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From the Chair By Roger Taylor

The Executive Committee meeting on October 21 was Joyful for me. Jerry Murphy is back and looks in top shape. Tracy Ryan steered us on the track of finishing off Ballot Access operations. John Spangler presented the treasurer's report and agreed to starting an invoicing process (with return envelope) for people who are willing to contribute monthly or quarterly. Larry Bartley did this successfully in the past and I hope to mimic his efforts. Election season is coming up and when our best candidate(s) step forward we will want to back them with party money.

November's meeting is with Rev. Mike Young and the topic is "The overlap between Libertarianism and Unitarianism." I've been attending Unitarian functions since 1965 sometimes religiously. I like their personal freedom positions and their concept of choosing our own spiritual beliefs. Mike recently did a sermon entitled "A Drug is a Drug - Right? - A critical look at the Drug War." Watch for it on Olelo. December's meeting will be about _ Free Enterprise_ with a look at government regulations like a smoking ban in restaurants.

Glen Elliot and Wade Thoede contacted me and I sent them petition forms. Lisa Jensen who helped us collect about 200 signatures in 1998 is helping us again this time around. Because of our persistent efforts we will not have to petition for another 10 years. We will turn in our second batch toward the end of November. Then we will have December to finish off the job. If you know of any event you can attend and want a petitioning partner, let me know. We want to start off the new Year with new priorities. ✍

`Olelo Community Television
Program Schedule Detail
Channel: VIEW/54

A Drug is a Drug, Right? A critical look at the Drug War. Sermon delivered by Reverend Mike Young. 52 minutes.

Sun 11/11/01 8 PM
Tue 11/13/01 8 AM
Sat 11/17/01 9 PM
Mon 11/19/01 4 PM

The official position statement of [WalkForCapitalism](#)

The Bernstein Declaration On the Principles and Possibilities of Capitalism

Capitalism is the only system based on the recognition that each individual owns his life. Capitalism is the only social system in which individuals are free to pursue their rational self-interest, to own property and to profit from their actions. It entrenches individual rights, limited Constitutional government, and political/intellectual/economic freedom

The more capitalist a culture - the greater its freedom and prosperity

That is the verdict of history. In just two short centuries, capitalism has lifted men's living standards to heights undreamed of in the pre-capitalist era. Often forgotten today is that Western Europe, prior to the capitalist revolution of the late Eighteenth Century, suffering under the political yoke of the feudal aristocracy, was the equivalent of a Third World country - wracked by famine,

Announcements

November General meeting

When: Tuesday, Nov 6th 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Where: 2500 Pali Highway

There will be a panel discussion or round table talk with the topic titled: **The Overlap between Libertarianism and Unitarianism** Mike Young the minister will be our invited guest. While Unitarians aren't typically Libertarians, their front page literature indicates: "...how we shape our world view which is based on freedom rather than a creed, and must come out of our individual experience and cannot be coerced."

Executive Committee Meeting:

Sunday November 18th 6:00 PM

888 South King Street
Corner of King and Ward. Straub Clinic
Presentation Room, ground floor behind the cafeteria.

All members welcome.

Meetings

<http://www.hi.lp.org/meet.htm>

Call for Papers

Articles on timely topics are welcome, and will be printed subject to space limitations, provided they do not grossly contradict Libertarian policies. Please send all contributions by email if possible. Don't bother with fancy formatting. I reformat everything before printing. If you are a Macintosh user, the best approach is to include all contributions in the body of an email message, rather than as an attachment, although my Windows machine can probably read a MS Word document produced on a Mac. ✉

Join the Libertarian Party

On Line: Visit the National Party website at <http://www.lp.org>, click on the *Join Us!* Button, and follow the instructions there. While there, look around! You'll find lots of useful info.

By Mail: Call the Hawaii office at (808) 537-3078, or call any of the names listed on the back page, and ask for a membership application. When it comes, fill it out, sign it, and mail it with a check for the annual dues of \$25 to:

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recurrent plague, and the most unspeakable poverty. But no longer.

When was the last time a famine occurred in any capitalist nation - whether in Western Europe, North America or Asia? The United States has never suffered a famine in its history. Capitalism has created abundance unmatched in human history, enabling hundreds of millions to live better today than all the kings of yesterday.

Less capitalism means more human misery

But the non-capitalist nations - the fascist, socialist, military or theocratic dictatorships - enslave their own citizens and subsist in abysmal squalor. In many African countries the living standard is one or two hundred dollars per year. In North Korea, they starve to death by the tens of thousands. In Cuba, they drown trying to swim to freedom in the United States. Millions of oppressed people around the globe yearn to emigrate to the Free World. But who in the capitalist nations seeks to emigrate to Cambodia?

What makes capitalism's astounding success possible?

What principles explain the fact that mankind's greatest inventions and works of art - his most life-giving material and spiritual advances - the steam engine, the cinema, the telegraph, the telephone, the electric light, the novel, the automobile, the symphony, the airplane, the radio, the television, the personal computer, the Internet and countless medical cures - were created under capitalism?

The simple answer is: freedom.

