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### Big Project #1

Liberty for America...the PAC

All across America, good Libertarians are running for Federal Office. They're running for the U.S. Senate. They're running for Congress. They're running against the unspeakable duopoly parties.

They could use our effective, targeted help. They need support material. They need training materials for their volunteers. They need money for volunteer support, web sites, bumper stickers, internet ads, and more. They need money to create organizations and contacts that outlive their campaigns.

They're the one who need the money.

And Liberty for America is here to get the money from you to them.

We have a Federal PAC. We can give to the campaigns of Federal candidates. We can do non-coordinated expenditures in support of Federal candidates. We can do outreach to build the Libertarian name.

And we don't have mountains of overhead. We don't have a \$50/square foot/year office. We don't have a huge

lavishly paid staff. I don't even get a private plane. Your money gets spent on real politics: Candidate support. Legal compliance. Thank-you notes. Paths to raising more money, always as cheaply as possibly.

Out there we have candidates who are running competent cash-poor campaigns. We have candidates in races where winning 2, 3, 4,.. per cent of the vote improves ballot access for other candidates around the state. We have candidates in whose campaigns money could be invested.

That's an investment our National Party is \*not\* making.

Please use the form on our next-to-last page. Make your check payable *Liberty for America*. Please give generously. Your fellow Libertarians will welcome your support.

### Bigger Project #2

You see some of it on the following pages. It's news coverage of libertarian political action around the country. That's coverage you cannot readily get elsewhere. If you wanted more of it, we would need a volunteer staff, typists, copy editors, and above all reporters to ferret out the real libertarian news. I can readily imagine a weekly national libertarian electronic newsletter...but that is an even bigger project than supporting our candidates.

### Free Trifold

In the electronic issue only, Pages 9 and 10 of this issue are a free trifold, this one on the topic of Gun Rights. Paper weight limits did not permit including this trifold in the papermail edition. We prepared the enclosed trifold for the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts, but the Liberty for America site will also have a Publisher file and a PDF with the state-specific information omitted. We hope to be doing a series of these, in a single format and covering different topics, so that Libertarians across America have a supply of downloadable, printable political materials at their fingertips.

## Libertarian Political News

### Rhode Island Libertarians Return

After years of near-complete inactivity, Rhode Islanders are following the Maine example in reviving their state organization. We hear from Tony Jones:

Calling All Libertarians!

Please join us on Sunday, August 22 for our first 'Libertarian Social' this will be an informal gathering, a free event and all are welcome. Come chat, network and enjoy the company of like minded folks.

Feels Like Ohm Coffee Shop & Art Gallery  
115 Washington Street  
West Warwick, RI

For more information, feel free to contact:  
Tony Jones, tonyjones@cbgb.net 401-206-9194

Tony has also launched a Facebook page.

### North Carolina Libertarians Get Funding Equality

Like several other states, North Carolina has a check box on its income tax form that allows taxpayers to give \$3 of their tax money to a political party instead of giving it to the state government. Until recently, only Democrats and Republicans could get the money (except 2008, when North Carolina let the Libertarians get money by mistake). North Carolina Libertarians have now gained legal eligibility to receive the money from agreeable taxpayers.

**Libertarian Party of Nebraska Expects To Be On Ballot**  
Libertarian Party of Nebraska (LPNE) State Chairman Gene Siadek reports: "Today we submitted 8,000 signatures collected from across the state. We believe this indicates that Nebraskans are tired of the 'politics as usual' offerings of the two other parties 5,934 signatures were required, with around 2,000 coming from each Congressional District."

### Oregon Libertarians Deploy First Video

Libertarian candidate for Governor of Oregon Wes Wagner has deployed a video in support of his campaign. You can see it at his campaign web site [cureoregon.org](http://cureoregon.org).

## Editorial

### Let's Go Maverick

Charles Wilhoit of Tennessee writes:

During this year I have spent six months of my limited time and probably \$5,000 of my limited money in an at-

tempt to "improve" the LNC. I failed, and I probably should have known I would fail.

