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The Libertarian Choice

By George Phillies

We Libertarians have enormous opportunities this year. We just need to use them.

John McCain foresees a century in Iraq. Senator Clinton will charge everyone's medical bills to Uncle Sam. Just think: Republicans: A hundred years of death! Democrats: A hundred years of taxes!

We Libertarians say: Death? Taxes?

We have a better choice. The Libertarian Choice. Instead of death and taxes, vote Libertarian for Peace, Liberty, and Prosperity.

Peace? End the war on Iraq. Bring our troops home. Stop helping foreign tyrants.

Freedom? Repeal RealID, Military Commissions, the Patriot Act, and Selective Service. Warrantless wiretaps are felonies. Torturers and their enablers are enemies of our Constitution. Prosecute all government officials who committed crimes.

Prosperity: America's worst tax is the National Debt, the tax on grandchildren. We spent the money. We send the bills to the unborn.

That's immoral. We should stop doing it. Cut the regulatory and tax burdens that reduce productivity, shrink job creation, and make it harder to succeed.

If you're reading this message, you're most likely a convention delegate or party activist. You'll help choose our nominee.

Yes, I am here to make a strong case for myself. But first I'll discuss something far more important. I'm going to discuss how to identify the best candidates.

Point One: Campaign organization counts. Details of positions don't. It doesn't matter how Libertarian you think your candidate is. If no one hears their message, their message didn't matter. Run a Libertarian with an effective campaign, and the Libertarian word will be heard.

Point Two: How won't Americans hear our candidate's message? They won't meet the candidate. There's no time. They won't see our candidate on Meet the Press. In 2004 Republicans mounted a successful full court press to block Mike Badnarik from the main stream media.

They'll do it again. We won't get into debates, either, not unless the Highly Partisan Debate Commission can't make up new rules fast enough.

Point Three: How will Americans hear our candidate's message? We'll use paths we can manage, paths like internet ads, YouTube, radio, web sites, viral marketing, direct mail, and volunteer incitement. We'll send our message using the ingenuity and hard work of our volunteers, helping them the way Howard Dean and Ron Paul helped their volunteers.

And, thus, Point Four: A candidate who generates good spontaneous sound bites, but who has no real campaign, is worthless, because that candidate will never get any traction. Whoever the candidate is, most Americans

will only see him through highly scripted, fully-rehearsed, multi-take videotapes.

Measured against these standards, what is my campaign doing?

I have a staff handling the jobs a campaign demands, jobs like:

Energizing and mobilizing volunteers. Accounting. Raising money.

Generating literature. State coordinators. Volunteer teams. Direct mail. Press releases. Candidate travel, with more than three dozen out-of-state trips accomplished or planned [Because I have a real campaign, I am flying surrogates to places I can't reach myself.]

Direct mail? I've send as many as 8,000 pieces in one mailing to Liber-

tarians across America. My campaign has lists of another 140,000 libertarian supporters, the bulk with full address and phone information, including a unique list of 35,000 active libertarian donors. We're pursuing two other lists (estimated 100,000 names each) of potential volunteers. Is this good? Ask my opponents what lists they have.

Press releases? Many of you see my releases on the net, because my volunteers send them to appropriate electronic lists. The press sees them, because we send them to more than 16,000 targeted media contacts.

(Do you want to duplicate my press effort? I'll tell you how. Shell out five grand to Media Atlas for their database. Identify 17,000 targets from their huge list of possibles. Set up a server, with appropriate cancellation and subscribe facilities, at one of the few ISPs that tolerates 17,000 emails dropping in a batch.)

Volunteer mobilization? Volunteer efforts don't happen overnight. If you wanted an effective 2008 Libertarian volunteer campaign, you needed to start in 2006. My campaign spent eighteen months finding supporters and seeing who actually does real work. Phillies 2008 reprinted the Libertarian Candidate Campaign Support disk. We're sending hundreds of copies to my volunteers and other activists. If you're a candidate yourself, just contact campaign@ChooseGeorge.Org and ask for your personal copy.

What about issues? I view myself as a real libertarian. I stand for smaller government, more freedom, and less taxation. To read more on my issues go to ChooseGeorge.org and click on "issues".

To be sure, I'll run on real issues that people care about. I'll propose sound Libertarian solutions that Americans will accept.

