

Empower Yourself with the Libertarian Program

Checklist For Change

A 10-Point Program that's Bettering America





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A 10 POINT Program...

Libertarians use voluntary, non-governmental methods to defend individual rights and solve issues of...

1. Cutting Crime. Corruption
2. Bill of Rights
3. Lifestyle Choice
4. Cut Taxes
5. Monopolies of Public Services
6. Lifestyle Quality
7. Public Trust
8. Defense
9. Emerging Issues
10. Accountable Politics

Dear Fellow Citizen,

This booklet is about Leadership. You can join thousands of Americans in simple, enjoyable ways of personally implementing the Libertarian Program. The Program is not something that will happen someday. It is happening now. It's a movement of average people that is changing the world. It's happening because people like you are using it to empower their lives. This booklet shows powerful ways using Libertarian tools today to get results as others have done.

More and more, the nation is morally weakened as people are sold the belief that the only good solutions are coercive government solutions that intrude on freedom. Libertarians say the opposite, that with conscious, rights-based voluntary actions and alternatives...things improve.

The best thing is that, part and parcel of the Libertarian approach is that you don't have to wait around to elect somebody to make things happen. People are implementing the Libertarian program in their personal, work and social spheres—to better their daily lives, protect their families and improve their communities right now. The whole point of Libertarianism is looking for non-governmental action. In the Libertarian view, the politician is there not to exercise power but facilitate your exercise of power by bringing people together. A libertarian politician is there to remove logjams, but is able to move policy in a Libertarian direction because his presence is evidence that people like you are taking Libertarian directions.

This booklet also answers three questions we most often hear in the Libertarian movement from people who have found out about us. **They are: What has been done? What does this plank or proposal mean for me? What simple but effective things can I do?**

By taking action on even one thing as others have done you will not only put to work what has been done, but better understand the proposals by experiencing and implementing them in simple, low-cost, powerful ways. By taking action, you will soon hold officials both in and out of government to a more exacting standard, because you will through conscious and principled action have seen for yourself the results of a little understanding and discussion. As you see that results come from integrated, concerted action, you will as if automatically lead people to stop accepting so-called practical, piecemeal solutions that cost, waste, and destroy.

We also suggest that your group continue with The Program Summary Platform "Local Program Tool" to brainstorm not only where you have accomplished things in your area but where the opportunities are. The "Citizen Checklist" helps to organize ideas and action for yourself or your citizen action group. This tool has launched successful tax, candidacy and other efforts. Remember, each part of the program has already been done by someone successfully. So just review this booklet with family, neighbors, friends, and fellow Libertarians. *Select something that you like and go for it.* Regular politicians are getting increasingly accustomed to the need to address Libertarian concerns, and you will also find that many things here have direct bearing on improvements in your personal life and relationships. And don't forget to explore the resources of the Detail Program and Program FAQs booklets. Finally, the "Empower Yourself" items here are a beginning. Keep us posted of your work and approach—your story will encourage others. Join us in bettering our families, communities, and lives through Liberty!

Best Regards,

Michael Gilson-De Lemos Program Facilitator



DEVELOPING LIBERTARIAN SOLUTIONS

Libertarianism is focused thinking on human rights, with the Libertarian movement as the traditional guardian of our liberties. Libertarians say the ideal social arrangement has no coercive government at all, public order being maintained by widespread understanding and use of Libertarian concepts. This takes 4 major forms or models:

1. Limited government that does not violate our rights. Within that, bring decisions increasingly to
2. Small (local) government so folks have better control and readily leave for a better one; in those
3. Minimal (as to function) government where functions increasingly are done voluntarily; in those
4. Self-government, through non-governmental communities with a strong Libertarian ethic.

Libertarian Former New Hampshire Legislator Don Gorman successfully fought police search abuses and now heads the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance where people of all political parties, from the non-Libertarian Governor on, meet to develop and discuss Libertarian solutions.

The Founders understood all this well, and so defined a Constitution meant to allow people to design the form of living best suited to their culture, understanding, and temperament (federal limited government). At the very least these models allow us to better challenge or diagnose what is wrong by offering alternate models. In daily practice, Libertarianism is simply the sense that as voluntary approaches grow, things improve. Still, Libertarian solutions, because they remove the government component, at first seem odd to many people. But they soon learn the dramatic beneficial effects:

...A Libertarian California mayor reacts to a crime wave by refusing to expand police, creating instead volunteer neighbor intervention groups that soon reduce crime almost 40%

...Alaskan Libertarian Legislators propose an investment fund so instead of government taxing the people, it pays the people. The fund now pays a family in Alaska enough to stay out of poverty—and growing—and helps keep the state free of income tax.

...Abroad, Czechoslovakia's pro-Libertarian leader uses Libertarian concepts of secession to peacefully split his country, avoiding war in Europe while Serbia exploded over the same issue. In once communist Mongolia, the Prime Minister leads the country to democracy. Libertarian movements are toppling dictators keeping us all safe without one American life lost or dollar of taxes paid..

People, on learning of these things, looking at our Platform and papers, often ask exactly how Libertarian solutions and positions are developed. It's basically a 6 step process—and the best thing is anybody can soon do it and put the ideas to work. In any social, economic or political problem...

1. **Use the Libertarian Principle**—what are the individual and property rights involved?
2. **Brainstorm with those involved** the problem and needs—what is the actual problem, and how do different groups measure success? Look at things (as this program does) *comprehensively*.
3. "Bergland Analysis"—**did the problem start when government intervened** against someone's rights...and check to see if government regulation actually forbidding a solution?
4. "Gilson Analysis"—**discuss the many non-governmental Libertarian solutions**: can or is it be done by co-ops anyone can form, or businesses, non-profits, or benevolent groups? Use the four libertarian models: can government be limited, made more local, minimized, removed?
5. **Document Alternatives**—where is it already being, or has been, done?
6. Involve and Improve—**build support**, start small and make continuing improvements..

The Libertarian message is that you can empower yourself without seeking power over others. I'm sure that as you take advantage of the suggestions in this booklet, and start thinking of problems and taking action as a "checklist for change" you will share my conviction that the real benefit and improvement come from taking action with the noble goal of helping everyone's lives improve in freedom—including yours and your loved ones. Libertarian individuals mean community progress.

