

Celebrating Freedom

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will be celebrating the "freedom" that has come with income taxation, Social Security, Medicare, occupational licensure laws, economic regulations, trade restrictions, immigration controls, and the drug war.

John Quincy Adams's statement to Congress on the Fourth of July, 1821, that America does not go abroad "in search of monsters to destroy" is now considered a quaint and obsolete philosophy of foreign policy. "Freedom" now entails an enormous standing army whose mission is to invade and occupy foreign nations with the

supposed aim of taking care of their people, protecting them from tyranny or oppression.

How is the domestic policy and foreign policy celebrated as "freedom" by Americans today different from the philosophy that guided King George in 1776?

Don't many Americans today favor a domestic policy of ever-increasing spending (which necessitates ever-increasing taxes), subsidies, and economic regulations? Don't they favor a foreign policy based on an enormous standing army, empire, and intervention? Don't they favor cruel and

unusual punishments and denial of due process and jury trials? Don't they favor warrantless searches and indefinite detentions? Don't they favor immigration controls and trade restrictions? Don't they favor gun control?

Didn't King George favor all those things? Didn't those British insurgents and terrorists who signed the Declaration of Independence and take up arms against their own government and its troops oppose all of those things?

The irony is that most Americans have no idea that the political and economic philosophy to which they adhere is contrary to the founding prin-

ciples of our nation. The plight of the American people can best be summed up with the words of the great thinker Johann von Goethe: "None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free." We can only hope that, as crises and infringements on liberty grow in number and magnitude, Americans will rediscover their heritage of liberty and lead the world out of the anti-freedom morass in which it is increasingly mired.

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R3VOLUTION

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When Ron spoke to a crowd of 150 supporters in Phoenix Sky Harbor he said "thank you for inviting me to the revolution." I fully believe that he knew a year ago that the grassroots movement to regain lost liberties and right the wrongs of the past was more of a 'Campaign for Freedom' and getting people involved in the 'self-governing' process than a campaign to make Dr. Paul president. It was a

"revolution between the ears" to quote Ernie Hancock. It was more about how many minds can we free and how many people can we wake up to the fact that the America we were born in no longer exists, and we lose more of what is left every day.

No matter what the outcome of the 2008 Presidential Election is, the R3VOLUTION will continue in the efforts of making changes wherever we can make a difference. We will assist in getting Libertarian and freedom-oriented candidates for local and national

offices elected. We will continue to produce and distribute educational and informational materials to the public free of charge. We will punish the Mainstream Media at every opportunity for being complicit in the blackout of information concerning candidates that 'speak the truth to power.' We will continue to contact our elected officials with our disapproval when they act to the detriment of the general welfare of The People, or when they abrogate their Oath of Office. We will continue to demonstrate in the streets of our hometowns, and the streets of

Washington D.C. to awaken our fellows to the perils we all face in the dismantling of our Creator-given Rights, our war-making powers, our Constitutional Duty to print our own money, and many other restraints our Founding Fathers attempted to warn us about. And we will grow stronger with every Patriot who heeds the call, and takes action.

The R3VOLUTION has only just begun. Come make history with us!

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Insanity

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institutions have an extremely difficult time of changing to avoid becoming obsolete when government officials control their very activities.

In a free market, one totally unregulated by government officials, the type of system that America was based upon, the control factor resides

with the individual through his spending and not spending of his own hard earned wealth. If one wants to see more price stability, economic growth, and allow the poorest in America to have an opportunity to have economic success in life, there needs to be less, if any, government regulation, not more.

The best way to do that is to start by eliminating the Federal Reserve

System and then move on to all of the other existing government economic regulatory bodies. That will be a tall order. Government officials are not interested in giving up their positions of power and go to work and compete with the rest of American society producing goods and services that individuals really desire.

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Taxation Tyranny

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www.ruwart.com). If we all spent our money the way we chose to, instead of trying to tax each other, we'd have twice as much to spend. Imagine how much better off we'd be! Civilization would flourish, instead of being suppressed. Harmony would be restored.

The only major party candidate who understands that taxation is an unnecessary evil is Dr. Ron Paul, GOP hopeful, and 1988 Libertarian Party presidential nominee. If he doesn't get the Republican Party's

nomination, many supporters will write in his name on their ballots. Sadly, such loyalty will go unreported by the press, since write-in votes are rarely counted and even more rarely reported.

I see only one way that his supporters can make their voices heard if Dr. Paul doesn't receive the GOP nomination. If the Ron Paul Revolution votes en masse for the Libertarian Party (LP) candidates, including the presidential nominee, the LP will receive an unprecedented number of votes. The Ron Paul Revolution votes will likely land LP candidates in local and state offices, and empower them

to help Dr. Paul with his programs.

The press tied the libertarian label closely to Ron Paul. The Revolution will get credit for the surge in LP interest. Sympathetic politicians may feel it's safe to come out of the closet and support Congressman Paul's proposals.

Of course, all this is possible only if the LP runs a principled Libertarian and Ron Paul supporter for their presidential candidate. I propose to be that candidate. I have supported Dr. Paul's congressional campaigns since 1988 and have been active in his presidential run. Dr. Paul has supported me

by endorsing my book, "Healing Our World," and writing President Bush in support of my application for FDA Commissioner some years ago. As the LP presidential nominee, I will refer to Dr. Paul's ongoing efforts, such as passage of the "Health Freedom Protection Act," as part of my program to deregulate the health care industry.

If Ron Paul does get the GOP nomination, what a wonderful dilemma we will face. I would be delighted to educate voters on choosing between the greater of two goods, rather than trying to discourage them from voting against the lesser of two evils!

'08 Registration Drive

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Respect for individual rights, self ownership of person and property, should no longer seem like a distant memory. But the truth is, it can not be done without your help. Individuals make the difference. Unlike other parties which function via top down "control", we need the help of individuals like you, today!

It is critical that you **talk** to a fam-

ily member, friend, or neighbor about registering Libertarian. Request voter registration forms be mailed directly to you and give it to them. In Arizona, call 877-THE-VOTE (877-843-8643), or register online: www.azlp.org/reg. Having enough registered Libertarians ensures a pro-freedom voice in every statewide debate. A consistent, principled, loud voice, not to be ignored.

"I'm an Independent, why should I vote Libertarian?" You've already figured out that Republicans

and Democrats have become two sides of the same coin, big government spenders all. They no longer stand for anything, except the latest opinion poll. They run their political lives as a business. Why else would someone spend millions of dollars for a job that pays only thousands? The politicians in Washington and our state capital have led us away from the principles of individual liberty and personal responsibility which are the only sound foundation for a just, humane, and abundant society. Government at all

levels is too large, too expensive, woefully inefficient, arrogant, intrusive, and downright dangerous. Democrat and Republican politicians have created the status quo, and do not intend to change it.

If you believe in freedom and personal responsibility, your easiest and most effective action is to register and vote Libertarian. Check out the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" and find out where you fit into the political spectrum: www.lp.org/quiz