When men are free to pursue their rational self-interest, when they are free to use their minds in the quest to profit and better their lives, they are magnificently productive. The political/economic freedom of capitalism liberates the best minds and the most ambitious men to build, to create, to innovate, to invent, to advance human well-being and happiness.

Mankind's greatest inventor, Thomas Edison, in his laboratory at Menlo Park, specifically tailored his projects toward the purpose of profitability. He, and so many of the other great inventors and industrialists responsible for raising men's living standards, earned and enjoyed great wealth. Left free - under capitalism - to create, produce, and build for personal gain they consequently raised the living standards of all.

The Mind

Involved in this is a deeper principle: Capitalism is the system of the mind. The mind is man's fundamental survival instrument, just as wings are a bird's. It is only by means of rational thinking and productive work that man can raise his living standards and increase his life expectancy. But the mind does not function under coercion. Coercion paralyzes creativity. The mind cannot be enslaved. Capitalism flourishes because it is the only system of free minds, free men and free markets.

The greatest thinkers and activists of history - from Aristotle to John Locke, from Thomas Jefferson to Adam Smith, Ludwig von Mises, and Ayn Rand - have recognized, fought for, and glorified the freedom of man's mind. They have understood that when men are oppressed, the rational mind is stifled, and the darkness of barbarism follows. But when men are free to think and to act on their thinking, when the mind is liberated, the Renaissance and the Enlightenment are possible. Freedom is freedom of the mind. Oppression is oppression of the mind.

Universal and Inevitable

It is no accident that man's freest periods have seen his greatest achievements. From the Golden Age of Athens to the Italian Renaissance to the technological and industrial breakthroughs of the United States, the freedom of man's mind has led to magnificent advances in philosophy, the arts and science.

This is the promise and the possibility of capitalism. This is the Capitalist Vision. It is our vision.

Liberate man's mind and behold the spectacle of his advance. Revel in the beauty of his sculptures, paintings and symphonies, soar with the heroes of his novels, marvel at his philosophic, scientific and technological advance.

The West progressed culturally and economically because it had at least some reverence for man's mind and the inalienable rights of the individual. These are the inescapable prerequisites of human

advancement. If we desire the effect of cultural Renaissance, we must enact the cause of political/economic freedom.

The current predicament of the Third World's starving millions is identical to that of Europe in the Dark Ages. Their minds and bodies are oppressed by political dictators. Give them freedom - and give them life. They have the advantage of seeing what the West has accomplished. When they institute freedom, they can replicate the achievements of capitalism.

Your life, your choice

Capitalism is the greatest benefactor man has ever had. It is time for the thinking men and women of every nation to recognize that fact and to fully embrace the system of the mind and of individual rights.

Men and women of all countries unite - in your support of capitalism. You have a world of joyous achievement to win.

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Honolulu Walk for Capitalism

We need volunteers! We need to decide where to march. We need to advertise locally.

Send Email to John Orendt your local Walk for Capitalism coordinator hi-lp@despammed.com.

From PRODOS:

Many cities are organizing major celebrations for "D2" December 2 nd, 2001 including concerts, picnics, parades, games, and so on.

"WalkForCapitalism - Basic Version" is the *minimum* action required to be registered as a successful event. Some variations are possible if approved by me (and of course I will do my best to cooperate with you.)

If your event includes the following it will be registered as a successful event.

1. The actual "Walk"
2. The "Capitalism Awards"
3. "Capitalism Day"

1. The Walk

A minimum of 3 people going from "significant point A" to "significant point B", making use of the Double Blue Ribbons

(See: <http://WalkForCapitalism.ORG/guidelines>)

which are a symbol of gratitude and appreciation.

Approved handout material includes The Bernstein Declaration and The Money Speech from Atlas Shrugged. (The money speech can only be reprinted with written permission from The PRODOS Institute which has received permission from the Estate of Ayn Rand to reprint it under specified conditions.)

Use of other authorized flyers and posters.

Each city is welcome to design and produce their own but should run them by me *before* production and distribution.

Thanks.

2. The Annual International Capitalism Award

Nominate a person or the people in your city who have done most to defend &/or promote the principles of capitalism - and/or who, by their example most gloriously embody the spirit of capitalism in practice.

Choose a winner/recipient for that award.

The recipient will receive an Award Certificate issued from PRODOS Institute in Melbourne and signed by me and by the coordinator of that city.

Nominations and winners can come from any field: Business,

Art, Education, Politics, Science, etc.

The coordinator or any "Awards Committee" members are not eligible for the Award.

3. Capitalism Day

Celebrate the Principles & Possibilities of Capitalis

This can simply be a party where some formal toast is made in praise of Capitalism. It might include a reading from some pro capitalism literature eg. The Bernstein Declaration is well suited to this. Or an excerpt of the Money Speech from Atlas Shrugged.

Or it can take the form of a dinner with friends and supporters.

Or a ballroom dance. Or whatever. It can be combined with the announcement of the Capitalism Award.

Capitalism Day is the first Sunday of December each year. Which, for 2001, is D2!

