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Governor Gary Johnson Best Choice for President

From Gov. Gary Johnson Endorsement — St. Joseph Telegraph, St. Joseph, Mo.

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I, and The Telegraph, endorse former two-term Governor Gary Johnson of New Mexico for President.

When I measure the President and Gov. Romney on key issues, I don't find a lot of differences. Both candidates agree on supporting the Patriot Act, agree on leaving our troops in harm's way in Afghanistan for at least another two years, and agree that balancing the budget and dealing with our \$16 Trillion debt can wait for decades.

I think as a nation we are at a critical crossroads.

We cannot borrow money and spend ourselves into prosperity. It doesn't work in our personal lives and it cannot work as a nation.

We have to get federal spending under control, that's all there is to it. That means cutting programs that will make some of us uncomfortable. Only Gary Johnson is talking about making the serious spending cuts that need to be made.

We have more people in prison than any other country in the world. We have a higher percentage of our population incarcerated than any other country in the world. Think about that for a minute. I've always heard how repressive China, North Korea, Cuba, Syria and Iran are. And we lock up more than they do? Maybe, just maybe, we need to take a second look at some of our laws that are putting people there.

Neither Obama nor Romney want to talk about that. Both candidates find reason to support the Patriot Act, our insane airport security, and all the other ways our government spies on us and treats us all like we're criminals. How dare any of us talk about the Bill of Rights or we will be labeled a fanatic.

Governor Johnson—and his running mate—California Superior Court Judge Jim Gray—have both authored books on decriminalizing marijuana.

Governor Johnson has been called the most fiscally conservative, socially rational leader in the country. He earned a record during his two four-year terms as Governor of New Mexico for being honest, effective and smart. He reduced the size of government 10%.

"We the People will never agree on all the small things," Johnson says. "But let's agree on the big thing: our leaders have blown it. If we don't get control of this ship together, and fix it together, we will all go down with it together."

"Together, we'll stop the spending and end the wars. Together we'll restore our industrial might."

Government will only continue to grow unless we put someone in there who will make a difference.

I'm proud to endorse Governor Gary Johnson for President of the United States. Live free.

Sample of Responses to "Governor Gary Johnson Best Choice For President"

Debbie James on Oct. 18:

"I usually vote Democratic, but this election I will be voting for Libertarian Gary Johnson. President Obama could seem to care less about civil liberties. From his support of the Patriot Act, he violated his campaign promise to close Gitmo, he's cracked down on medical marijuana in states that legalized marijuana for medicine, he's flipped flopped on gay marriage, and the list goes on and on.

Gary Johnson is the clear choice for those of us who care about personal freedom."

Todd R. on Oct. 19:

"People are essentially being told who to vote for and they don't even realize it. They think they're making up their own minds when in reality they are voting for who the big monied interests and news media want them to vote for.

Thanks to reading the Telegraph, I think Johnson would be a great choice for president too."

Becky on Oct. 19:

I'm a Republican who has no use for Mitt Romney. My family and I will be voting for Gary Johnson.

Todd R. on Oct. 22:

"The more votes Governor Johnson gets, the more people who will listen to his ideas and policies."

Steve on Oct. 22:

"Some of the arguments I've read here have convinced me. It does make sense that the more votes Johnson gets the more likely his policies will be debated and adopted.

Gary Johnson for President!"

Dennis Gaub on Oct. 23:

"Thanks for having the guts and intelligence to endorse Gary Johnson."

Libertarian Party in the News

LP release about 'gun-free' zones gains widespread coverage

The Washington Times and numerous publications, blogs, and websites picked up the Libertarian Party's press release sent in response to the Newtown shooting spree and subsequent cries for more anti-gun laws.

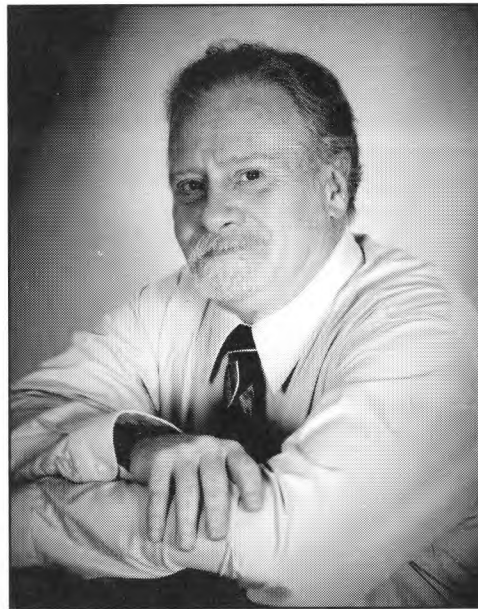
From an article titled "Inside the Beltway: Libertarians question gun-free zones," by Jennifer Harper, published in the Washington Times on Dec. 16, 2012:

"We've created a 'gun-free zone,' a killing zone, for the sickest criminals on the face of the Earth," says R. Lee Wrights, vice chairman of the Libertarian Party, in the aftermath of the Newtown, Conn., killings. "And we've made the children of this country the victims."

The 1990 Federal Gun Free Schools Zone Act, which prohibits carrying firearms on school grounds in most cases, "criminalizes the right to self-defense in places filled with the most vulnerable citizens," Mr. Wrights says. He argues that would-be shooters would be deterred by "merely the knowledge" that armed people could be present in a potential target area. "They're not going to walk into a police station, and why not? Because that's where the guns are," Mr. Wrights observes, adding that after 9/11, Congress allowed firearms in airline cockpits.