I'll talk about challenges that concern the voters: Iraq. Civil Liberties. Runaway Federal spending. Education, energy, and the environment. The high cost of medical care. The economy.

I'll talk about those questions, and I'll give sensible Libertarian answers that lure voters to support our party.

I'm George Phillies, candidate for our Party's Presidential nomination. Make me our nominee and, I promise you, I'll give us the campaign we've always dreamed about but never quite had.

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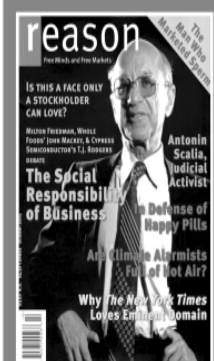
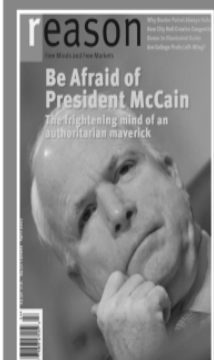
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My Journey to Libertarianville

By Marc J. Victor, Attorney

I've always been a loud mouth. Even as a young boy, my mother would often say, "Someday, that mouth of yours is going to get you in trouble." Today, as a criminal defense attorney, I use that "mouth of mine" to help get people OUT of trouble. It wasn't always that way.

Like most other loud mouths, I was always interested in politics. However, like almost all other Boston area Jews, I was surrounded by long time liberal Democrats. Although there may have been a time in my youth when I was in the presence of a Republican, such unpleasantness was always kept from me. I had always been informed that Democrats were "for the people" and Republicans were "for big business." If there was more to the analysis, I never heard it.

Being most comfortable in the midst of any controversy, I think my youthful pronouncement that I had decided to be a Republican was more of a reaction against the Democrat Party monopoly than a statement of principle. To their credit, my parents informed me that my Republican leanings were OK so long as I did not publicize them in front of the elder generation. I think they believed it was just some crazy phase I was going through. Ultimately, they were correct.

At some point, I became a Republican because I agreed with what Republicans were saying. In addition to sounding whiny and wimpy, the Democrats always struck me as needing a babysitter to help with living their lives. The Republicans were talking about individual responsibility and low taxes. I really bought into the limited govern-

ment concept. I started arguing with Democrats about everything; whether they wanted to argue or not. I began my college career as a political science major at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. The school is not known for its great libertarian bent. I don't know if being a socialist was a requirement to become a professor, but it sure seemed like it to me. I recall the permanent Marxist information table being a popular spot among many of the students. Everyone in my political science classes knew me. Some knew me as the loud mouth Republican idiot. Others just knew me as the loud mouth. I loved it.

Somewhere in the midst of my battles with liberals, I began to notice there were some pesky issues where the liberal Democrat voices made some sense. I couldn't deny their good points on various individual rights issues such as free speech, sodomy laws, homosexuality, pornography, and separation of church and state.

Being tired of shoveling snow and a fan of the summertime, I transferred to Arizona State University as a justice studies major. In addition to having a few conservatives around, there was no Marxist table to be found at Arizona State University. Although my Republican views had started to moderate on some individual rights issues, I was still fool enough to extol the virtues of the war on drugs.

One day after class, I participated in a heated argument about the drug war. During my long walk to the poor man's parking lot, the economic based argument against the drug war started to sink into my hard head. I could feel myself having to change my deeply held view about the drug war and adopt a pro-legalization position. Later, I realized those great Republican pronouncements about individual responsibility were not compatible with a war on drugs.

When I entered law school at Southwestern University in Los Angeles, I was a confused conservative; not comfortable with either the Republicans or the Democrats. In one sense I was better off because I could argue with both the Republicans and Democrats. Merely rejecting both parties didn't stop me from being a loud mouth.

Although I had positions on various issues, I lacked a coherent philosophical base.

One day, I met Professor Butler Shaffer. He told us to refer to him either as "Butler" or "God" if we weren't comfortable using his first name. I figured out quickly this guy wasn't a typical law professor. He showed up to class one day wearing a tee shirt with the word "anarchy" on it. I was intrigued. Butler posed questions about self-ownership and the legitimacy of the constitution. He insisted that all political questions were really different versions of the same question, "Who makes the decision over property; the owner or someone else?" He boiled all questions down to a property analysis. I harassed the guy. After endless hours kicking around the questions Butler posed, I started to understand. Butler gave me a book by Murray Rothbard that discussed the monetary system. I also read Economics in One Lesson by Henry Hazlitt and Libertarianism in One Lesson by David Bergland while I was pouring through the required law school reading.