Well, I've had plenty of time to think about it and I vow not to make that mistake again.

I am a Maverick and Mavericks think:

Why on Earth does a so-called "Political Party" with 15,000 "members" need a Headquarters, Executive Director and Staff just to ride herd on 50 State Affiliates, none of which are being helped by the LNC?

We believe the whole operation is upside down, which is why the LP is not getting anywhere. The action takes place where the voting takes place - States and their Counties.

We should find out which Libertarians in Tennessee want to spend their money and their time doing REAL Politics right here in Tennessee. We Mavericks will not waste our time on a State Convention, getting ready for a National Convention, By Laws, Platform, etc. which we have done in the past.

You Tennessee Libertarians who want to play the "National" Game are welcome to it. You can continue to claim you are the Libertarian Party of Tennessee.

The rest of us will be the same Libertarians we have always been. Just for purposes of identification we will call ourselves something like "Libertarian Partisans of Tennessee." Look up "Partisans" in the dictionary. I like the one which describes us as "A member of a guerilla band operating within enemy lines."

Get the idea? Let's talk about it.  
Charles Wilhoit

### Tennessee candidates

Daniel Lewis writes:

I think having a Libertarian run as a Republican highlights some very important issues. First, as has been said before, the system is rigged so a candidate has to often cross-dress as a Republican or a Democrat to get elected. This is one of many problems with the two party system.

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Second, having someone like Ed Marsh elected can help the movement towards liberty, but it also adds to confusion in the difference between Libertarians and conservatives. The Libertarian/Conservative distinction is one of the problems facing the national LP. We have a bunch of Conservatives who think that just because they favor trimming government a bit and cutting a few taxes that they are Libertarians. Libertarians ARE NOT Conservatives, we are classical Liberals.

Finally, running Libertarians as Democrats or Republicans also adds to the perception of the two party monopoly. If we ever want the Libertarian Party to be viable, we need to work on getting Libertarians elected that are running as Libertarians. This is not to diminish Ed's accomplishment, but it is to differentiate between getting someone with Libertarian views elected and a Libertarian elected.

We also should distinguish getting a Libertarian Party member elected and getting a Libertarian Candidate elected. To me running for office is as much about promoting the "Libertarian" brand as it is about promoting my candidacy. If we are ever to become a viable Party in Tennessee, we need about 126 (99 state house, 16 or 17 state senate, 9 congressional, and one state wide

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Membership lets you call yourself a member.

Liberty for America will be performing political acts, like supporting voter registration, lining up volunteers, and other activities that the Federal government calls "Federal Election Activity" and hence FEC-reportable. We must therefore funnel dues to our PAC, "Liberty for America". Dues will not be used to support candidates.

Required Federal Notices: Your Donations are not tax deductible. Federal law requires us to request the occupation and employer of donors of \$200 or more in a year. Federal law requires us to state 'your money may be used to support Federal candidates', but we promise that we won't do that with your dues.

[governor/US Senate) candidates running every two years. That's a full slate of candidates for office. They all need to run under the label "Libertarian." We will start to be viable when we get to 50-75% of that.

We also need to think seriously about funding our candidates. A serious political party would adequately fund their candidates. To date I have received one check from an LPTN member, Charles Wilhoit. It is 85 days until the general election. How should any candidate run a serious campaign campaign on ONE donation?

I know some on this group have donations on the way, and I do appreciate those, but the point is how do we ever expect to be taken seriously if we cannot even fund a handful of candidates. I know other LPTN candidates are in the same situation. For a state house race a viable candidate needs about \$30,000. For a state Senate race about \$90,000. In Nashville incumbent Doug Henry spent over \$100,000 just on the primary. For a Congressional race probably \$300,000 plus. For a state wide Governor/US Senate) probably close to \$1 million. Just to give you an idea how expensive it is to run a campaign, let's look at a list of items from the <http://www.victorystore.com> (prices are typical). They have a campaign mega package (1 color \$8,078 and 2 color 9057.50) it includes:

