings with the LNC, and there is at least one LP member in the state who actively serves as a contact for the affiliate in its dealings with the state government.
- * LPHQ has a copy of the current bylaws and associated documents for the affiliate, along with a copy of the relevant laws of that state regarding political parties and ballot access.

After an hour, the goals discussion got almost no place. Discussion was postponed until the March LNC Meeting.

There is an ongoing search for an Executive Director. I am quite sure I heard it said that there is no money to hire an Executive Director, and therefore the search is not really going any where, but it is continuing.

We have reached the end of Saturday. I was challenged by a very prominent Libertarian to name one significant thing the LNC had done this day. I clutched at straws, but failed.

The Sunday meeting opened bright and early. The Resolution Committee was named to be: Rachel Hawkridge, Tony Ryan, Mary Ruwart, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Admiral Michael Colley, and Michael Jingoian. Angela Keaton declined to have anything to do with the committee.

The committee moved to discussing the budget. They first went to Executive Session. I have learned that the discussion topic was staff reductions. The compensation line was cut from around \$320,000 to under \$250,000, so there will be reductions. I have not yet learned who.

The LNC did appropriate \$15,000 out of their estimated 1.3 million dollar budget to join the Washington State 'top two' litigation, which makes it illegal for third party candidates to run in November in significant races.

There was considerable debate on spending lines, almost none

of which was minuted. Membership recruitment by direct mail is estimated to cost \$84 a member; we will be doing a lot of it. Membership recruitment via internet will cost far less; Ruwart's proposal to move money to internet recruiting was in the end not supported.

The final budget included 1.19 million dollars in income, assuming that membership dues will rise from \$394,000 to \$550,000, and included spending:

LP News will apparently be cut from monthly or so to quarterly.

Nothing for Affiliate Support

Nothing for Ballot Access

Nothing for Brand Development

Nothing for Campus Outreach

Nothing for Lobbying

\$5,000 for Candidate Support

\$6,000 for Media Relations

\$28,000 for Member Communications

\$35,000 for Litigation

\$430,000 for membership recruiting and fund raising

378,700 for Administrative Expense

309,800 for Compensation -- that's not the number I saw on the screen, but computer displays are not reliable

The budget passed 10-6. Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Aaron Starr, Bob Sullentrup, Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Tony Ryan, Mark Hinkle, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Stewart Flood, Dan Karlan. Opposed: Angela Keaton, Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, James Lark, Julie Fox, Rachel Hawkridge. Bill Redpath as chair did not vote. There was a dispute as to whether the budget had passed, because 2/3 votes are required to pass new material, but the budget was ruled to be the old material, not the details released only at the meeting.

The Platform Committee will be Adam Mayer, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Richard Randall, Brian Holtz, Alicia Mattson, Stephen Gordon, John Roland, Rob Power, Joe Hauptman, and Susan Hogarth. Mattson was appointed as interim chair.

Bill Redpath appointed M Carling as the LNC's Parliamentarian. Redpath then left.

There was a discussion of the Libertarian National Congressional Committee. The LNCC gave no money to any federal candidates. It gave \$500 each to four NH State Rep candidates, namely Morey Strauss, Brendan Kelley, Rich Tomasso, and Lisa Wilbur, who were claimed to be running particularly effective campaigns. My sources in New Hampshire say that the first two were campaigning, and the other two were running paper campaigns.

There was discussion of rules for approving participation in lawsuits. After prolonged discussion, the matter was referred to counsel and no action was taken.

The National Director proposed that LNC members sign a volunteer confidentiality statement. Several members refused. The issue was postponed until March.

The LNC passed a resolution condemning violations of the *posse committatus* act by the Bush administration. It then went to executive session to discuss the need for legal counsel, and finally adjourned.

Where Your Money Went Barr 2008

Is there a campaign here?