Butler invited me to two discussion groups entitled the Mencken Forum and the Nock Forum respectively. I attended both faithfully and became a libertarian junkie. I couldn't get enough of the freedom philosophy. After flirting with the Libertarian Party, I came to the realization that such a party is a contradiction in terms.

Although I sympathize with political Libertarians, I do not count myself among them. On the other hand, I do not believe there is or can exist a centralized plan for freedom. I have come to believe there are two groups of people; those who coerce others and those who do not.

After almost ten years as a practicing criminal defense attorney, I can say few libertarians have fought the state more regularly. I am a libertarian on the front lines in the war against tyranny; an epic multigenerational and honorable struggle. I have hosted regular discussion groups, given speeches, hosted a radio show and sponsored debates. In 2000, I co-founded the Freedom Summit (www.freedomsummit.com) with my partner and libertarian guerilla warrior Ernest Hancock.



Although neither the Mencken Forum nor the Nock Forum continue, the Freedom Summit exists to hopefully rescue lost libertarian souls from the intellectual chaos that prevails today.

In the end, my mom was right. It is my loud mouth that will most likely get me into trouble. On the other hand, I wouldn't have it any other way.

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Obama vs. Root: A Once in a Lifetime Opportunity for the Libertarian Party!

By Wayne Allyn Root, LP Presidential Nominee Candidate

A recent commentary in the Wall Street Journal explained why Barack Obama is beating Hillary Clinton- the answer is, not surprisingly, SALES.

The article sums it up,

"With no disagreement on policy, Democrats opt for a top salesman... if you are selling a dream you need the best possible salesman to make it seem somehow possible. They found him in Barack Obama."

If it is true that the Democrats have found their salesman (unfortunately to sell a corrupt, damaging and dysfunctional liberal "tax and spend" "Soak the small businesspersons" "redistribute the wealth from the taxpayers to the

non-producers of society" dream), then I believe that the Libertarian Party has a once in a lifetime opportunity standing before them.

You see I am not just Barack's match as a salesman and communicator of a political message. I am Barack Obama's college classmate. Yes, we are graduates of the same college (Columbia University), same class (Class of '83), same major (Political Science). We graduated on the same day 25 years ago. Never before in the history of American politics have two college classmates run against each other for President. Talent aside, sometimes you just need a bit of luck. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined running for President in the same election as my college classmate.

On so many levels, this is the opportunity of a lifetime. The Columbia University classmate story will give the Libertarian Party a unique angle to attract national media attention. What media outlet in the country could re-

sist seeing the two college classmates running for President, side by side, debating and discussing issues, values and visions. Third party candidates rarely (if ever) get this kind of media exposure.

But the real opportunity of a lifetime is the ability to so clearly contrast the stark differences in the paths we've each taken in the past 25 years since college graduation. No two political opponents have ever been able to point so clearly to how their philosophies and political visions have changed lives. I would be proud to ask the American people to choose one vision or the other. I believe a majority of Americans would choose mine.

Let's now compare the stories of two young men who graduated Columbia University on the exact same day in June, 1983. Both were children of non-privileged backgrounds. Barack, a product of bi-racial parents, grew up as the rare black kid in Hawaii. Root, the blue collar son of a butcher, grew up the rare Jewish kid

in a virtually all-black public school on the Bronx borderline in Mt Vernon, New York. Both of us later benefited from attending exclusive private schools (in both cases with help from our grandparents) that prepared us for entrance into Columbia University. That however is where the eerie similarities in our lives end. Obama and I took very different paths after graduation from Columbia. Those paths will illuminate the value of the Libertarian conservative economic message.

I chose the path of an entrepreneur and small businessman. I've started businesses, funded businesses, risked my own money on business ideas to achieve the American Dream. I've created jobs; pumped tens of millions of dollars into the American economy; made hundreds of payrolls so that my employees could raise families, pay mortgages, and share in the American Dream themselves; and paid health insurance and payroll taxes for my employ

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Instantly Amp Up Your Libertarian Outreach!

By Sharon Harris

More people are interested in libertarian ideas now than any other time in recent memory. What a great opportunity we have to grow our great movement!