- \* 5,000 Polybag Yard Signs
- \* 5,000 U Wires
- \* 100 Highway signs
- \* 10,000 Literature Bags
- \* 15,000 Lapel Stickers
- \* 144 Campaign T-shirts
- \* 144 Embroidered Hats
- \* 3 2x6 Banners
- \* 1500 Business Cards

This would be a basic start for say a state house race. This would not include print/TV/radio advertising, billboards, or other campaign expenses like postage and office supplies. A real campaign would probably do about three or four mailings. Plus a campaign might host a social event to promote the candidate, I know my opponent hosts an annual ice cream social. With a Congressional or State-wide campaign one would also have the expense of a campaign headquarters, which would be needed to coordinate such a large campaign. In Tennessee we might need two or three campaign headquarters for a state-wide race.

Some of the expenses could be reduced if we had volunteers. Getting volunteers for a campaign is another important issue. A lack of funds could be made up for with vol-

unteers. So please support our candidates this year by volunteering or sending donations. Send your donations today! It is only 85 days until the General election. Candidates need to order supplies and put them to use. It takes about a week for orders to be completed and shipped. If I ordered supplies today (85 days until the general election) I would not have them until 78 days until the general election.

Can we afford to waste another week? Time is running out. Every day you delay supporting our candidates is one day closer to the election and one day less we can advertise the Libertarian Party and our candidates. Please act now.

Ballot Access in Tennessee: A candidate seeking a House or Senate seat at the state or national level must gather 25 signatures from registered voters to be put on the ballot for any elected office. Presidential candidates seeking to represent an officially recognized party must either be named as candidates by the Tennessee Secretary of State or gather 2,500 signatures from registered voters, and an independent candidate for President must gather 275 signatures and put forward a full slate of eleven candidates who have agreed to serve as electors. To be recognized as a party and have its candidates listed on the ballot under that party's name, a political party must gather signatures equal to or in excess of 2.5% of the total number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election (about 45,000 signatures based on the election held in 2006). The last third party to be officially recognized was the American Party in 1968; none of its candidates received five percent of the statewide vote in 1970 and it was then subject to decertification as an official party.

Daniel Lewis

Chair

LP Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County

## Editorial Islamophobia Is An Opposite of Libertarian

Our National Party Platforms over the years have been quite clear on this matter. The 2010 Platform includes "We condemn bigotry as irrational and repugnant... We favor the freedom to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. We oppose government actions which either aid or attack any religion."

There is of course a theme in American politics opposite to Libertarianism. It's the modern Republican theme.

160 years ago, that theme was the Anti-Catholic position of the American Party, one of the forbearers of the modern Republican Party: In its bigoted view, Catholicism was the religion of the people then described as 'the darker races of Europe'...the Irish and the Catholics. Two thirds of a century ago, a theme of bigotry was anti-Semitism, prejudice against the Jews, one of the Semitic peoples of the Middle East. Now a theme of conservative bigots is Islamophobia, prejudice against one of the other Semitic peoples of the Middle East. And on top of those themes, we must recall, was bigotry against African-Americans, Japanese, Chinese, Greeks, Hungarians, Poles...the list is long, and our newspaper only has so many pages.

Recently, Islamophobia has reared its ugly head within the ranks of our Libertarian Party. New York Islamites propose to built the Cordoba House, a modest (relative to the buildings around it) 13-story Islamic community center on Park Place in downtown Manhattan. The proposal, like almost everything in New York City, was controversial. Republican bigots like Newt Gingrich came out against the building. That controversy spread to the front page of LP.org and IndependentPoliticalReport.com. An editorial drafted by Party interns came out in favor of the right of the supporters of this private project to proceed.

And then several of our allegedly libertarian National Party leading lights decided to sound off on the matter.

Wayne Root, posting at RootForAmerica.com, gave a long message reading in small part: "The answer is simple for a common sense American- I support religious freedom, as all Americans should. But this is not a case of religious freedom....This proposed building of a mosque on hallowed ground is an ATROSITY towards America. ..It is an offense to build a mosque in that location- an offense to all Americans (including Muslim Americans), all Christians and Jews, all relatives of 3000 dead heroes at the World Trade Center.

