

## Americans Awake!

By Christine Smith

I am a libertarian. I am a firm believer in individual liberty, personal responsibility, adoption of a non-interventionist foreign policy, free markets, creation of a sound stable economy by ending government's artificial control of it, with a small federal government limited to its constitutionally authorized functions; I fundamentally believe in freedom...free enterprise...free movement of people...freedom of association...freedom over our own bodies...freedom to live in any way we choose as long as it harms no other...always freedom...always economic and personal liberty - the principles our nation was founded upon and which once made us both great and greatly admired worldwide.

Our nation achieved that greatness and respect, and we reaped the fruits of our labor because we lived in a society that welcomed innovation, creativity, and self-reliance. We didn't look to a government to care for us or protect us, we looked to ourselves - and it worked! And you know what? It will still work - if we return to the values we as a people once cherished. That is the message I love sharing with non-libertarians; it is the message I will share with millions more as your 2008 presidential candidate.

The powerful message of liberty, the facts, must be communicated and brought to the American people passionately, knowledgeably, and articu-

lately. My campaign theme, "Americans Awake!" will educate, enlighten and recruit. But before more Americans awake, it's time for true libertarians in the LP to awake - awake to the realization that our party has been infiltrated by those whose priority is not liberty, but who use our party for their own agendas (with much collectivist rationalization). Although we should welcome all to join our party, we should only allow true libertarians to hold office/positions of power in the LP.

Pure libertarian principle is what separates our political party from all others.

I believe true libertarians comprise the majority of our membership, but a vocal minority of non-libertarians have gained positions of power, which we - those who care about maintaining this as 'The Party of Principle' - must purge from all positions of power within the LP.

Since beginning my campaign, I have learned much about people, politics, and the LP...those who share my commitment to freedom and those who do not. I believe the truest test of one's integrity is whether one will unequivocally refuse to compromise the principles one espouses-regardless of the possible 'gain' you are offered or may receive.

I joined the LP because of it being the 'Party of Principle,' and I am glad to say I have met plenty of true libertarians who also cherish principle. But I have also encountered a number

who believe that to advance an agenda justifies compromising principle. Some have gone so far as to promise my campaign considerable help and financial support if only I would modify/weaken my platform by to getting rid of its 'radical' stances as they perceived it. They wanted me to become 'moderate' in my libertarianism and in turn they offered me support.

I reject such compromise. The end does not justify the means. You can't be 'moderate' when it comes to principle, just as you can't be 'moderate' in matters of right and wrong.

"Moderation? It's mediocrity, fear, and confusion in disguise. It's the devil's dilemma. It's neither doing nor not doing. It's the wobbling compromise that makes no one happy. Moderation is for the bland, the apologetic, for the fence-sitters of the world afraid to take a stand. It's for those afraid to laugh or cry, for those afraid to live or die. Moderation...is lukewarm tea, the devil's own brew."—Dan Millman, from *The Way of the Peaceful Warrior*.

It was because of principle, and its clear elucidation in our previous platform, that I found a political home in the LP. As a libertarian, and as Libertarian candidate for president, I will boldly share libertarian solutions with Americans - articulately giving them a real choice - and calling upon them to vote their conscience and be voters of integrity. I love communicating lib-

ertarian solutions, and have reached millions of Americans with our message of liberty through the numerous AM-radio talk shows I have appeared on nationwide (many on 50,000-watt stations heard in 20-40 states).

Truth is my highest priority. Thus, my respect is only for those whose character is one of integrity, and I am fortunate in having had opportunity to meet such rare individuals during this campaign. We truly want to share with one another in our quest to learn, grow, and make progress in society. And for me 'progress' means advancing liberty...restoring protections for our intrinsic freedoms as human beings. It means non interventionism. It means limiting government at all times...never growing it. That's the progress I devote myself to in this country, and is why I choose to enter the political arena. Those principles comprise my platform on every issue-no exceptions.

I invite you to visit my campaign website, to read my bio, where I stand on the issues, and to listen/view numerous interviews with me, and I ask for your help in achieving the LP nomination so I will have the opportunity and honor of sharing our message of liberty with millions of Americans as your 2008 Libertarian Presidential Candidate.

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## Additional Articles

By Michael Kielsky, Exec. Ed.

Due to space limitations, we were unable to include everything we wanted to make available to you in this printing. Not to worry, you may find these additional articles, as well as an electronic version of this paper, online at:

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The bonus articles there include:

**The Libertarian Choice** by George Phillies

**Instantly Amp Up Your Libertarian Outreach** by Sharon Harris

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

**The Purpose of a Libertarian Party** by Joe Cobb

**My Journey to Libertarianville** by Marc J. Victor

**The Immorality of Immigration Controls** by Mike Renzulli

The libertarian message:

**"Don't hit other people, don't take their stuff and keep your promises."**

-- David Boaz

## In Memory of Rick LaPoint

1970-2007

Rick was a libertarian activist, a former Libertarian candidate for office, a county party officer, and a good friend to many, always willing to do whatever he can to help another person. His talents as an artist and with graphic design were frequently applied for the benefit of activist projects and campaigns. He will be missed.

## Restore '04!

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... Caucus ([www.restore04.com](http://www.restore04.com)) to work toward this goal. And as of that date Caucus members included five of the declared Libertarian Presidential candidates: Steve Kubby, Mary Ruwart, George Phillies, Barry Hess and Christine Smith.

Unfortunately, a majority of the Platform Committee members oppose this effort, and instead favor adopting a completely different type of platform one which simply states general Libertarian principles and avoids taking specific stands on existing or proposed laws and programs.

Restorationists believe this amounts to a cop-out - an attempt to weaken the party's traditionally strong stands on issues facing America and the world.

As the Restore '04 website states: 'At this crucial time in history, where our lives and liberties are threatened by both of the old-line parties, it is imperative that the Libertarian Party offer a clear, uncompromising alternative to the politics of statism.

'Our message must be what it has always been: a clear statement of support for the principles of self-ownership and self-determination. Tepid calls for "less" of various statist incursions on our lives and property should

be left to the Republicans and Democrats. When Ron Paul, seeking the nomination of the Republican Party, is calling for the elimination of the Federal Reserve system and repeal of the Federal personal income tax, can we do less?'

According to the Restoration Caucus, if the Platform Committee ignores its responsibilities and presents a report to the convention that does not substantially reverse the damage done in 2006, the Restoration Caucus will move on the convention floor to reject that report and revert to the 2004 Platform as the starting point for the 2008 Platform.

Most observers expect that the

Platform Committee will not offer a substantial restoration of the 2004 platform, and that there will be a major floor fight over the platform in Denver. Libertarians who favor a restoration of the 2004 platform should make a point of attending the Denver convention as delegates and voicing their support for the Restore '04 effort.

*For updates on this crucial effort, go to [www.restore04.com](http://www.restore04.com) and add your name to the Restore '04 petition. You will also receive bulletins from the Restoration Caucus.*

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