Welcome...To A Politics of Principle

We're often told that politics is expediency...a pledge that anyone's rights, life or property can be seized by a government's unlimited power...where you're disposable... politicians can solve everything in what authors have called a growing cult of the omnipotent state...and some form of dictatorship is inevitable, even on a world scale...**But Libertarians say there is hope:** that the whole point of society is so people can exercise their rights...that government and public affairs is best seen as a process where we find voluntary solutions... and you are the expert on your own needs...that real caring is helpful action on a principle that respects people's rights—and liberty...



Celebrities such as Drew Carey say our country is stimulated by Libertarian ideas

"We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual...We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live in whatever manner they choose..."

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor."

A New Approach

Libertarians say seemingly eternal and vicious circle type problems—rising crime, taxes, backfiring regulations, poverty, unemployment, intolerance—can be solved at the citizen level. These **problems are often caused or deepened by the very coercive government power that claims to handle them.** Libertarians say that more regulation, taxation, punishment drives the original issues underground. Instead of demanding more coercive power as a solution, Libertarians say: *Why not look into a range of voluntary, non-coercive solutions?* Can it be done by the free market, community co-ops, cultural zones, privatizing, or other voluntary ideas? How can we help people have a choice of voluntary models?

Libertarians are people who pledge not to advocate initiating force, including by government, to solve problems...

And Libertarianism presents a program that shows how voluntary approaches are already changing the world...slashing taxes...dramatically improving services....more tools for community understanding....to better liberty, and justice, for all.

**"Libertarians say government agencies can and should be judged and held accountable like private groups...against the omnipotent state."
—President Ronald Reagan**

The Libertarian Party...

...and Libertarianism, Traditional Champion of Freedom

Since 1971, when 5 concerned citizens first met to revive Libertarian ways to curb growing abuse and corruption, Libertarianism has spread to groups in over 100 countries...Libertarian tools may at first seem idealistically contrary... Cut crime by cutting police? Reduce drug misuse by letting adults make their own decisions? Abolish taxes to provide a guaranteed income? Allow secession to prevent civil war? What ties them together is they all remove any coercive government component to **take a fresh look at the situation as if coercive government did not exist, encourage people to become fully informed, build consensus—and work together to replace expanding government with a range of targeted voluntary approaches that work.** Libertarians encourage people to use a variety of models, such as limited government, local micro-government, minimizing government functions, and non-governmental communities. All these were once studied from the peaceful Ancient Anarchists to Aristotle to the Founders...and today thousands use this Program for freedom, accountability and responsibility to average citizens.



Genial LP Founder David Nolan says take a fresh look

Overview: Pledge and Principle



The Libertarian political approach is based on consistent dedication to freedom or self-ownership—especially as supported by making available more voluntary choices in what are commonly thought of as coercive government functions and services. Libertarians also encourage awareness of non-authoritarian and co-operative approaches in economics, and the value of letting different approaches develop. These ideas strike at the root of many problems, and are made practical with two powerful tools: the Libertarian Pledge, and the Statement of Principles. **The Pledge** recognizes that **many problems arise because many people have never consciously committed to or thought consistently about the most basic bond of society: mutual respect for each other's rights.**

Libertarians in local government such as Ben Brandon attack problems at the root—looking at basics and basic principle.

Unsurprisingly this brings inconsistent actions and hypocrisy, especially among the leadership. The Pledge challenges citizens to re-establish those bonds with an example of consistent advocacy of non-initiation of force, acting as a magnet for good. As more people adopt it, more people will use peaceful and voluntary approaches in their personal and social lives. Historically, it descends from the pledge not to harm or steal that defined a citizen in common law, and made conscious the preservation of freedom in daily life. **The Statement of Principles sets four key ideas** so one can question programs and thus better self-govern: **1) Are someone's rights being harmed the root cause of the problem? 2) Is yet another violation of rights being proposed as a "solution"? 3) Are people assuming "The Cult of the Omnipotent State" when they could ask: Why not a voluntary solution? 4) Are calls to sacrifice just covering up past abuses?**

A Citizen Toolkit: Right Principle, Right Questions.

The Pledge: "I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social and political goals: No person, group of people, or Government has the right to initiate force." **Statement of Principle Tools: One:** Is the root cause of a problem that someone's rights were ignored? **Two:** Is more violation of rights being proposed as a "solution"? **Three:** Why not a voluntary solution? **Four:** Are calls to sacrifice just covering up past abuses?

"Today, we need a nation of Minutemen, who are not only prepared to take arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as the basic purpose of their daily lives, and who are willing to consciously work ... for that freedom..."

-- John F. Kennedy

Care: Empower Yourself

The Libertarian Party's mission is to get people in public service to move public policy in a Libertarian direction. But this is both based on, and intended to help, your personal knowledge and action. Here are Libertarian tools others are using that you might try in bettering community....and to see where the Program works for you... **The Pledge:** Start a workshop aiming to get 1% of adults in your community to take the Pledge. Discuss the idea of using the Pledge and reducing the initiation of force in daily life with loved ones. Look into movements influenced by the ideas of the Pledge, such as HandsProject.org where children pledge: "I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others."

Statement of Principle Tools: One: Form a pact with friends and neighbors to come to each other's aid—by letters, showing up in court, and contacting officials—when one is unjustly accused or trapped in a bureaucratic nightmare. Often a show of solidarity works wonders on an official's perspective. **Two:** Locate an issue that interests you where local government, or businesses or institutions acting with government, have created a seemingly never ending problem. Check the history and see if more proposals that take away people's rights are "curing" similar problems created in the past in a vicious circle. **Three:** Ask officials at public meetings if they have looked at voluntary and Libertarian alternatives, and challenge them to do so. **Four:** Join a civic charitable or emergency-response group. Read a book on basic business or Libertarian-friendly management practices. Look at the next "big problem" in the light of what you've learned: Are calls for sacrifice actually the result of not following simple basics?



Popular radio and TV hosts such as morning TV's and best-selling author Larry Elder say Libertarian ideas encourage people to think about their freedoms.

Liberty....

One. Slash Crime and Corruption. We're Doing It.

The Reality... Experts some years ago debated a paradox: as jury power shrank and police forces grew, crime and official corruption soared; as lifestyle prohibitions rose, the problems exploded; as punishments became harsher, government power more intrusive, recidivism increased—all as the US jailed the largest prison population in history in a mazelike “legal system worse than” Russia’s (House Judiciary Leader Hyde).



