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Election Cycle 2008

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## "Libertarian" REVOLUTION

### Restore '04! Undoing the damage from Portland

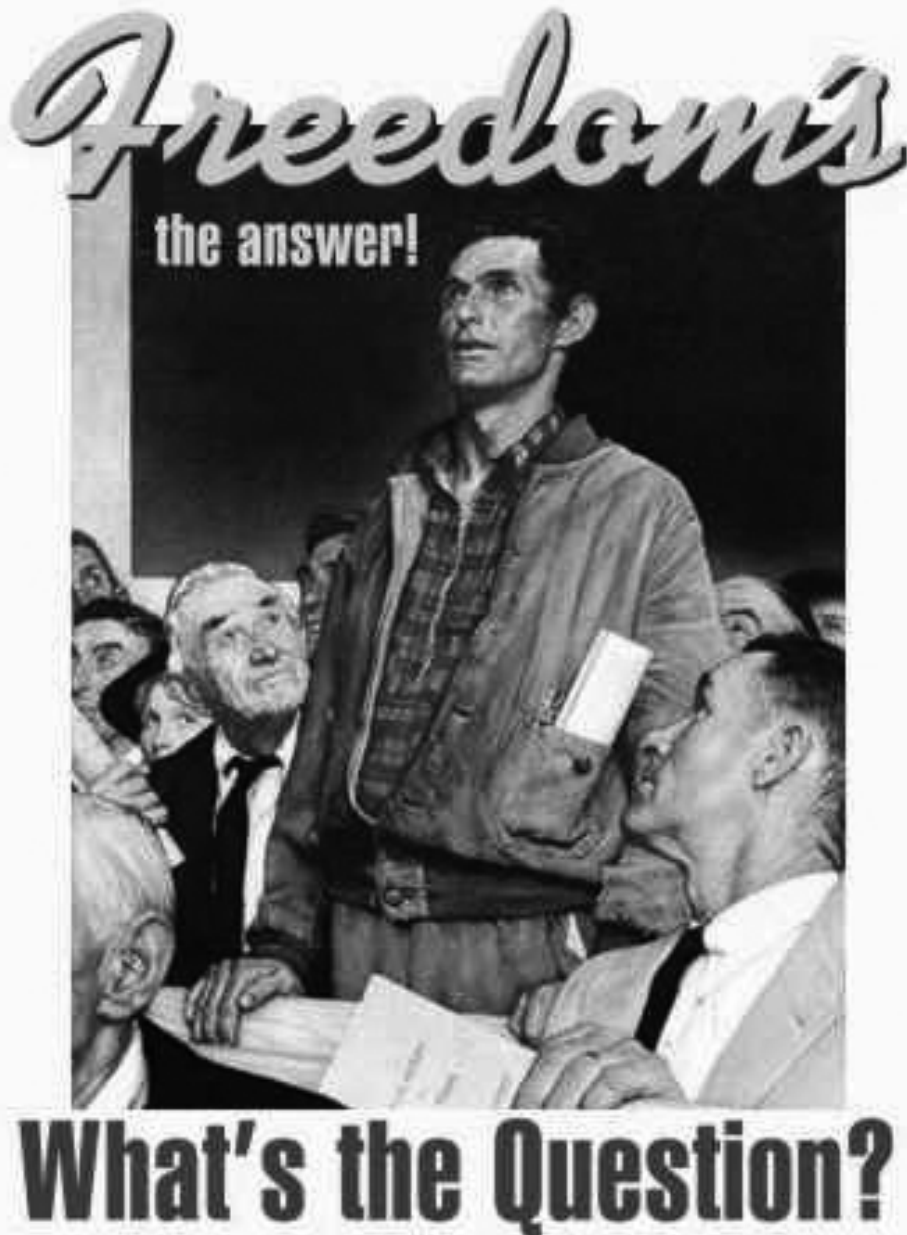
By David F. Nolan

Perhaps the most important decision facing delegates to the 2008 Libertarian Convention in Denver will be what to do about our national platform.