Here are five tips you can put to use right away in your role as an ambassador for liberty.

1. Choose powerful words. Mark Twain once said: "The difference between the almost right word and the right word is the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning." Here is some conversational lightning for you.

- Say "re-legalize" instead of **legalize** or **decriminalize**. Try this when talking about drug law reform. This word almost invariably provokes curiosity: "What do you mean: 're-legalization?'"

And that gives you the opportunity to tell the little-known, fascinating fact that drugs were legal in America well into the twentieth century, and the country suffered none of the disastrous results your listeners may fear from legalization. A conversation-starter and a mind-opener!

- Call "public schools" "government schools." So-called "public schools" are actually owned and operated by government. Every employee is a government employee. The textbooks and lesson plans are dictated by the government. The use of the eye-opening term "government schools" drives this very important fact home to your listeners. "Government school" has an undeniably creepy feel to it. And it is so self-evidently true.

- Use the word "re-privatization." Many services that the government currently monopolizes or dominates have been provided very effectively in the past by the free market. Utilities, education, care for the poor and needy, currency, retirement savings, health care, many licensing and inspection services, roads, passenger trains... the list is almost endless.

Saying you favor the "re-privatization" of such a service gives your listener an immediate and valuable insight. They are in-

stantly made aware it has already been shown that government is not necessary in these areas.

2. The Libertarian Denominator. When someone says, "Libertarians sound conservative AND liberal. Which one are you?," many people respond, "Libertarians are conservative on economic issues and liberal on social issues."

Here's a better answer: "Conservatives who favor the free market tend to be libertarian on economic issues. Liberals who favor civil liberties tend to be libertarian on social issues."

This makes libertarianism the common denominator — the measuring stick, if you will. It shows that liber-

Why? These companies want you to think of *their* stores and *their* products when you are ready to buy. And they want you to come back. Again and again.

For the same reason, when you are talking or writing about libertarian ideas, always use the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism." This accomplishes two vital things:

a) It helps people become aware of those words. It helps them understand that libertarianism is a distinctive political philosophy — a political "brand" different from liberalism or conservatism.

b) Unless you label your idea as libertarian, your letter to the editor or

4. Use celebrity endorsements. Soft drink commercials use celebrity endorsements. So do successful political movements and lobbying groups.

That's because celebrity endorsements are extremely powerful, especially when targeted to an appreciative and appropriate audience.

Libertarians should utilize this powerful tool as well. That's why the Advocates created the "Libertarian Celebrities and VIPs" section of our Web site (www.TheAdvocates.org). There you'll find hundreds of prominent people — including some of the most famous celebrities in the world — who are proud libertarians. You'll also find quotes in which they declare their enthusiasm for libertarianism.

So when talking to your movie-fan friend, try something like, "I agree with Clint Eastwood: people should be free to live their lives in any peaceful way they wish."

To your conservative or economics-minded friend: "Like Milton Friedman, I believe the War on Drugs is a failure on both moral and economic grounds."

Use celebrity quotes in letters to the editor and speeches. Be a name-dropper for liberty!

5. "You" Instead of "I". When advocating liberty, be sure your listener knows what's in it for him or her.

Instead of "Why should I have to give half of my income to the government?" or "I shouldn't have to pay for the education of other people's children," try "You shouldn't have to give half of your income to the government!" or "Why should YOU have to pay for the education of other people's children?"

It's a simple but very effective shift in perspective. Your listeners will be able to picture themselves benefiting from libertarian policies.

Sharon Harris is president of the Advocates for Self-Government. For over 20 years, the Advocates has specialized in helping libertarians become successful and persuasive communicators. The Advocates has many, many tools and techniques you can use to dramatically increase your effectiveness in sharing the ideas of liberty. To get started, visit their Web site: www.TheAdvocates.org.

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- 2** To help libertarians become more effective and successful communicators of libertarian ideas;
- 3** To change the political "map" from the old, inaccurate Left-Right model — which excludes libertarians — to a more inclusive map such as that found on our World's Smallest Political Quiz.

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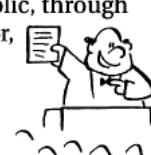
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tarianism is the consistent philosophy — the one that favors liberty across the board.

An added bonus is instant rapport: Just about everyone sees that they agree with libertarians — at least half the time!