Libertarian Mayor Olivier cut crime dramatically by encouraging, not taxing, citizens.

There is Another Way... An openness approach makes a difference. Art Olivier was elected Libertarian mayor of Belleflower, a suburb of 70,000 by Los Angeles. As crime around the town grew, he rejected calls for more police and a proposed multi-million crime tracking system. Instead, he proposed voluntary, and volunteer watches based on the Libertarian Program to talk with troubled persons, build community bonds, defuse situations by directing people to appropriate help, and track incidents with pushpins. Meanwhile, he urged focus only on drug use that actually resulted in crime. As crime plummeted 37%, he ended a situation to overcharge taxpayers in trash hauling with small containers by simply publicly measuring the containers. His groups, he emphasized, are self-managing and the opposite of the spy-on-your neighbor watches controlled by the Federal Government being proposed. The answer, he says, is empower the citizens to focus on real crime and stop it before it starts. The question is, would you like these Libertarian results in your community?

Program Action : A 7 Point Checklist for Change

Freedom and Responsibility: Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and to accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. **Real Crime:** The appropriate way to suppress crime is through consistent and impartial enforcement of laws that protect individual rights. **Victimless Crimes:** Only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed crimes. **The War on Drugs:** The War on Drugs is a grave threat to individual liberty, to domestic order, and to peace in the world. **Safeguards for the Criminally Accused:** Until such time as persons are proved guilty of crimes, they should be accorded full respect for their individual rights. **Justice for the Individual:** We support restitution for the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or wrongdoer. We oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense. **Juries:** We favor all-volunteer juries and urge the assertion of the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law.

“Individuals should be free...”



Caring: Empower Yourself

Freedom and Responsibility: .Share this Booklet or materials (or links to materials) such as “The Libertarian Viewpoint” with folks in your address book. Discuss with co-workers the “Libertarian Pledge” as a tool to better relationships and developing self-responsibility. **Crime:** Explore creating groups like Mayor Olivier’s in your community. **Victimless Crimes:** Open dialogue with local police, opinion leaders: ask how much time is spent on lifestyle crimes or those solvable by social intervention such as domestic quarrels, and share this figure (often 70% or more) . **The War on Drugs:** Learn about “Harm Reduction” methods to get people off drugs and discuss with local groups . **Safeguards for the Criminally Accused:** Help start a Citizen Advisory Board to address abuses constructively . **Justice for the Individual:** Ask officials to look into removing obstacles to bringing alternative dispute resolution, restorative justice, low cost mediation, and arbitration alternatives. **Juries:** Talk to High Schools about a presentation on Fully Informed Juries, Libertarian non-coercion philosophy, and other concepts. Read the law of your State and compare with a Common Law text Target statutes that restrict rights/affect or endanger you..

Libertarian Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) notes that increasingly policing and dispute resolution are handled privately as governments spend over 70% of their time in lifestyle arrests.

Liberty....

Two: Our Bill of Rights. We Fight for It.

The Reality... The common idea in society is the best way to handle a crisis is by ending or limiting someone's rights...not that the best way to end a crisis is by better handling and understanding our rights.

There is Another Way... Surprisingly, there is little education on using the basic freedoms enumerated in the Bill of Rights to solve problems. As a society that praises freedom, there is very little voluntary, citizen-driven education, on using our rights as a tool to resolve, not entrench, conflict. Officials and social leaders have ideas that easily slide towards thinking the solution is always to tax, regulate, or restrict someone. In contrast, people identifying themselves as having Libertarian ideas has doubled to 19% in one generation as Libertarians have been a main source of education in the US on the Constitution, civil rights, free market rights, and the value of voluntary alternatives. People are inspired to think about rights as conflict resolution tools by Libertarian workshops from pending legal bills to parliamentary practice. While many are done by academics, the real work happens at the citizen-to-citizen level that in turn strengthens the underlying bonds of a free country. Thus Libertarian law-enforcement official Jerry Cameron has seminars where officers study and lively debate freedom ideas and our rights using the Greek Philosophers.



Former Florida Sheriff Jerry Cameron has created popular seminars on the philosophy of rights for law enforcement.

Program Action: An 8 Point Checklist for Change

Individual Sovereignty: We favor an immediate end to the doctrine of "Sovereign Immunity" which ignores the primacy of the individual, and holds that the State may not be held accountable for its actions. **Government and Mental Health:** We oppose the involuntary treatment for mental health by health officials or law enforcement. **Freedom of Communication:** We defend the rights of individuals to unrestricted freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right of individuals to dissent from government. **Freedom of Religion:** We defend the rights of individuals to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. **The Right to Property:** All rights are inextricably linked with property rights. Property rights are entitled to the same protection as all other human rights. **Protection of Privacy:** The individual's rights to privacy, property, and to speak or not to speak should not be infringed by the government. **Government Secrecy:** We condemn the government's use of secret classifications to keep from the public information that it should have. **Internal Security and Civil Liberties:** The defense of the country requires that we counter threats to domestic security; however, we call for repeal of legislation that violates individual rights under the color of national security.

"We defend rights..."

Care: Empower Yourself

Individual Sovereignty: Document Sovereign Immunity abuses in your area and meet with your Insurance Agent to devise a plan if injustice strikes you. **Government and Mental Health:** Take steps such as creating a power of attorney. **Freedom of Communication:** Use the Internet to create your own news source. **Freedom of Religion:** Meet with local religious leaders to discuss Libertarian areas of interest. **The Right to Property:** Start a group to publicize and take action against eminent domain abuses. Do a video inventory of belongings for your insurance. **Protection of Privacy:** Ascertain if the government is selling your personal information; go to the Direct Marketing Association website to get off unwanted call lists. **Government Secrecy:** Use the Freedom of Information Act to discover forgotten Government nuclear and waste dumps in your county. **Internal Security and Civil Liberties:** Support local measures refusing to enforce abusive spying. Sponsor a regular essay contest for High Schoolers on the Bill of Rights compared to a book such as Boaz' *Libertarianism*.



Start your own press on the internet

Liberty....

Three. Free Association: Lifestyle Choice, Voluntary Institutions

The Reality... Dan Fylstra, co-developer of the spreadsheet now used on every computer, helped a Libertarian campaign on a proposed law to spy on your bank account. Government officials showed their true concerns when they turned off their fax machines because 'the public was responding too much' from the campaign—which won despite government determined that the solution is not to listen.