Former Presidential candidate John Hospers, appearing on IndependentPoliticalReport.com "So, too, the building of a mosque at the attack site where thousands of our own perished in an act of war – must not be allowed."

To these two men I respond: Sorry, gentlemen, your positions are totally the opposite of Libertarian and everything our party represents. I'm sorry that you have so totally missed the point of the fundamental libertarian belief in personal liberty.

...George Phillies



## Where Your Money Went Libertarian National Committee June 2010

The following information is based on my reading of the LNC FEC filing covering June 2010. You can read the report yourself and draw your own conclusions at FEC.GOV. We begin by noting what the LNC did not do "The Committee wishes to disclose the following: 1) No expenditures designated on Schedule B supporting Line 21b were made on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate(s)."

However, in June 2010 the LNC did raise \$202,176 and spend \$145,461. Totals for the first half-year are and extremely healthy \$906,796 in income and \$691,963 in expenditures, those numbers including a substantial part of the national convention. There are more detailed expenditures listed. The following gives the largest and most interesting spending totals. Some items remain unlisted in the interests of brevity

The Libertarian National Committee at the start of the year balanced its budget with the assertion that the National Chair and Executive Direct were going to raise large amounts of money beyond what they had ever raised. With the National Convention expenses lodged inside the LNC budget, it is a bit hard to tell whether they are succeeding, but this is an issue the LNC might usefully consider if it does not want interesting financial times late in the year.

The LNC did at least spend some money on politics:

Ballot Access Petitioning \$16,000  
Top Two Radio Ad \$15,000.  
Facebook Widget Ad \$460.

Information Technology (Computer and Server Repair/Maint., Email Marketing Services, Email Server Hosting Expense, Phone and Data Services, website hosting) came to \$6390.

The office rent was \$10596.

People (Pay, withholding, unemployment, medicare, social security, D&O insurance, staff travel) came to \$21,776.

Office supplies, copiers, postage, and the like for the office came to \$4979.

Accounting Services came to \$4000.

Administrative Support services came to \$3456  
Bank and merchant service fees came to \$3431.  
Legal Services came to \$3000.  
Fec Filing came to \$1250

Identifiable convention charges were \$9220

## Where Someone Else's Money Went: Libertarian National Congressional Committee

Federal law gives each political party no fewer than three top-level PACs, namely a National Committee, a National Congressional Committee, and a National Senate Committee. We have had an LNC for nearly four decades, and a half-decade ago we gained a National Congressional Committee. The LNCC has members, just like the national party does; the minimum donation listed in the last publicly accessible LNCC bylaws was \$1000, or one of several alternatives. In a sudden change, Wayne Root was recently elected LNCC Chair; Root has since recruited several members to the LNCC central committee.

LNCC Finances since its inception, on a yearly basis, are

2005

Income

William Hall \$1000  
William Redpath \$1000

Expenditures

None

Debts

Warner Norcross and Judd \$4132.15 <--William Hall's Law Firm

2006

Total Income \$9253.87  
Total Disbursements \$10960.83

Large Donors include

Charles Moulton \$1025  
Stephen Dasbach \$1000  
Aaron Starr \$1000  
George Whitfield \$2000  
James Lark \$1000  
Harland Machia \$1000  
M Carling \$1000  
Michael Dixon \$1000

Disbursements include

Legal Services \$4329.20

FEC Compliance Consulting \$1400.00  
National Corporate Research Inc \$158.00 for Annual  
Statutory Representation

Contribution to Non Federal Candidate 2500.00  
Contribution to Non Federal Candidate 2500.00

The addresses match Hardy Macia and David Atkin-  
son, who were candidates for the State Legislature of  
Vermont.