Barr 2008 paid people. For the period October 16 to November 24, Jim Bovard was to get \$57,000 for authoring fees, of which the campaign still needs to pay him \$47,000. Shane Cory was to get more than \$20,000; he has yet to get any of that amount. Russ Verney was to get \$15,000, all of which is owed. Steve Gordon was only owed \$5860, but he received the money. Remember, these are payments and debts appearing over a five-week period. Some of these people were also paid in earlier months.

Wayne Root is still owed for his campaign expenses, nearly \$4800 according to the filing

You can be sure that Barr 2008 continued to travel in style, including more than \$16,000 to companies that provide limousine services. There was also nearly \$25,000 for plane and train travel, and more than \$6000 for hotels.

Information technology came to nearly \$50,000; Terra Eclipse is still owed over \$35,000. Printing, postage, and shipping crossed the \$30,000 line.

Money identifiably for orthodox or modern advertising? The closest I see is \$17,606 for Direct Marketing.

For the campaign, Barr 2008 raised a total of \$1,361,178 and disbursed a total of \$1,324,518. For the period from October 16 to November 24 the Barr campaign raised \$143,416. In the same period, they spent \$181,160. Unfortunately, in the same period, they also racked up a few debts, totaling \$234,327, which were as of the filing still owed and are so listed in the following That's right. For every dollar raised in the last weeks of the campaign, Barr spent more than two and a half dollars.

There's a consequence for our party, too. Historically, Presidential campaigns have shared their lists of donors and volunteers with the National Party. In 2004, any state that asked could for a nominal fee get a copy of the Badnarik donors and contacts in their state. Now it's 2008.

Travel

\$16,286 ... Limo companies, including A Candies Limo, A

First Choice Limo, Ambassador Limousine, Arista Limousine, Inc., Beres Executive LLC, Gold Star Executive Transportation, International Limousines, M&M Limousine Service, My Chauffeur Limousine Service, Sir Randolph's Classic Transportation, Town Car Executive

\$ 25,287 ... Airlines and AmTrack

\$ 6153 ... Hotels

\$ 100 ... RV Rental

People getting money

\$57,000 Bovard Authoring Fee [includes \$47,000 owed]

\$39,415 McKenna Long & Aldridge for Legal fees [includes \$39,415 OWED]

\$20,106 Shane Cory for Political Consulting [including \$20,106 OWED]

\$15,000 Russ Verney for Political Consulting [including \$15,000 OWED]

\$8000 Steve Sinton for Field Consulting [Including \$4000 OWED]

\$8000 Robert Stuber for Political Consulting [Including \$4000 OWED]

\$5860 Steve Gordon for Field Consulting

\$5000 Doug Bandow for Political Consulting

\$1803 Compliance Consulting

\$1250 Mike Ferguson for Political Consulting

\$865 Ashley Petty for Field Consulting

\$690 Photography

\$4798 Campaign Expenses [All OWED to Wayne Root.]

Fund Raising

\$17,606 Direct Marketing (mail) [Includes 1756 OWED]

Communications

\$17816 Online Order fulfillment [of which \$1149 is OWED].

\$5372 Shipping

\$2750 Printing

\$2520 Postage

\$1362 Shipping, UPS [includes \$1362 OWED]

\$1100 Cell Phone

\$89 Cable and Internet

Information Technology

\$35,567 Terra Eclipse [includes \$35,567 OWED]

\$9000 Aristotle Software

\$5278 Thru Tech IT

Moving Money Around

\$3481 Service Fees

\$ 202 Bank Fees

\$ 52 Service Fees

Space

\$8120 ... Room Rentals

\$6843 ... Rent, The Paces Foundation

\$2160 ... Rent, Lisa Franzman [includes \$2160 OWED]

\$1976 ... Meeting Expenses

Our Party Promises *What?*

...Brian Miller

It didn't take the righties who have co-opted control of the Libertarian National Committee from laying out their new agenda for the Libertarian Party, and it's headed exactly where centrists and radicals alike have been warning -- neocon talking points.