Libertarian Spreadsheet co-developer Dan Fylstra helped raise alarm.

There is Another Way... Libertarians point out that our rights of association are attacked when there are clashing customs or people are obliged to make normally rare choices they would rather not by often minor-seeming coercive government regulations. Punishment and Laws do not then solve the underlying problem, but drive it deeper. Libertarians say we should look at the real causes and use voluntary persuasion and tools, understanding one solution may not fit all. Thus, instead of trying to ban immigration, discrimination, abortions, etc, it is better to focus on how government has over the years created wildly exaggerated levels of these things— and cure the underlying problem by listening, discussion, compassion, and removing the backfiring laws.

Program Action: A 9 Point Checklist for Change

"Individuals should be free..."

The Right to Keep and Bear Arms We affirm the right to keep and bear arms and oppose all laws at any level of government restricting, regulating, or requiring the ownership, manufacture, transfer, or sale of firearms or ammunition. **Conscription and the Military** We oppose any form of compulsory national service. **Immigration** We hold that human rights should not be denied or abridged on the basis of nationality and welcome all refugees to our country. **Freedom of Association and Government Discrimination** Individual rights should not be denied or enhanced at the expense of other people's rights by government. **Women's Rights and Abortion** Individual rights should not be denied or abridged on the basis of sex. Recognizing that abortion is a very sensitive issue and that people, including libertarians, can hold good-faith views on both sides, we believe the government should be kept out of the question. **Families and Children** We believe that families are private institutions, which should be free from government intrusion, and that parents have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs. **Sexual Rights** We believe that adults have the right to private choice in consensual sexual activity. **American Indian Rights/Traditional Rights** American Indians should be free to determine their own system of governance and should have their property rights restored. **The Economy** Government intervention in the economy imperils both the personal freedom and the material prosperity of every American.

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The Right to Keep and Bear Arms Meet your neighbors and hand them this booklet. Sponsor a Libertarian booth at local gun shows. Screen the movie *Gandhi* with your kids and discuss other ways of self-defense. **Conscription and the Military** Support an Amendment against all compulsory service. See if Slavery is legal in your State *still*. **Immigration** Document how government is creating immigration tensions in your area., and hold a public meeting to discuss findings. Brainstorm how other Libertarian tools e.g. citizen watches and local autonomy —can solve problems. **Freedom of Association and Government Discrimination** Find out how quota law applies to your business, and where it is backfiring on minorities. Attend the Church of another ethnicity. **Women's Rights and Abortion** Laws create abortion incentives by denying e.g. low-cost midwives, dis-involving dads, making adoption difficult. Discuss the choices with family, local youth groups. **Families and Children** Look into home-schools in your State. Compare to States where easily done. **Sexual Rights** Form an action team to document and lobby to end horse-and-buggy behavior laws in your State. **American Indian Rights** Sponsor a school essay contest on similarities between the seizure of Native lands and pensions, and current abuses against all citizens. **The Economy** Sponsor an essay for students on H. Hazlitt's *Economics in One Lesson*. Consider starting a business or a co-op.



Wisdom in old cultures: Native Americans often had unsung free market oriented and federal systems that inspired the Founders, says Libertarian Native Activist Dr. Russell Means

And Justice....

Four. Cut and End Taxes. We're Doing It.

The Reality... The tax system has been denounced as so unfair and abusive it is a human rights black mark. **There is Another Way...** When it came time to preserve the famous nuclear submarine *Narwhal*, Libertarians such as its former Captain Admiral Michael Colley did not seek to raise taxes on fellow citizens but promoted an innovative voluntary program that will soon make the submarine a job creating research center and museum. After all, say Libertarians, the whole point of free enterprise is to provide services where prices *decrease* and in fact *even pay you*, the subscriber. Libertarians lead in:

- Showing the moral wrong of taxes by challenging redundant and unconstitutional tax intrusions—often for services already provided elsewhere—saving the public billions
- Proposing transition programs to capture tax reductions for the poor such as the EIC
- The paradigm-changing Alaska Permanent Fund. By investing public lands and government cost reductions in a non-governmental, public trusts Alaskans now not only enjoy no income tax, but a family receives an income of \$10,000 and growing—that is, an 'un-tax' that *pays the citizen*.
- Championing fee for services approaches and community trusts that provide services for free based on sound investment returns; individual trusts such as IRA's; and harbors such as homestead, religious exemptions and e.g. MSA's,



Libertarian Admiral Michael Colley (Ret) helps lead a project to preserve our heritage without seeking tax money, and says you can call for this type of voluntary project too in your community.

Program Action : A 4 Point Checklist for Change

Taxation All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We oppose all government activity that consists of the forcible collection of money or goods from individuals in violation of their individual rights. **Inflation and Depression** Government control over money and banking is the primary cause of inflation and depression. **Finance and Capital Investment** Regulation of financial and capital markets represses capital ventures. **Government Debt** We support a constitutional amendment requiring government budgets be balanced by cutting expenditures and not by raising taxes.

“The Fruits of your labor...”

Care: Empower Yourself

Taxation Start a Citizen Action Group to bring a Permanent Fund to your state; Take a tax preparation course to make sure you are minimizing your taxes. Use current Libertarian tools such as IRA's, MSA's, and others to create resources for the future. Look into your property taxes to see if they are improperly calculated or assessed. **Inflation and Depression** Look into Libertarian alternatives such as barter companies and time-dollars as something your Condo or Neighborhood Association could use. **Finance and Capital Investment** Look into history of regulation of your profession and actively challenge validity. Focus **Government Debt** Create a chart showing growth of your State or local debt over population in last generation. Organize local Libertarian candidates to take it to public debates. Form a group to look at voluntary alternatives line-by-line in the State or local budget and using it as a guide press for reform and eventual phased elimination of all taxes. Challenge legislators to adopt a 1% yearly reduction..

ALASKA PERMANENT FUND

Maturity - Balance - Permanence

Proof of Concept: The Alaska Fund is a Libertarian proposal that resulted from the election of just 2 Libertarian legislators. Often one Libertarian is all it takes to completely change the approach of government bodies. It eased the abolition of income taxes in Alaska.

And Justice...

Five. No Government Monopolies For Better Results. We're Leading the Way.