2007

Total Income \$5225.21  
Total Disbursements \$986.70

Large Donors include  
M Carling \$2500  
M Colley \$1000  
A Mattson \$1000  
Charles Moulton \$700

Expenses included:  
FEC Compliance \$950+

2008

Total Income \$8583.90  
Total Disbursements \$6782.01

Large Donors include  
Collins \$5000.00  
Hacker \$1000.00  
Sink-Burris \$400.00  
Starr \$500.00

Disbursements include  
Friends of Brendan Kelly Contribution to NH State  
House Candidate \$1000.00  
Morey Straus for State House Contribution to NH State  
House Candidate \$1000.00  
Rich Tomasso for New Hampshire House Contribution to  
NH State House Candidate \$1000.00  
Lisa Wilber Contribution to NH State House Candidate  
\$1000.00

FEC Compliance Consulting \$1200+  
LNC Fundraising \$505  
Registered Agent Fee 158.00

2009

Total Income \$10.13  
Total Disbursements \$1580.00  
(FEC Compliance \$1450)

And now we reach this year

2010 Receipts Total \$6000.57  
Total Disbursements \$469.00  
Cash on Hand \$10215.19

Major Donors  
Aaron Starr \$4000.00  
Philip Gordon \$1000.00  
Joseph Sugarman \$1000.00

Expenses  
FEC Compliance \$300.00  
Other \$158.00

2010 Reported Candidate Support to Date  
\$0.00

## Party Vice Chair Claims Many States Are Having Their Best Year in Many Years, or Ever

According to our sources, LNC Vice Chair Mark Ruther-  
ford wrote to the LNC:

“Your statement is interesting about an alleged negative  
trend over the last 8 or 10 years, but how do you explain  
Texas, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Georgia, Michigan, North  
Carolina, Nevada, Colorado (and other deserving states  
that I have left off) that are relatively speaking doing quite  
well and may arguable be having their best year in many  
years, if ever? I’ve never personally observed so many  
states hitting a high point at the same time in my involve-  
ment with the party. I am quite positive about the LP – to  
me it is stronger and more cohesive now than in 2000,  
when I attended my first national convention.”

So wrote Rutherford. The membership numbers give a  
different perspective. The real numbers since 2000 have  
imploded. In fact some states are smaller than in 1990.

Membership, December 2000: 32922  
Membership, March 2010: 14307

year	1990	2000	2010
AK	91	130	59
AL	73	362	221
AR	39	186	93
AZ	186	640	315
CA	2142	5989	1842
CO	203	846	518
CT	118	391	194
DC	34	91	33

DE	26	91	53	NH	169	314	150
FL	363	1803	817	NJ	284	767	302
GA	1241	959	495	NM	92	299	117
HI	53	129	69	NV	92	409	197
IA	61	219	129	NY	432	1103	660
ID	41	150	69	OH	267	1171	634
IL	366	1117	543	OK	36	226	102
IN	123	622	365	OR	193	524	191
KS	108	286	156	PA	407	1284	557
KY	40	235	115	RI	20	71	27
LA	64	213	133	SC	95	339	181
MA	270	869	266	SD	15	44	35
MD	183	588	262	TN	86	514	292
ME	81	181	67	TX	515	1746	941
MI	299	1611	522	UT	91	265	85
MN	168	460	222	VA	260	1004	603
MO	115	536	271	VT	40	128	30
MS	22	130	62	WA	277	119	1408
MT	28	113	48	WI	135	458	238
NC	125	746	363	WV	18	114	55
ND	5	43	27	WY	17	83	38
NE	38	132	65	Total	9130	32922	14307

Year 1990 2000 2010

Year 1990 2000 2010

## LNC-Funded Lawsuit

From time to time, the LNC-funded suit in New Hampshire, in which they do not appear to be a plaintiff, has been mentioned in these pages. The purpose of the suit, now being appealed even though it is too late, is to have your editor removed from the November 2008 ballot in New Hampshire. That lawsuit is based on a number of claims that in my opinion could not be reasonably believed to be true by a reasonable person in possession of the facts of the matter. However, perhaps the right people did not have the needed facts.