Go here and read the new LP Birthday Agenda from Bill Redpath. You can read it at <http://www.lp.org/the-chairmans-birthday-message>. From the Libertarian Party, he writes:

I want to renew our promises to you, which haven't changed in the 37 years that we've been around:

** The Libertarian Party will never use your money to bailout private corporations*

** The Libertarian Party will always promote free market alternatives to government action in the economy*

** The Libertarian Party will always fight for less government intervention in the market*

** The Libertarian Party will never raise your taxes, letting you keep the money that you earn*

** The Libertarian Party will ensure transparency is included in all government expenditures*

** The Libertarian Party will drastically cut the size of government, not increase its size with positions like "Car Czar"*

** The Libertarian Party will protect a free and competitive market, which allocates resources in the most efficient manner—even in times of economic downturn*

** The Libertarian Party will always oppose all government attempts to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade*

** The Libertarian Party will work towards the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution*

** The Libertarian Party will fight against government debt, which burdens future generations without their consent*

** The Libertarian Party will divest government of all functions that can be provided by non-governmental organizations or private individuals*

** The Libertarian Party will oppose government subsidies to business, labor, or any other special interest*

** The Libertarian Party will repeal of all laws that impede the ability of any person to find employment*

** The Libertarian Party will support the right of free persons to associate or not associate in labor unions, and protect the right of an employer to recognize or refuse to recognize a union*

** The Libertarian Party will oppose government interference in bargaining, such as compulsory arbitration or imposing an obligation to bargain*

** The Libertarian Party will repeal all governmental impediments to free trade*

** The Libertarian Party will protect your rights as a taxpayer, businessman or consumer*

The list Redpath produces looks like something from FreedomWorks -- a right-wing Republican think tank headed up by former congressman Dick Armey (where can I sign up!?!). It's all about phony "free markets" (which haven't existed in this coun-

try for almost 100 years), some swipes at the UAW (with no swipes at AIG or other companies who have received handouts several orders of magnitude larger than the UAW has demanded in its history).

Also informative and interesting is what is missing.

The leader of the party founded largely in opposition to the Vietnam War will not oppose foreign wars of occupation. This is not a surprise -- Aaron Starr and others on the LNC who pushed Ms. Keaton out the door are outspoken proponents of foreign military interventionism. Keaton's involvement in Anti-War.com, not her free-spirited banter, were the real "unacceptable situation" to these jokers.

The leader of the party founded largely in defense of individual liberties cannot even be bothered to put in a single line about civil liberties, opposing the USA PATRIOT Act, stopping warrantless wiretaps, halting unreasonable searches and seizures motivated by race, defending the rights of individuals to speak out against the government, nor eliminating the abuse of secrecy laws.

On your individual rights, the chairman of the Libertarian Party couldn't be bothered to comment on a commitment by his National Committee to work towards the repeal of anti-gay laws, racial preference/discriminatory laws, an end to the War on Some Drugs, an end to the War on Sexual Liberties (howdy Starchild) or even hint at them.

As a national board member of perhaps the largest and most active Libertarian Party organization outside of the party structure itself, Outright Libertarians, I'm utterly mystified to see the degree to which -- despite netting positive press and fighting off the media hounds for these jokers -- our issues have been completely and utterly ignored.

I personally won't be making THAT mistake again.

I hate to say I Told You So, but, as in the Ron Paul newsletters and countless other bizarre Libertarian "close your eyes and WISH and we'll magically win" episodes, this latest incarnation of the LP is not only completely undifferentiated and boring, but it's not going to succeed. Angry white guys who hate gays and want lower taxes have the GOP. People concerned about vanishing liberties typically value ALL of them, not "just" the economic ones. And the vast majority of non-voters who represent our biggest opportunity for growth tend to be neither white nor male.

The New LP that the Glorious Organization of Republican Ex-members seeks to create is nothing more than the Republican Party with a couple of twists -- half the IQ points and twice the waistline.

It's your party. Do something about it now (and in 2010). I'm not going to anymore, I'm tired of shouting myself hoarse.

...Brian Miller

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