The Reality... Studies show government public service monopolies, licensing and regulations often reduce choice in services over 90%, raise costs over 500%, reduce quality 200%, and decrease safety and raise fatalities so hundreds of thousands die prematurely each year. Thus in poverty programs most money goes to administration and little to the poor. In Florida a free baby sitting co-op was shut down. But when Libertarian proposals to deregulate services and encourage public comment were e.g. partially adopted in air travel, airline numbers grew, costs plummeted, quality rose and safety increased.



Popular Libertarian national radio host Gary Nolan has created a citizen group to challenge public waste..

There is Another Way... Libertarians are championing free choice in services through;

- Challenging how money is spent. Libertarian public officials and citizen groups, by applying simple business techniques and bidding out services, often double public services while reducing costs by half in months. Meanwhile, Libertarian open management ideas are improving business.
- De-monopolizing proposals: Libertarians are at the cutting edge of legalizing low-cost co-ops, legalizing provision of services by voluntary community groups, and educating officials and citizens on successful and actual privatizations
- Libertarians are championing democratizing and personalizing services, removing trade barriers, and leading in creating voluntary regulatory standards, such as what became ISO-2000, that increase profits, wages, and product value.

Program Action : A 7 Point Checklist for Change **"Individuals should be free..."**

Monopolies Government is the source of monopoly, through its grants of legal privilege to special interests in the economy. We advocate a strict separation of business and State. **Subsidies** The unrestricted competition of the free market is the best way to foster prosperity. We oppose all government subsidies. **Trade Barriers** Tariffs and quotas give special treatment to favored special interests and diminish the welfare of consumers and other individuals. **Public Utilities** We advocate the termination of government-created franchise privileges. The right to offer services on the market should not be curtailed by law. **Unions and Collective Bargaining** We support the right of free persons to associate or not associate in labor unions. An employer should have the right to recognize or refuse to recognize a union. **Energy** We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production. **Pollution** Pollution of other people's property is a violation of individual rights. Strict liability, not government agencies and arbitrary government standards, should regulate pollution.

Care: Empower Yourself



Monopolies Send a Libertarian Quiz to local officials. Approach those who score well to look at local monopolies and challenge them to apply business methods and privatization with a Libertarian on the Advisory Board. **Subsidies** Look at a major product made in your state and see if subsidies are raising the cost. **Trade Barriers** Have your child use the internet to look at how barriers, tariffs and taxes add to the price of an item and how much of the family budget is consumed that way. Good places to start might be gasoline, the phone bill, steak, and sugar. Compare the price of an Excelsior College BA in NY and local one. **Public Utilities** Work to form a utility or recycling co-operative owned and managed by local users—these typically dramatically reduce rates through the state. Call for competitive utilities. **Unions and Collective Bargaining** Is your union just a ritual of hostile bargaining and few services? Form a Libertarian interest group in your union to press for long term co-operative action with management, services that add value, and aggressive response to abuses. **Energy** Do a home energy audit and make a plan to cut costs. **Pollution** 95% of pollution is created by the government, according to the GAO. Document major government pollution or variances to favored business in your area; Discover if the recycling separation actually goes to separate places— or is remixed, making the effort pointless.

GAO found Libertarians were right: most pollution is government-caused.

And Justice....

Six. Lifestyle Quality. We're Leading the Way.

The Reality... Many believe the choice is between distant and unaccountable government regulators with hare-brained schemes that limit their choices further versus corrupt corporations out to deceive everyone they can for a buck. In both cases, they are disempowered, and must resort to tiring mass protests in many cases to accomplish even the simplest beneficial changes.

There is Another Way... By educating and informing people on how a truly free market works and is mainly driven by the consumer, Libertarians help people find the tools to make the market work for them with innovative, safe, and low-cost solutions—that often reverse common assumptions.

- Libertarians have been leaders in the creation and legalization of family-building home-schools, and creating a friendly environment for challenging student-run Sudbury and other innovative low-cost schools, tax-refunds to home-schooling parents, and transitional proposals such as vouchers and magnet schools that increase personal choice.
- Libertarian thinkers have been leaders in proposing and implementing important management innovations from spreadsheets to PayPal (an alternative private currency demonstration project) to participatory management.
- Libertarian seminarists such as writer Harry Browne lead in educating the public on regaining control of their finances and understanding how coercive government makes for costly public transport, increase of poverty, less consumer protection. Libertarians have promoted voluntary consumer approaches where found in UL and ISO.

Thus, Libertarian Robert Poole founded the REASON Policy Institute, whose ideas on more voluntary services have resulted in vast consumer savings, and many pro-Libertarians such as Walter Williams and increasingly other writers write eye-opening columns for the public. Libertarians in government champion your access to these non-coercive approaches..



Economist Walter Williams writes a popular column on Libertarian tools and concepts.

Program Action : A 6 Point Checklist for Change

Consumer Protection We support strong and effective laws against fraud and misrepresentation. **Education** We advocate the complete separation of education and State. **Population** The American people are not a collective national resource. We oppose all coercive measures for population control. **Transportation** We support transit competition and deregulation. **Poverty and Unemployment** We support the repeal of all laws that impede the ability of any person to find employment. The proper source of aid to the poor is voluntary efforts of private groups and individuals. **Health Care** We favor restoring and reviving a free market health care system. We advocate a complete separation of medicine and State.

“ No population Control...”

Care: Empower Yourself

Consumer Protection Get familiar with Libertarian inspired ISO manufacturing and other private standards encouraging consumer involvement and open information. Discuss the use of open improvement teams at work. Demand local government adhere to the same quality standards, such as Six-Sigma, used in dog biscuit manufacture. **Education** Work for making public schools supported by non-tax Permanent Trust; school boards for each school run by parents; invite someone from student run Sudbury schools to speak to your group. Go on the web and sign the petition for Separation of School and State. **Population** Have a child while it's still legal. Look into midwife options. Discuss with local groups that the power to ban abortions will become the power to mandate them, as has already happened in Mainland China.. **Transportation** Look into bringing Jitneys into your community. **Poverty and Unemployment** Target laws in your state that prevent people on benefits from accumulating money. **Health Care** Use Libertarian-inspired MSA's and tell friends. Work for a climate favorable to alternative and self-care. Start a local group to use consumer quality teams to improve medical service. *Challenge hospitals to post prices.*



Meg Walker and son love home-schooling.

For All...

Seven. The Public Trust: Back in Your Hands.