To take points in some order, the suit is represented as coming from the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire and others, but when after the suit was filed I called the then-state-chair of the LPNH, he said to me that he was unaware that the suit had been filed, and had not seen a copy of the filing.

The filing claims "Upon information and belief, anticipating that he might win the nomination but have insufficient time to obtain the 3,000 valid nomination papers required for access to the New Hampshire Ballot, Phillies caused the requisite number of nomination papers to be circulated and filed on his behalf prior to the convention."

That claim is completely false in multiple ways. First, I did not cause *any* papers to be circulated on my behalf in New Hampshire. The nominating papers for me were all

circulated by the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire and its volunteers, because their state convention had chosen me to be their candidate.

The contrary claim of the LNC's attorney makes me out to be an interloper.

Second, the nominating papers were not filed on my behalf prior to the Libertarian Party National Convention; they were filed well after the National Convention, by the LPNH candidate for U.S. Senate and friends.

Third, my name appeared on the nominating papers because the members of the New Hampshire Libertarian Party had chosen me, at a far earlier date, as their nominee. They had a State Convention, and invited all candidates to attend. The LPNH had at that time represented to me, I believe honestly, that they knew they did not have substitution, and that the person they chose at their nominating convention would be their nominee on the November ballot, if *they* could collect the needed signatures.

The Filing claims "Plaintiffs [LPNH, Barr, Root, Brendan Kelly, and Hardy Macia] expended some \$20,400 to qualify Barr for the ballot." The public record appears to show that this claim is false. In fact the money was not spent by the plaintiffs, it was spent by LNC, Inc. The confusion may have arisen because the LPNH State Committee only voted to authorize joining the "LNC lawsuit" on this matter, leaving the impression that the LNC was to be a plaintiff, which it is not.

Point 21 claims "The plaintiffs have sought to substitute the Barr candidacy for the Phillies candidacy and to have Barr listed on the November ballot as the sole Libertarian Party candidate for President."

At the time in July I drove up to Concord to make my signing, I spoke with several prominent LPNH members about this question. Their position was that they had contacted the NH Secretary of State to see if he would discuss substitution, he had declined, and when I specifically asked, I was told that the LPNH had never made a written request for substitution and, furthermore, that I was viewed as the candidate they wanted.

## More LNC Action

Our many sources on the LNC send us various tidbits that we believe to be valid:

So what did the LNC do last month? They met. There was a long discussion of Green Party vs LP, with no one looking at the GP budget and comparing with ours. David Nolan insulted the fine Libertarians of my region, and our representative Rachel Hawkrigge, writing "The regional system has become ridiculous, with some containing states scattered across the

USA." He also correctly noted "Or we could easily find ourselves in a situation where the replacement represents views diametrically opposite the person who resigns (or is forced out, as with Angela Keaton)."

Mary Ruwart urged moving from elective politics to issue advocacy: "EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The 2008 election showed us that no matter how much people might love us, they are unlikely to give us reasonable vote totals in high level elections because of the "wasted vote" syndrome. The LP might therefore want to shift emphasis by focusing on changing public policy, something that we have been extremely successful in doing." Her rationale for this was that Ron Paul, on the ballot in Louisiana where Bob Barr was not, got 0.8% of the vote, while Barr got only 0.8% of the vote in Georgia

The LNC had an extremely long argument over the LP.org front page position supporting the right of the private property owners in question to build an Islamic community center or mosque on Park Place.

In a much underappreciated -- at least to judge from lack of LNC response -- message to LNC-Discuss, National Chair Hinkle proposed a list of reasons why our party is doing poorly.