3. Make Libertarianism a Brand Name. McDonald's doesn't sell hamburgers. It sells Big Macs. Coca-Cola doesn't sell cola drinks. It sells Cokes.

your conversation may become an "ad" for conservatism or liberalism instead of libertarianism. For example, an argument for gun rights will be considered conservative, not libertarian; an argument against the War on Drugs will be considered liberal, not libertarian.

When you get hungry for a burger, McDonald's wants you to think of them. When people get hungry for solutions to political problems, we want them to think of libertarianism.

The Purpose of a Libertarian Party

by Joe Cobb, Treasurer,
Arizona Libertarian Party

I am a supporter of the Libertarian Party, and an active officer of the Party, because I believe in our American constitutional system. Our constitution does not identify two parties. It allows for many parties, as well as independent candidates. The LP doesn't seem to win many elections, but that is not the real purpose of the LP. We are "running to win," but the bottom line is that we are running because it is important to run.

Why?

First, consider the "wasted vote" question, which we are always asked. If only the Democrats or Republicans are going to win, why challenge them? If you hate the Republican the most, you need to vote for the Democrat to

defeat him. Voting for a "third party" seems like a wasted vote.

But the issue is why anyone should vote from a motive of hate? Democracy is supposed to be about voting for the leadership you support. There must be something fundamentally wrong with a democratic system that is motivated mostly by hate or fear. I support the Libertarian Party because it represents what I do believe in, not merely the "lesser of two evils."

Second, I urge everyone who wants to drop out of the electoral process to think again. If you dislike both the Democrats and the Republicans (for good reason), please do not simply walk away and let other people choose your government. Your government will tax you and regulate you and arrest you, and it will not leave you alone. You have to stand up and fight it, in the constitutional way by voting.

Why Do You Support Any

nity activist," he's spent his life suing and protesting the very people who create the jobs and grow the economy. Quite a contrast.

As further background to the small businessman vs. big government-lover, let's examine where we have each chosen to live. Barack is an Illinois resident. Illinois has among the highest tax rates in the country. Income tax, business tax, sales tax and property taxes are so high, they are driving residents by the thousands out of state. Illinois is a prime example of the folly, fallacy and failure of big government and big taxes. Small business owners are overwhelmed by taxes in the state that Barack calls home. Those taxes are used to fund Big Brother- big government at its finest. Illinois is such a Nanny State that they've banned the serving of Foie Gras at Chicago restaurants on moral grounds! The result is a dramatic loss of freedom- as well as a loss of jobs, businesses and residents. It's a vicious cycle caused by Big Brother, big government tax and spenders.

The higher the taxes and entitlements, the more successful people (business owners, job creators, high income earners, retirees with nest eggs to protect) are forced to leave for lower tax states. The result is of course a loss of tax revenues. And who is left behind in these high tax states like Illinois- the less productive citizens who can't afford to move (and who often depend on handouts from government). So taxes must be raised again to compensate for the loss of producers- the very residents who create the jobs and pay the taxes. Illinois is a dying state because of the ultra-liberal tax and spend policies of politicians like Barack Obama.

On the other hand, I have chosen to live, work and raise my family in Nevada. Nevada has been the fastest growing state in America for 20 of the past 21 years. Las Vegas is perennially America's fastest growing city. It is a dynamic epicenter of American

Politician?

When political pollsters and talk show hosts ask people whether they support the Democratic or the Republican party, most people will tell them they do not support either one. If that is true, why do the Democrats or the Republicans always win our elections? Something is wrong here.

Sometimes a complete outsider seems to do a better job than an "insider." Look at what happened under Reagan or Clinton, contrasted with either Bush administration.

The Libertarian Party may not win an election very often, but it is important the LP should always be there as an alternative. I can say the same for the Green Party. When the opinion pollsters ask, "are you a Republican or a Democrat?" you need to be able to answer, "I am not either one."

You need to be able to say, "I am a Libertarian" or "I am a Green."

Threaten to Take Over the Government

If you say, "I am a liberal" or "I am a conservative," this is only a sentiment, or point of view. A statement of sentiment is different from declaring you are a member of a political party, which can attempt to take over the government and write new laws. There are liberal Republicans and conservative Democrats. They have no influence. Unless you are a supporter of a political party that represents your views, which you can vote for, your statement has no significance.