As I've mentioned, variations can be negotiated with me (and in several cities, that's already happened.)

I've got a long list of acceptable variations I can offer you - if you ask.

I believe that "WalkForCapitalism- Basic Version" is achievable, worthwhile, and enjoyable. ✍

\$50 Reward: Video Project

If you are interested in becoming Olelo-certified, we are interested in paying for your course fees for the Producer, Camera, and Editor courses. Complete one 30-minute Libertarian program and receive \$50 cash as well as tuition to complete the course series. We seek and reward results. If interested, contact Roger Taylor at 352-5683. ✍

Conflict Between Civilization and Nihilism

civilization n. **1.** an advanced state of human society, in which a high level of art, science, religion, and government has been reached. **2.** the people or nations that have reached such a state. **3.** the type of culture society, etc., of a specific group: *Greek civilization*. **4.** the act or process of civilizing.

nihilism .n. **1.** total disbelief in religion or moral principles and obligations, or in established laws and institutions. **2.** *Philosophy* a. a belief that there is no objective basis in truth **b.** an extreme form of skepticism, denying all real existence. **c.** nothingness or non-existence. **3.** terrorism or revolutionary activity.

Objectivist Center Position Statement

[The Assault on Civilization](#), posted October 12, 2001

The position of The Objectivist Center on the September 11 terrorist attack is outlined below. As a philosophical research organization, the Center takes no position on issues requiring specialized knowledge or expertise in military strategy, law, or related fields. Our conclusions and recommendations are derived from the philosophy of Objectivism as applied to the publicly known facts.

1. The attack was a deliberate assault not only on America's civilian population and government, but on its culture of reason, individualism, achievement, and freedom, with all their derivatives such as science, technology, capitalism, progress, and toleration. In many public statements—and in their choice of the World Trade Center as a target—the terrorists have declared their hatred for this culture and their wish to destroy it.

2. The values under assault are the core values of modern secular society. Though they were first articulated during the Enlightenment in Europe, and are currently embraced most fully in America, these values are not inherently Western or American. They are values required by human life as such and are essential to the success of any civilization. In the same way, the nihilistic rejection of these values is a philosophical/cultural syndrome that is neither unique to Islam nor universal among the adherents of that religion. The fundamental conflict is therefore not between Islamic and Western culture, nor between Islam and Christianity. It is a conflict between civilization and nihilism.

3. President Bush was justified in declaring war on the terrorists and their accomplices, including the nations that harbor them. Though the scope and conduct of the war are subject to the constraints of military strategy and cost, the U.S. is morally justified in using force against any individual, group, or government that engages in terrorism or aids and abets terrorists. It is under no obligation to limit retaliation to the particular individuals and groups directly responsible for the September 11 attack, nor to prove their guilt by the standards required in criminal prosecution, nor to bring them before a court. It need only have evidence amounting to proof by ordinary objective standards that these parties engaged in past terrorism and/or pose a threat of future terrorism. Such objectivity is morally required as a matter of justice to the American people, who must bear the cost and danger of this war, and to people in the Middle East or elsewhere who will be affected by our actions.

4. While it is legitimate in war to risk civilian casualties, the military campaign should make every reasonable effort to avoid them. This is a matter of justice to those people in the affected countries who are not complicit in terror and who may themselves have been victims of terrorists and of the tyrants who harbor them. In addition, we have no real hope of eliminating terrorism unless such people agree that our cause is just and that our intentions toward them are benevolent.

5. The U.S. has contributed to the current threat of terrorism through short-sighted policies marred by

pragmatism, altruism, and relativism. These philosophical influences must be expunged and replaced by a principled, long-range foreign policy.

6. The immediate and urgent goal of eliminating the current terrorist threat should be pursued as part of a broader goal: an international order of nations that reject the use of terrorism against other nations and are willing to support the use of force to prevent it. In light of this goal, there should be a very strong presumption against tactical alliances or collaboration with state sponsors of terrorism, even in dealing with the current threat.

7. If the United States is ever to move beyond an endless series of conflicts with terrorists and other aggressors, it must pursue an even broader and more fundamental goal in its foreign policy: to expand the order of nations that respect the rights of their own citizens. It is legitimate for the U.S. to pursue this goal because tyrannical governments, by their gross and systematic violations of individual rights, have abandoned their right to rule and thus cannot claim sovereignty as a shield against such an assertive policy. It is in the interest of the U.S. to pursue this goal because free countries tend to deal with other states by trade rather than force. And it is practical for the U.S. to pursue this goal because it has a range of foreign-policy instruments—from diplomacy to trade policy to military assistance—that it can use in support of internal movements to replace tyranny with freedom.

8. Just as our government may take action against other countries and groups that pose a genuine threat, even if they have not actually attacked us, so it may use its police powers domestically to identify and deal with threats from individuals and groups even if they have not yet acted violently. The first responsibility of government is to ensure the security of its citizens—i.e., protect their right to life. In doing so, however, it must also respect their rights to liberty, property, and privacy. Measures that limit the latter rights are justified only if they are objectively required for security and are tailored to minimize restrictions on other rights.

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