1. the majority of U.S. voters disagree with us on many issues (where they are wrong).
2. contributors, especially the large ones, want to buy favors from government that they can't get in the free market....and should we be elected, they won't get from us.....so there's no reason to curry our favor with a large donation. We can't be bought.
3. we use reason, logic, and facts, whereas most voters can't be bothered with actual critical thinking.
4. ballot access laws, gerrymandering, and a winner take all system, all stack the deck against us.
5. a majority of voters are now dependent on some form of government assistance.
6. our voter registration numbers (where people are allowed to register as Libertarians) are way low. Some places you can't register as a libertarian at all. Thank you R's and D's very much!!! <sarcasm>
7. we don't have a cadre of talented campaign managers who can run successful campaigns.
8. we don't have strong, self supporting, affiliates in all 50 states.
9. we don't have enough members and donors.
10. our LP HQ is significantly under staffed and under funded and our office is way too small.

Wayne Root endorsed and tried to raise money for Peter Schiff, who is a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in Connecticut. The LP.org front page denounced supporting Root as a waste of money. Root also tried to steer precious volunteers to Schiff. Mary Ruwart, writing to LNC-discuss, accused Wayne of unreported conflict of interest in supporting Schiff. She wrote: "This is an egregious conflict of interest for any LNC member, but especially for the Chair of the Libertarian Congressional Committee, which is supposed to fundraise for Lib-

ertarian Party candidates." Dan Wiener, responding on LNC-discuss, couldn't figure out what was wrong with an LNC At-Large member diverting donors and volunteers to a Republican: "I'm not finding any conflict of interest.". David Nolan answered "Nice try, Dan. A few days ago, Wayne described himself on this very discussion group as "the face as voice of the LP on TV and radio across the country." If that's the case, then everything he says and does will be viewed as representing the LP - especially since he's on the LNC and chair of the LNCC. Let's not be disingenuous."

Mary Ruwart tried again to explain: "There would be nothing wrong with Wayne fund-raising for Schiff if he were not 1) raising money for a competing party's candidates while Chair of the committee that is supposed to be raising money for Libertarian Party candidates; 2) an LNC member, with a fiduciary responsibility to the Libertarian Party, helping candidates from a competing party get elected; 3) calling himself the spokesperson for the Libertarian Party, yet endorsing Republicans. Doing for a competing political party what you've pledged to do for the LP is a HUGE conflict of interest, not a "tactical disagreement."

Then, with respect to a Tennessee libertarian who had run as a Republican, Wayne Root wrote "We should ABSOLUTELY list Libertarians elected as members of another party. [Ed.: on the LNC web site.] This is about PROGRESS. Voters support winners. We need to take credit for every big L and small l officeholder. " He also mentioned supporting a number of other Republicans. Dan Karlan vigorously contradicted Root, claiming "What Mr. Root has done has no potential, deliberate or accidental, to grow the LP, but rather the strengthen the Republican Party.."

Wes Benedict noticed that one of our regular petitioners uses his off-duty hours to attack, vigorously, the Libertarian Party, and asked if perhaps we should move our petitioning dollars elsewhere.

The LNC was approached by a reporter who wanted to ask if Malcolm X has inspired our political activism. As it happens, out there is a Libertarian local candidate who is a member of the Nation of Islam, with which Malcolm X was long associated. Another LNC member had done a substantial study of Malcolm X. And...Wayne Root announced that he should be the person interviewed. This, incidentally was after he had gone on about Cordoba House. Root would not however, say positive things about Malcom X's positions such as his support for education, a non-initiation of force doctrine just like ours, and his support for the second amendment.

## Income Tax?

We have received from LP Kansas Libertarian Steve Rosile an extremely long letter defending his position that the income tax is invalid. We simply do not have the space to run it. I will forward a copy to any subscriber who wants to see it. A substantial piece of it was in the Free Kansan Newsletter for June-July 2006.



## Massachusetts Public Policy Questions

Massachusetts has an unusual public referendum scheme, the "Public Policy Question". Public Policy Questions are advisory referenda placed on the ballot in individual State Representative or State Senate Districts. Public Policy Questions are nonbinding recommendations. Your Senator or State Representative may or may not follow your advice.