It is important your statement should have significance. If the Libertarian Party or the Green Party were not on the ballot, or if they are wiped out in a primary election (as the proposed "open primary" proposals that only allow the top two candidates after a catchall primary), then none of the small parties would have a

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ees. Like most entrepreneurs, I've also failed a few times. Perhaps that's the problem with politicians- they've never risked or lost their own money. Many Venture Capitalists actually invest only in businesspersons who have failed before (and learned valuable lessons). Perhaps that should also be a litmus test for politicians who want to run the most powerful economy in the world.

Small businessmen and women (27 million strong) are the economic engine and quintessential heroes of the U.S. economy. In a modern world where small business now creates the majority of non-government jobs, I believe it is clearly time for a small business owner to fight for the small business constituency and ultimately occupy the White House.

Contrast my 25 years since graduation with my classmate Barack Obama- the big government-loving, ultra-liberal, George McGovern-like tax and spender who favors redistribution of wealth from those that earn it...to those that desire handouts and government entitlements. Barack has never met a tax he didn't support- and it's no wonder. He has spent his quarter century since graduation from Columbia as a law student, law professor, lawyer, community activist and career politician. He's never started a business; never funded a business; never run a business; never risked a dime of his own money on a business; never created a job; and never paid anyone else's health insurance or payroll taxes. And he's never had to face the endless stream of government regulations and interference in the running of a business either.

To the contrary, Barack has lived off a safe weekly paycheck provided by the taxpayers for more than a decade now. And as a United States Senator, he'll live off a taxpayer-funded pension for the rest of his life. As an attorney and self-proclaimed "commu-

culture and the U.S. economy- leading the way in small business creation. USA Today recently called Las Vegas, "the economic engine of Wall Street." Nevada has been among the leaders in virtually every economic category for 20 years- including jobs created. A remarkable 6000 to 7000 new residents a month move to Las Vegas to take advantage of boundless opportunity. But it's the type of people that move to Nevada that matters for the 2008 election. They tend to be rugged individualists, modern-day pioneers uprooting and moving West to escape high taxes, big government and Big Brother (in states like Illinois). It is no coincidence that Nevada happens to be the most Libertarian state in America.

Want proof of the fiscally conservative, socially tolerant (and quirky) nature of Nevadans? How about zero state income taxes, zero business income tax, zero inheritance tax, and far lower property taxes than liberal tax and spend states like California, New York and of course Barack Obama's Illinois. It's no wonder that Nevada is the small business capital of the country. Mix that with legalized gambling, and legalized prostitution (the only state in USA) and you start to notice the distinct Libertarian streak. People want to move to Nevada to be left alone by government. They want to keep more of the money they've earned (after all, government forgets- it is our money in the first place)...and they want the freedom to do what they want in their private lives without interference from Big Brother.

Want more proof of the Libertarian credentials of Nevada? Ron Paul came in second in Nevada's Republican caucus- tied for his strongest showing in the country. Nevada is truly "Libertarian country." As a Nevadan myself, I will build my entire LP Presidential campaign around Nevada (and a few other Libertarian states in the West where Ron Paul did well- Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington).

My Nevadan roots (excuse the pun) offer an opportunity for the best showing in Libertarian political history- by winning a state or certainly tipping the balance of the electoral count in a few states. If not this November, then certainly in November of 2012, Nevada could become the first Libertarian electoral state.

The story of Root vs. Obama presents a terrific opportunity to gain non-stop national media exposure. And an even bigger opportunity to contrast the stark differences in our political philosophies, choices and visions. I hope Libertarian voters will allow me to lead the way and present our Libertarian case. Barack Obama liberally uses the word "hope." Yet our contrasting personal stories and choices prove that only our Libertarian vision offers true hope.

Americans have already voted for our Libertarian vision- they've voted with their feet- out of Illinois in record numbers, and into Nevada in record numbers. They've already chosen the right path- now Libertarians just need a candidate to communicate why voters now need to make the right choice for President. I have been honing my communication skills my entire life for this one special moment in time. In the past few months, I have managed to spread the Libertarian message on more national media (TV and radio) appearances than all the other LP candidates combined- including Glenn Beck, Michael Medved, Mancow Muller, Fox News, Fox Business, CNBC Europe, Bloomberg TV, BBC, and hundreds of radio talk shows from coast to coast.

I would be honored to become your LP Presidential nominee. I ask for your vote in Denver.