The Reality...By confusing the public trusts and activities with government 'trust' and regulation, 'mediating institutions' such as families, workingmen's associations, private ventures, and communities were disempowered by enclosing and placing their activities in government hands. The extended family farm and homestead, reserved lands, productive creation of meaningful safety guidelines by mutual agreements and received practice, the family retirement trust, local involvement in infrastructure and innovative voluntary alternatives, and conduct of elections by proportional vote by community groups—all have been disempowered with worsening consequences.

There is Another Way: Libertarians have led the way in opening up the process and returning public activities back to the public's mediating voluntary institutions. In so doing they have demonstrated that Libertarian principle provides the long term vision and motivation for average citizens to, over decades, wear down opposition and make changes possible. Thus, Libertarians in Florida fought over two decades to remove arbitrary election laws so restrictive on non-older parties that it was easier for independents to get elected in St Petersburg, Russia than St. Petersburg, Florida. In what was called 'the Libertarian success story of the decade' they built a citizen's coalition across the spectrum that proposed, and got passed, a ballot fairness Constitutional amendment. With open primaries if no Libertarian ran, falling voter interest is now rising..



Libertarian Florida State Chair Doug Klippel, who is also a Libertarian in local government, debates his Republican party and other counterparts on the need for more voluntary solutions. Such activities introduce college students to Libertarian solutions that are already

Program: Action A 7 Point Checklist for Change **"Individuals should be free..."**

Resource Use Resource management is properly the responsibility and right of the legitimate owners of land, water, and other natural resources. **Agriculture** Farmers and consumers alike should be free from the meddling and counterproductive measures of the federal government -- free to grow, sell, and buy what they want. **Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)** We call for the repeal of OSHA, which denies the right to liberty and property to both employer and employee and interferes in private contractual relations. **Social Security** Replace the fraudulent, bankrupt Social Security system with a private, voluntary system. **Postal Service** We propose allowing free competition in all aspects of postal service. **Civil Service** The Civil Service system entrenches a permanent and growing bureaucracy and is inherently a system of concealed patronage. **Election Laws** We call for an end to government control of political parties, consistent with First Amendment rights to freedom of association and freedom of expression, and propose electoral systems that are more representative.

Care: Empower Yourself

Resource Use Work to create a homestead law in your State, exempting home property and farm from taxation and legal interference. **Agriculture** Start a local community garden; participate in programs such as FoodShare; get elected to local Soil and Water Boards to remove abuses and promote voluntary methods; Save money so your children have an aliquot portion of the land (approximately 7 acres). **Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)** Publicize how standards of various agencies contradict each other in your work; discuss at work use of Libertarian management and discussion methods to highlight safety needs. .

Social Security Use Libertarian inspired tools such as IRA's and Keough's to secure your retirement; Look into a family trust to secure your descendant's retirement; Go to SocialSecurity.Org for calculator that shows what current system costs you. **Postal Service** Hand your postal worker this booklet. Libertarians believe in a non-tax funded, competitive Post-Office that stops playing games with its union. **Civil Service** Petition-drive for term limits of *all* offices. **Election Laws** Work for fair ballot laws for 3rd parties, independents, proportional representation. Apply to be an election inspector for the Libertarian Party.



Website www.cato.org has a calculator that shows how much you gain with private social security that you can leave to help your kids.

Eight. Defense: Making “Second Track” Citizen Action Work.

The Reality... It is taught that the core purpose of government is national defense and unity through an authoritarian military. People complain this all too easily becomes back-firing and divisive crusades in foreign countries that benefit well-connected people in the background. For many, the only hope seems the current drift towards an all-powerful world government or unstable ‘Mega-Power’ dominance.

There is Another Way... Government is better understood as a process of social harmony, and the day to day purposes of its agencies are best determined by voluntary support. National defense is too important to be left to militaries or politicians. The proper national defense is provided by organizations promoting voluntary peaceful alternatives such as the Libertarian Party and movement, and other peace organizations. Temporary emergencies would better be contained by bottom-up draft-less local militias, on the model of Switzerland and the early US Republic. But long-term defense comes from citizen ‘second track diplomacy’ and initiatives such as the Sister-City Program, which Eisenhower himself declared “America’s true defense.” Libertarians support the Eisenhower-Kennedy public laws setting world abolition of the military for peaceful militias and conflict resolution groups as an American national goal. Abroad, pro-Libertarian leaders such as Czechoslovakia’s Vaclav Klaus, who is credited with preventing war by using Secession ideas to peacefully split his country, are the true saviors of human lives.



Think -outside- the-box Vaclav Klaus used Libertarian Secession to stop war.

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“Individuals should be free...”

Negotiations The important principle in foreign policy should be the elimination of intervention by the United States government in the affairs of other nations. **International Travel and Foreign Investments** We call upon the United States government to adhere rigidly to the principle that all U.S. citizens travel, live, and own property abroad at their own risk. **Human Rights** We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights against governments or political and revolutionary groups. **World Government** We oppose U.S. government participation in any world or international government. We oppose any treaty under which individual rights would be violated. **Secession** We recognize the right to political secession by political entities, private groups, or individuals. **Military Policy** Any U.S. military policy should have the objective of providing security for the lives, liberty and property of the American people in the U.S. as inexpensively as possible and without undermining the liberties it is designed to protect. **Presidential War Powers** We favor limiting the presidential role as Commander-in-Chief to its original meaning, namely that of the head of the armed forces in wartime.

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Negotiations Attend a local conflict-resolution workshop and offer yourself as a good-will citizen Ambassador. **International Travel and Foreign Investments** Visit local Libertarians when you travel. Join mutual travel help groups and international fraternities.

Human Rights Write an annual check for \$50 to sponsor Libertarian students from abroad to attend Libertarian Institutes or Conferences such as ISIL.Org. Adopt a “sister” Libertarian group abroad. **World Government** Discuss with neighbors why a United Nations is a good idea—but not the United Governments it has become. **Secession** Florida maintains a symbolic Embassy in Washington; does your state? Sponsor a public discussion of how Puerto Rico retains the right to leave the United States at any time—would this model benefit the other States? What about the community level? **Military Policy** Make a personal decision that Eisenhower was right and National Defense is too important to be left forever to the military or government politicians: Become active in your local Sister-City program. Suggest adoption of a city in a troubled or potential trouble area. **Presidential War Powers** Make a contingency plan with your family in the event of a temporary breakdown of society from terrorism, environmental disaster, job-loss, etc. Where would you get food? Store water? etc.