**You can still use Public Policy Questions to give your legislator a piece of your mind. Caution: Work required.**

Public Policy Questions are placed on the ballot by collecting supporting signatures of registered voters on a special form. You need 1200 signatures from a State Senate district or 300 signatures from a State Representative district. Signatures must be collected during the Summer of even numbered years.

This 2012, why don't you try sending your State Representative a message: An armed people is a safe people. An armed people is a free people. Just say No! to the gun grabbers. Say Yes to the individual right enshrined in our Second Amendment. Repeal our abusive overly restrictive firearms laws.

For more information:

[www.LPMA.US](http://www.LPMA.US)

## How To Join

Mail your name, address, and dues to Libertarian Association of Massachusetts, POB 1154, Worcester 01613. Join online at [LPMass.ORG](http://LPMass.ORG)

Dues are \$25/year — \$15 if you agree to receive the newsletter electronically (we'll need your email).

Your Name:

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We're Massachusetts Libertarians. We'd love to have your support.

We are required by Federal Law to tell you:

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## Libertarians

### A New Dawn for Freedom

You Have the Right to Own a Gun

**The Supreme Court has spoken:** The Right to keep and bear arms is an individual right of every American. We're the Libertarian Party. We're the one political party that has always stood up for your Second Amendment Rights, and against Federal, State and local efforts to take away your rights.

"Gun control" laws are often justified by claiming that they will reduce violent crime. In fact, gun-free Britain has far more violent crimes relative to its population than America does, including crimes almost unknown in America, such as home invasion.

**The Principle:** The Bill of Rights recognizes that an armed citizenry is essential to a free society. We affirm the right to keep and bear arms.

**Solutions:** All state, Federal, and local laws unreasonably restricting the ownership, manufacture, transfer, or

sale of firearms and ammunition should be repealed. We oppose all laws forcing you to register your guns or your ammunition.

**We support Vermont concealed carry** — if you are an adult, you are entitled to own and carry firearms and other weapons.

**We support the repeal of all laws that prevent responsible people from owning and using firearms.** Massachusetts legislators should bring our laws into agreement with the Supreme Court's rulings.

**How do we get from here to there?** We oppose Federal and State efforts to ban or restrict the use of tear gas, "mace" or other self-protection devices. We oppose all attempts to ban weapons or ammunition on the grounds that they were made in the wrong year, or use the wrong color plastic in their construction.

We oppose banning inexpensive handguns ("Saturday night specials"). Those are the weapons that are most affordable to our fellow Americans most in need of protection—America's poor.

Support the political party that supports your right to keep and bear arms.

**Join the Libertarian Party today.**

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## Read Our Web Pages

[www.lpmass.org](http://www.lpmass.org)

### What We'll Do For You

The Libertarian Association of Massachusetts brings to you a group focused on doing political work to help you gain increased individual freedom, less intrusive laws and regulations, equality before the law, smaller government, and lower taxes.

To help liberty activists, people like you, we're here to:

**Recruit and support candidates** for your ballot,

Support **local groups** you can join,

Help you with **referenda and lobbying**,

**Find other libertarians** you can meet,

**Educate your neighbors** on libertarian objectives.

When you want to get involved, join the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts: We're **here to help you help yourself** and your community.

*Why not join us today?*

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## From Our Chair

Political Change is possible. But if you want political change in America, you need to help bring it. Change will not happen by itself. It will only happen when you and your friends choose to get involved in politics.

**Help build a better America.**

**Protect your right**

**to keep and bear arms.**

**Join the Libertarian Party!**

And a closing thought:

**Our Overworked Police—**

**Too Valuable to Waste**

Too many American cities are not safe by night. Too many serious crimes go unsolved and unpunished. Our police are overworked.

'Too many' has a common cause. Muggers, rapists, and home invaders know that it is safe to prey on an unarmed citizenry. They prey on us, because they have guns and many of our fellow residents of Massachusetts do not.

An armed citizenry will be a safe citizenry, because your average hoodlum is smart enough to know: When the people are armed, his next crime may be his last.

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radio

Provide web support or advice

Help with fundraising

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activist volunteer

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## Our Web Pages

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