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Candidates – Our Most Important Product

By Roger Taylor

Election season is just around the corner and I wanted to bring our membership up to date on the nuts and bolts of candidacy. We have ballot access through 2012 as long as we run candidates. We need at least 1 Libertarian running for statewide office. This includes: US Senate, US House, and Governor/Lieutenant Governor. There is a much more complex formula if we run candidates for lesser state offices = State House and State Senate. We have to run x number of candidates and receive y amount of the vote. In short, we have never extended our Ballot Access via the state side. However, individual Libertarians have run competitive campaigns for state office in the past. Obviously winning races is the goal and maintaining ballot access is a step we must take to begin to do so.

Libertarians can “pull papers” beginning February 1. That’s the easy part. A Libertarian running for State Office must then start the ominous task of complying with the state campaign spending process. I’m not trying to scare you away, just letting you know the facts. You have to send in reports showing all your donations (including names and occupations of your contributors) on a bimonthly and monthly basis. Not to worry; there are members who can help you with this.

A Libertarian running for Federal Office has an easier task regarding money: up to a point - the point being \$5000. Anybody who runs for Federal Office and raises less than \$5000 doesn’t have to do any reporting. Of course, anybody raising less than \$5000 in a race where winning candidates spend millions, isn’t going to win, but they will help us maintain our ballot access, so one day when a candidate who can raise money and generate winning levels of voter support comes along, we will have a place for them on the ballot.

Our by-laws provide the Executive Committee the opportunity to interview candidates to make sure they will uphold our product name, i.e. Libertarianism. Opinions on our product name have varied in the past from “run only the purest of candidates” to “run anybody that will take on our name.” We have a provision in our by-laws that allow a candidate who doesn’t agree with one of our tenants to run as a Libertarian anyway as long as they don’t bring up their diverging ideas in their campaign. The Executive Committee can block a candidate from running as a Libertarian, but we have to go to state court to do so. We have never done this. The fact is that some candidates have run in the past that had strong socialistic tendencies on certain issues. Since most campaign information is dominated and disseminated by money spent, it can be argued that our product name hasn’t been hurt because of this. Let any Executive Committee member know if you are interested in participating in the election process.

We invite you to join the Libertarian Party of Hawaii

Believing in and understanding of the pledge is central to Libertarianism. You may join by signing below:

I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of force to advance social or political goals.

Signature

Date

We ask for a voluntary \$25 donation. You can join online at www.libertarianpartyofhawaii.org or you can send your signed pledge and donation to the Libertarian Party of Hawaii, 713 Ulumaika St, Honolulu, Hi 96816

Smuggling “Jonathan Gullible” In and Out of Cuba

Submitted by Ken Schoolland

How do we know of the impact the book is having? When Yuri Pérez, 26 years old, recently escaped from Cuba, he wrote to me because of a smuggled Spanish copy of JG that he obtained covertly in Cuba. Writes Yuri, “I read your book *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey*. It is a great book and an easy way to teach [classical] liberalism to a new generation. I really thank you because of your book: Now I escaped from Cuba and I am living in USA with political refugee status. I arrived about 2 weeks ago and I'd like to keep in efforts of expanding liberalism in the world. I'd like to make contact with you.”

I immediately wrote to him to learn more of his story. “I'm happy,” said Yuri,” because the USA is a great country and I'm safe here but a little frustrated because I left the fight for freedom in my country. There in Cuba, my uncle was a political prisoner and my father was expelled from his job. In Cuba everything is under government control, including the economy. I had a lot of problems at my university while studying law. On orders from State Security (Cuba's secret police), I was expelled from the university...Later, I entered the Juventud Martiana organization (it is the [classical] liberal youth in Cuba) and on December 2006 we got our observer membership in the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY)...In November 2008 I became president of the organization...

“Your book *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible* and the *Filosofía de la Libertad* [the animated epilogue of the book] I used to open with a video player (internet access is not easy in Cuba) and I had a book written by the French [classical] liberal, Frederic Bastiat, who says the same. I don't remember who gave these to me, some people who visited us in Cuba, maybe it was a diplomat from the US or Europe. I just liked it a lot and as I wrote you it is a very good way to teach our principles to a new generation.”

Yuri Pérez [below left] will be a featured speaker at the conference of the International Society for Individual Liberty in Phoenix, Arizona, January 8-10. <http://www.isilretreat.org/>



The Slovak Smuggler

It just so happens that we may know the likely smuggler of JG into Cuba. Several years ago Matus Povanc [above right] of the Hayek Institute in Bratislava, Slovakia was allowed to travel to Cuba as a citizen of a former Soviet satellite country. Mat took a lot of materials with him and described a stealthy rendezvous with the underground freedom movement.

Writes Mat, “I brought there not only your book but also Bastiat and Huerta de Soto. I brought there also some CDs where there were many papers from the Mises, Cato, and Acton Institute in Spanish and also some e-books and also the animated *Philosophy of Liberty*. Who knows. If it is true, I am glad that I am a small grain of the history.”

Mat is also progressing with his JG Slovak play, soon to be adapted for radio drama. Reports Mat, “We actually still do not have any theatrical group to perform the play, but I found one student who wants to transform it into a radio series. He has access also to Slovak and Czech radio stations. So it is maybe some starting point for the theatrical performance as well. We will see.”