Libertarians are 10 % of the legislature in Costa Rica.. Libertarians work in many countries for peace.

For All...

Nine. Emerging Issues: Voluntary Ideas=Solutions



The Reality... The world is made of some 190 national governments that react to problems created by their top-down, short-sighted, coercive planning efforts of a generation ago, lurching from catastrophe to disaster—and many international groups use these problems as an excuse to quietly create strangling regulations and take advantage of people in areas that will not get public attention for another generation.

Libertarian Science Fiction Author Robert Heinlein of *Starship Troopers* fame encouraged far-sighted Libertarian work on space privatization efforts.

There is Another Way... The Libertarian Party is not a party of political criticism and mud-slinging on the contrived issue of the moment. The LP is a party of national salvation based on principle: long-term, strong-willed, non-governmental citizen leadership built on respect for human rights and a free atmosphere where citizens can create a range of moral, practical, far-sighted, voluntary solutions. Libertarians have the demonstrated will and vision to inform people of the tools—and fight for their right to use them—that solve to-morrow's problems today. Thus, when confronted by US major-party weakness before a Soviet proposal that would have militarized the L-5 points—stable points in outer space from which a nuclear attack would leave America defenseless—Libertarians buttonholed leaders to create a treaty process atmosphere that made way for peaceful private use of space...and also made possible the current space tourism now catching peo-

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Foreign Aid We support the elimination of tax-supported military, economic, technical, and scientific aid to foreign governments or other organizations. **International Money** We favor withdrawal of the United States from all international money and credit schemes, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. **Unowned Resources** Individuals have the right to homestead unowned resources, both within the jurisdictions of national governments and within unclaimed territory. **Colonialism** We favor immediate self-determination for all people living in colonial dependencies and the termination of subsidization of them at taxpayers' expense. **Foreign Intervention** We would end the current U.S. government policy of foreign intervention, including military and economic aid, guarantees, and diplomatic meddling. We make no exceptions. **Space Exploration** We oppose all government restrictions upon voluntary, peaceful use of outer space. **Omissions** Our silence about any other particular government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, regulatory agency, activity, or machination should not be construed to imply approval.

Care: Empower Yourself

Foreign Aid Consider CARE, PLAN or other groups that help needy persons abroad. Consider supporting the Helen Keller Foundation, which welcomes Libertarian contributions against vitamin-deficiency blindness. **International Money** Sponsor local discussion on pseudo WTO and NAFTA “Free Trade.” Look into banking alternatives such as microbanks, lending circles, and credit unions in your area. **Unowned Resources** Determine how “common” e.g. water resources are *actually* ‘managed’ in your area. **Colonialism** Discover Rothbard’s book on the ultimate colonial rebellion, the American Revolution, *Conceived in Liberty*, and suggest it be used as basis for college Libertarian workshop. **Foreign Intervention** Sponsor a breakfast for students to debate: if the US stopped meddling but instead re-instated its policy of admitting new states, how would the world change in 30 years?. **Space Exploration** Get familiar with groups promoting private space colonization and tourism. Challenge local leaders to look into growth possibilities. **Omissions** Attend Libertarian groups and seminars for negotiation, consensus building, and parliamentary skills. Look at emerging issues in your community, and how they interact with Federal and State government, to be used as excuses for government “development plans” and expansion. Challenge leaders to explore and document voluntary alternatives.



Libertarians in Bangladesh discuss self-help microbanks with Milton Friedman.

For All...

Ten. Accountable Public Service = Libertarian Public Servants.

The Reality...Public service by the older parties has become so corrupt and unaccountable that their legislators must pass campaign finance laws to discipline themselves and a whistleblower can assume his career is over...though such laws often have a loophole to strangle political competition and allow disguised contributions.



Potential new Libertarian activists and candidates for elective or appointive local office stand up in a training session.

There is Another Way... In Florida, 2002 Libertarian State House candidates decided to set an example by refusing questionable and large contributions and showing the public they could manage finances with low-budget campaigns. The public responded, giving Libertarians 16% of the vote in the 'best third party showing in a century.' Across the country, Libertarians inform the public of the eye-opening menu of choices available in the Libertarian Program and Platform, work with community groups and citizen teams in targeting items therein where there is local public support, and help citizens implement change by moving public policy in a Libertarian direction, often in close-to-the-public local offices where they work hard to set new standards of responsiveness to the public. As a result, hundreds of Libertarians are being not only elected but appointed by major party colleagues for their ability to champion rights and develop and make popular innovative, citizen-driven, voluntary approaches.

Program Action : A 5 Point Checklist for Change

“ Avoid Perks...”

Libertarian candidates and in public office are building a record. They:

1. **Work for you.** They adhere to the Libertarian Statement of Principles and Program so you have Quality Control. They defend your rights against abuses and look for voluntary alternatives that save money and help us all live together.
2. **Make you money, don't take your money.** They refuse Public Campaign Funds (unless voluntarily contributed) and often run low-budget campaigns refusing questionable monies. They focus on getting more for less cost to you.
3. **Avoid Perks** and Excessive Salaries, and support non-tax and voluntary ways of accountable compensation.
4. **Listen**, and make a point of meaningful response to your concerns so the process is open and accountable.
5. **Have a record of consensus building and getting the right things done:** Libertarians are the 'go-to' people. Public Bodies notice a change with even one Libertarian sharing eye-opening possibilities as in the Checklist for Change.

Care: Empower Yourself

Start a Libertarian bookshelf in your local library! *The Libertarian US Presidential and VEEP candidates have over three decades written or commissioned a number of often best-selling and influential works on Libertarian ideas and solutions actually going on. They are a great place to start for tools that you can use, with something for people of all backgrounds:* Libertarianism: A Political Philosophy for Tomorrow, John Hospers, Ph. D. Charmed students, now a standard college text. A New Dawn For America, Roger McBride. Written for the average voter by famed producer of *Little House on the Prairie*. Local Problems, Libertarian Solutions, Libertarian Party. Influential use by Clark Campaign shows Libertarian solutions A New Beginning, Ed Clark, J.D. Many Libertarian ideas here have now been widely adopted around the world Libertarianism in One Lesson, David Bergland, J.D. Foundation for popular course used in hundreds of communities. Speeches, Hon. Ron Paul. Speeches on popular website of Republican Libertarian Congressman cut to the chase.. Why Government Doesn't Work, Harry Browne. Bestseller by renowned financial consultant. The Great Libertarian Offer, Harry Browne. Selected again as candidate, this expands on the freedom approach. It's Good to Be King! Constitution Course, Michael Badnarik. A citizen course introduces many forgotten perspectives of Founders; plus Restoring the Heart of America, Dr. Richard Campagna on solutions at work today. ...and check with your local Libertarian Party for workshops on being or helping a candidate for elective/appointive office.