In 2006, a small number of overzealous reformers, voting at an unusually small national convention, was able to remove the great majority of a platform that had evolved over three decades and incorporated the thinking of thousands of dedicated Libertarians. The 2006 convention was less than half the size of the 2004 convention, and was not representative of the party membership at large. The irresponsible vote to destroy most of our platform was a great disservice to our Party, and should be undone as much as possible.

Many Libertarians believe that the best option available to us in 2008 is to restore the 2004 platform, which can then be amended to reflect needed or desired changes. As of March 30, more than 200 Libertarians have joined the Restoration ...

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### Looking for our Long-Lost Future

By L. Neil Smith

Attempting to seize an empire, America has lost its hold on the future.

We are left now — present libertarian company excepted — with a choice of three disgusting collectivist alternatives: a woman who lies for the sheer joy if it, and has just the faintest reek of the deathcamp about her, a "peace candidate" who wants to bomb Pakistan, and a warmongering madman who wishes to preside over another Hundred Years' War. Meanwhile, everything this sorry, battered country really needs, in terms of policy and principle, has been deliberately excluded by an electoral process so corrupt it would embarrass Boss Tweed or Huey Long.

But to those who know what to look for in the popular culture, the news is even worse than that. Judging from the media, there is no future. Not only have dramatic programs rooted in the future been steadily disappearing from network television over the past several years, not only are new programs of this kind arriving stillborn, but their ...

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### 2008 AzLP Voter Registration Drive

By Jim Iannuzo, Chairman,  
Maricopa County Libertarian Party

This 2008 election cycle presents an opportunity for you to make a pro-freedom statement. The time to field only a dozen or so Libertarian candidates for statewide office is behind us. **A New FREEDOM BLOCK of Voters** has emerged in Arizona and with your help, we will forever change the size and scope of government.

The Libertarian Party has a Central Tenet: "The only legitimate function of government is in ensuring individual rights." Our entire platform is consistent with this very simple statement. "You own your person, property, money and goods and no one, including government, has a right to use force against you to take them away..."

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### Now! ... as in Not Later

By Ernest Hancock

Over the last year it has been clearly demonstrated that the clean and clear message of libertarianism is what is popular, and not the individual bearer of that message. More important than my creation of the r3VOLution artwork and the promotion of the accompanying street activism, was my understanding that the next American Revolution was already in the hearts and minds of enough people that it could not be ignored if given an opportunity to express itself.

In 2004 and 2006, I expressed this opinion at the LP National Conventions, and for years I have done so as a talk show host, a candidate for office, as co-founder of the Freedom Summit, director of the 38 year old Arizona Breakfast Club, and countless activist projects and court actions. The revolution between the ...

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### Hit The Hot Buttons

By James Bovard

Libertarians need to hit the hottest buttons in the 2008 campaign. War and torture are issues that will electrify and outrage many voters. Neither major party will show much courage or wisdom on either of these issues.

While the media has shifted attention away from the Iraq war in recent months, this could easily change if the civil war heats up. Or, an influential cleric like Sadr could give the order to target Americans or to cut off their supply lines coming in from Kuwait and elsewhere. The illusion of U.S. progress in Iraq has been created in part by the indulgence of individuals like Sadr who could flip a rhetorical switch and wreak havoc on U.S. troops. McCain has based his presidential campaign on Iraq. If Iraq implodes before the election, libertarians who have consistently and stalwartly attacked the war could harvest the dis-

enchanted voters. Taking a strong anti-war position will also help libertarians if Bush and Cheney attack other nations in the months, weeks, or days before Election Day.

The major parties and the mainstream media have said very little about U.S. torture abuses in the Bush reign. But month by month, more evidence and more memos leak out. On April Fool's Day 2008, a 2003 memo leaked out which revealed that the Justice Department told the Pentagon that U.S. laws did not apply to interrogations of terrorism suspects.

The Iraq war and torture are issues that will make many people cringe. But libertarians are not going to open minds and electrify audiences by offering "me-too-patriotism." Candidates can offer a case for immediate withdrawal from Iraq that has nothing to do with pacifism. And they can demand an end to torture with no bleeding-heart overtones. ...

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