In Liberty,

Wayne Allyn Root

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The Immorality of Immigration Controls

By Mike Renzulli

The *New York Times* (2/12/08) reports that anti-illegal immigrant sentiment has had such a negative effect in Arizona that even legal Hispanic immigrants are leaving. This is to be expected since members of the groups most impacted exercising their best and only option: to leave.

One side demands the borders be shut completely, while another wants to limit immigration in some manner.

However, politicians of the two large parties are united on only one thing: money. By cracking down on illegal immigration, the less productive (politicians) get tax money for pet programs (like more Border Patrol) exacted from those who produce. They also receive contributions from PACs friendly to their stances, to keep the jobs and money flowing.

As in the illegal drug trade, smugglers will conjure up new ways to bring immigrants into the U.S., in response to increased border enforcement and further restrictions on immigration.

No matter how government regulates immigration, such is an immoral abridgement of rights of peaceful immigrants seeking work, and rights of employers wishing to hire them.

Like the gay marriage issue, the battle cry of "protect our borders" and "crack down on illegals" and "penalize employers who hire illegals" is yet another wedge politicians use to justify measures to manipulate people while enriching the politicians.

Imagine how much harder it would be for employers if U.S. immigration policy required hiring *natives only*, or that people born in the U.S. must be given first consideration for hiring before anyone else who applies for a job.

Due to current anti-immigration hysteria in the U.S. and Arizona, employers may be scared into hiring only U.S. citizens, which would result in yet more unemployment.

The main motivator for our nation's immigration laws is premised on the claim that, rather than earning it, an American has a *right* to a job. As a result of this irrational idea, an employer's right to hire the best employees (no matter their status) is sacrificed in favor of potential laziness and a sense of entitlement. Another form of affirmative action, if you will.

Essentially, opponents of immigration are really against the idea of people achieving *The American Dream* since immigration has, and always will be, a hallmark of American prosperity. It also doesn't help when interest groups stop bills to allow more immigrants, and support changes enacted favorable to specific groups.

Aside from the many companies, products and services created by immigrants, opponents claim that *times have changed*, and point to many countries (like China) that suffer overpopulation, claiming the same will happen here, nevermind that these problems are really the result of government planning and controls implemented in their example country's economy, and not immigration itself.

Short of terrorists, criminals, and those carrying contagious diseases, any immigrant who wants to come to this country should be free to do so and any employer should be able to hire them.

It is not only un-American but immoral to deny a fellow human the opportunity to live better and survive, and even to prosper too.



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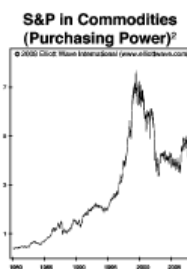
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candidate in the November election, and you will have lost your significance as a voter. Your personal statement that you do not support either the Democrats or the Republicans will become meaningless, because all that remained would be your void ballot. You would no longer have any reason to vote. If you chose to vote at all, nobody would be there to receive your support and you could only be a negative, frustrated, impotent voter. Your vote would go to waste for sure.

Most people vote against the candidate they dislike the most. The trend in our society is toward polarization. This trend is bad for democracy. The Democrats today are motivated in anger against President George W.

Bush. Their hate has grown more passionate than in 2000 when the Supreme Court closed off the Florida recount. Most Democrats were not enthusiastic about John F. Kerry. Many Republicans, too, were not very happy with George W. Bush. He is the biggest spender and the most regulatory, protectionist, interventionist president in history since F.D.R. and Wilson. If "compassionate conservatism" means a bigger, pro-war, police state, why should they support its candidates?

They Also Serve Who Only Stand and Wait

The Libertarian Party is running candidates every election, for every office, because we are waiting for the American people to come on over to our side. We offer a choice,

not an echo (to quote an old slogan). A "protest vote" is not a wasted vote if it sends a message.

There is no possible mistake what a vote for the Libertarian candidate signifies. To vote against someone only buries your message in a lot of "noise" and nothing is communicated about why you are frustrated — the change you demand is not understood because the candidate who wins is only "the lesser of two evils."

Did you support the winner, or did you only vote against the loser? Who knows? I am an officer of the Libertarian Party because I refuse to run a negative election campaign. We should have something to vote FOR, not merely the blind opportunity to vote against one form of evil, only to end up with another form of evil.