Not Just Politics...Empowering Libertarian and Libertarian Interest Books on Relationships, Self-help, Workplace and Finances....

- Breaking Free, N. Branden
- Wealth Without Risk, C. Givens
- Life Extension, D. Pearson
- How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World, H. Browne
- The Art of Selfishness, D. Seabury
- Super Parents, Super Children, F. Kendall
- SystemAntics, J. Gall
- Up The Organization, R. Townsend
- Dr. Deming , R. Aguayo

Social Affairs, Public Administration, Popular Literature...

- To Serve and Protect, B. Benson
- When Government Goes Private, R Fitzgerald
- The Voluntary City, Beito et al
- The Fall of The Prison, L. Griffith
- The Way the World Works, J. Wanninski
- The God of the Machine, I. Paterson
- People Without Government, H. Barclay
- The Other Path, DeSoto
- Jungle Ways, W. Seabrook
- Anthem, A. Rand
- For Us The Living, R. Heinlein
- The Postman, D. Brin
- Dark Rivers of the Heart, D. Koontz

Meet culturally pro-libertarian and LP-member celebrities...



Writer Stuart Kaminsky,
President, Mystery Writers of America



Magicians Penn and Teller



Elbegdorj Tsakhia,
Prime Minister of
once -communist Mongolia



Actor Clint Eastwood



Actor John Larroquette

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Humorist and Columnist Dave Barry



Actor Kurt Russell

What Next...Better Public Information and Education...

“Those who wish to be ignorant and free, expect what never was—and never shall be” said Thomas Jefferson. For further reading or research after *Libertarianism* by Boaz, we asked people for their “cutting edge” Libertarian or Libertarian interest recommendations to support action in each Program area. Here are books dealing with aspects of Libertarianism (including by non-Libertarians) touching on each Program area that they found very useful—and that you can use to inform yourself and others enjoyably, or, as have many people, used to propose as a suggested reading list for local schools, to recommend a “Libertarian Bookshelf” at local bookstores, or point out to local officials and businesses. For more eye-opening items and films to discuss with friends check out resources such as LFB books (a non-partisan service) at www.lfb.org or call 1-800-326-0996 for a free catalog.

	Political	Open Management	Lifestyle
1	Justice That Restores, Coulson	Maverick, Sammler	Breaking Free, Dr. Nathaniel Branden
2	Lost Rights, John Bovard	Hidden Order, Friedman	Super Parents, Super Children, Kendall
3	Healing Our World, Dr. Mary Ruwart	Ourselves, Inc, Ward	Free To Choose, Dr. Milton Friedman
4	The Way The World Works, Wanninski	ABC Costs, Cokins	A Good Tax Preparation Manual
5	Free Minds, Free Markets, Robert Poole	Books by Goldratt and ISO site	The Art of Community, MacCallum
6	Economics in One Lesson, H. Hazlitt	Gainsharing, Collins	Books on Sudbury Schools and Homeschooling
7	Real Choices/New Voices, Amy	Books by Drucker; Waste, Olson	From Liberty to democracy, Holcombe
8	Sister City Program Website	Sidetracked Exec, Young	The Cleveland Grays, Vourlojanis
9	The Third Industrial Revolution, Stine	5 th Discipline, Senge	The High frontier, O’neill
10	Taking Back Your Government, Robert Heinlein	Deming, Aguayo	Fighting Government, Symms

Activism: What Is Important To You?

“Individuals should be free...”

Thanks for reading our booklet! Here you can list 3 areas where you’d like to start empowering yourself ...with Libertarian tools:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Political Action: Join Us...

Since its founding in 1971, a key result of the Libertarian Party is that the number of Americans receptive to Libertarian-direction ideas has **doubled from 9% to 19%**, and one American out of fifty identifies himself as pro-Libertarian. Where once Libertarians couldn’t get on the ballot, now all citizens enjoy more choice as hundreds of Libertarians are in local office across the country, and thousands are applying Libertarian ideas in their lives and communities.

We invite you to try the fellowship of the Libertarian Party. Whether as a subscriber or as someone who takes the pledge, whether you decide to register Libertarian, or even be a candidate, you will find an opportunity to better understand the foundations of our country and join a growing movement of some of the most dedicated and exciting people you’ll ever meet—people intensely interested in *your* values, because they care about *your* rights—and understand that to better all our lives, we don’t need coercion, or backfiring government programs, but the ability to ask, “Why *Not* a Voluntary Solution?” with information, caring, and respect. Go now to www.lp.org to get on our e-list... and get more valuable tools!.

Take the Test...

A. Civil and Personal Liberty	Score
1. I am open to non-government alternatives that e.g. greatly cut crime	
2. We should end a crisis using our rights—not the reverse!	
3. The Free Market and Tolerance can help us live together	
4. I am interested in reducing taxes that restrict my liberty	
5. Let's look into alternatives to Government Service Monopolies	
B. Economic and Social Liberty	
6. Applying the above ideas helps voluntary regulations work	
7. Voluntary alternatives can better the environment and accountability	
8. Voluntary Citizen action, not government, is the key solution to war	
9. Freedom empowers us to solve emerging "big" issues.	
10. We need more choice like these Libertarian 'Citizen Politicians'	
Total:	

How "Libertarian" are you already? If you are a committed liberal or conservative, you already understand most Libertarian ideas in areas A and B respectively—and may have begun to see how they also apply in the opposite area where you probably thought government action was automatically needed. Please score yourself from 1=Disagree, 2=Somewhat and 3=Agree. If the total is over 20, you probably find Libertarianism has a lot to say to you. Then take a look at our Discussion Platform, or Detailed Program booklets with informative items, and intriguing readings and examples...

And remember—even if there are just a few issues of agreement, Libertarianism helps you get informed, stand on that issue on principle, and discover what others are doing to improve their rights—and liberty—to live in a better community.