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A REPUBLICAN
By John Gray (forwarded by Larry Bartley)

Joe gets up at 6:00am to prepare his morning coffee. He fills his pot full of good clean drinking water because some liberal fought for minimum water quality standards. He takes his daily medication with his first swallow of coffee. His medications are safe to take because some liberal fought to insure their safety and work as advertised. All but \$10.00 of his medications are paid for by his employers medical plan because some liberal union workers fought their employers for paid medical insurance, now Joe gets it too. He prepares his morning breakfast, bacon and eggs this day. Joe's bacon is safe to eat because some liberal fought for laws to regulate the meat packing industry.

Joe takes his morning shower reaching for his shampoo; His bottle is properly labeled with every ingredient and the amount of its contents because some liberal fought for his right to know what he was putting on his body and how much it contained. Joe dresses, walks outside and takes a deep breath. The air he breathes is clean because some tree-hugging liberal fought for laws to stop industries from polluting our air. He walks to the subway station for his government subsidized ride to work; it saves him considerable money in parking and transportation fees. You see, some liberal fought for affordable public transportation, which gives everyone the opportunity to be a contributor.

Joe begins his work day; he has a good job with excellent pay, medicals benefits, retirement, paid holidays and vacation because some liberal union members fought and died for these working standards. Joe's employer pays these standards because Joe's employer doesn't want his employees to call the union. If Joe is hurt on the job or becomes unemployed he'll get a worker compensation or unemployment check because some liberal didn't think he should loose his home because of his temporary misfortune.

It's noon time, Joe needs to make a Bank Deposit so he can pay some bills. Joe's deposit is federally insured by the FSLIC because some liberal wanted to protect Joe's money from unscrupulous bankers who ruined the banking system before the depression. Joe has to pay his Fannie Mae underwritten Mortgage and his below market federal student loan because some stupid liberal decided that Joe and the government would be better off if he was educated and earned more money over his lifetime.

Joe is home from work, he plans to visit his father this evening at his farm home in the country. He gets in his car for the drive to dad's; his car is among the safest in the world because some liberal fought for car safety standards. He arrives at his boyhood home. He was the third generation to live in the house financed by Farmers Home Administration because bankers didn't want to make rural loans. The house didn't have electric until some big government liberal stuck his nose where it didn't belong and demanded rural electrification. (Those rural Republicans would still be sitting in the dark)

He is happy to see his dad who is now retired. His dad lives on Social Security and his union pension because some liberal made sure he could take care of himself so Joe wouldn't have to. After his visit with dad he gets back in his car for the ride home.

He turns on a radio talk show, the host keeps saying that liberals are bad and conservatives are good (He doesn't tell Joe that his beloved Republicans have fought against every protection and benefit Joe enjoys throughout his day). Joe agrees, "We don't need those big government liberals ruining our lives; after all, I'm a self-made man who believes everyone should take care of themselves, just like I have."

The Foolish Things Salon
Bed & Breakfast and Property Rights
Larry Bartley vs. Jim Henshaw

January 24, 6-8 PM

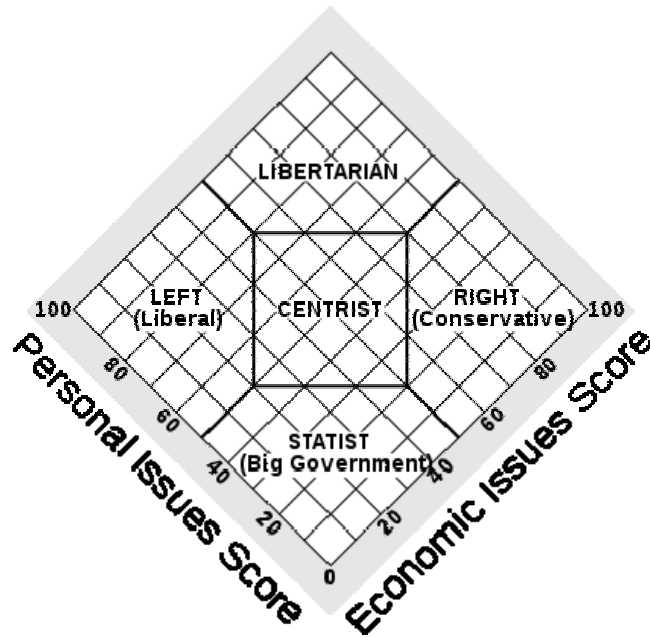
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 World's Smallest Political Quiz
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World's Mightiest Political Quiz

Circle **Y** when you agree, **M** for "maybe" or "unsure" or, **N** for No

Are you a self-governor on *Personal* issues? 20 10 0

Should the government censor speech, the media or internet? N M Y

Should military service be voluntary with no draft? Y M N

Should there be laws regulating sex between consenting adults? N M Y

Should there be laws regulating adult possession and use of drugs? N M Y

Should there be a National ID card? N M Y

My PERSONAL self-governor score - **add columns.**

Are you a self-governor on *Economic* issues? 20 10 0

Should the government give money and favors to business N M Y

Should the government regulate trade N M Y

*Let people control their own retirement: privatize Social Security Y M N

*Replace government welfare with voluntary charity Y M N

Limit Federal gov't spending to its Constitutional functions Y M N

My ECONOMIC self-governor score - **add columns**

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 This Political Quiz is adapted from an original idea by David Nolan.