"It's time to take the same approach with teachers, school administrators, and security guards, who should be allowed to carry the tools necessary to protect the students in their care," Mr. Wrights adds, insisting that gun-free zone policies should be re-examined.

"We must stop blinding ourselves to the obvious: Most of these mass killings are happening at schools where self-defense is prohibited," says Carla Howell, executive director of the Libertarian Party. "Gun prohibition sets the stage for the slaughter of innocent children. We must repeal these anti-self-defense laws now to minimize the likelihood they will occur in the future, and to limit the damage done when they do."



This photo of Libertarian Party Vice Chairman R. Lee Wrights was included in the Washington Times article excerpted on the left side of this page.

From a column titled "The clamor for gun control is about emotion and ideology, not reason," by Jack Hunter, published in The Charleston City Paper on Dec. 26, 2012:

"Here is a list of potential national tragedies that were prevented thanks to an armed populace (compiled by the Libertarian Party): 'A 1997 high school shooting in Pearl, Miss., was halted by the school's vice principal after he retrieved the Colt .45 he kept in his truck; A 1998 middle school shooting ended when a man living next door heard gunfire and apprehended the shooter with his shotgun; A 2002 law school shooting in Grundy, Va., came to an abrupt conclusion when students carrying firearms confronted the shooter; A 2007 mall shooting in Salt Lake City, Utah, ended when an armed off-duty police officer intervened; A 2009 workplace shooting in Houston, Texas, was halted by two coworkers who carried concealed handguns; A 2012 church shooting in Aurora, Colo., was stopped by a member of the congregation carrying a gun.'

"These are just a few examples spanning 15 years. If the people who prevented these crimes were legally prevented from having the firearms that helped them prevent these crimes — as many both on the Left and the Right now want — America would very likely be remembering a dozen more national tragedies."

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A stark illustration of insane federal spending

This has been making the rounds on the Internet lately. We've added our solution to the problem at the end.

Federal Government 2012:

U.S. tax revenue:	\$2,170,000,000,000
Federal budget:	\$3,820,000,000,000
New debt:	\$1,650,000,000,000
National debt:	\$14,271,000,000,000
Recent budget cuts:	\$38,500,000,000

Let's now remove eight zeros and pretend it's a household budget:

Annual family income:	\$21,700.00
Money the family spent:	\$38,200.00
New debt on the credit card:	\$16,500.00
Outstanding balance on the credit card:	\$142,710.00
Total budget cuts so far:	\$385.00

**Want this to continue?
Vote Democrat or Republican.**

**Want it to change?
Vote Libertarian.**

New and renewing Liberty Pledgers

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Libertarian Party in the News

Columnist reports LP has plenty to smile about

From an article by Mark Wachtler
Published by Examiner.com on Jan. 14, 2013

Libertarian Party Executive Director Carla Howell is still smiling these days. And she has plenty of reason to. The Party tracks the number of citizens who contact the LP each year to get more information about possibly running for elective office on the Libertarian ticket. Since the November election, they've received 370 candidate inquiries. According to Howell, that's more than double the number the party received in either 2008 or 2010. Added to the hundreds of party members that are recurring candidates every election, and it creates quite a slate of potential elected officials.

Considering the Libertarian Party ran 580 candidates nationwide last year, that forecasts to over 1,100 Libertarian Party candidates on the General Election ballot in 2014, possibly more. For the record, out of those 580 Libertarian candidates in 2012, 7 received over 1 million votes each. That's not bad if you remember that the Republicans and Democrats outspent the Libertarian Party \$666 to \$1 in the last election cycle - \$2 billion to \$3 million.

Libertarian snowball effect

Another statistic that analysts might consider an 'indicator' is that in the 2012 Presidential election, the Republicans and Democrats had to spend 666-times the amount of money to receive 99-times the number of votes. One could argue that if their money were to dry up, so would the resulting votes. In the Libertarian Party, money is less of a necessity and more of a benefit.

While the two establishment parties are accused of selling their political souls to obtain the massive amount of corporate and special interest funding needed to prop up their candidates each election, the Libertarians actually turn a profit on each new member. But then, it's easy to be a successful salesman when you've got a legitimate product to sell.

Speaking to new Party members, Howell said, "Based on past prospecting efforts, every \$51 you donate up front will bring in one new LP member. However, during the next three years, that new member donates over \$153 to the Libertarian Party — plus votes Libertarian and supports Libertarian candidates — a triple win. It's an investment that pays off for liberty."

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Let this column rephrase that – If the Libertarian Party had received the \$2 billion in contributions the Dems and GOP did in 2012, they'd have a campaign chest with over \$6 billion in 2015 and 39,215,686 new Libertarian Party members – each year. And unlike the Democrats and Republicans, not one bit of it is from multinational corporations buying influence. It's all from the American people. For comparison's sake, President Obama's final vote total in the 2012 General Election was 65,899,660.

The Libertarian Party's Carla Howell says that's not all either, adding, "Plus, every 25 new Libertarian Party members generates 1 additional Libertarian candidate on the ballot during the next election cycle." Again, if the Libertarian Party had spent the \$2 billion the Democrats and Republicans did in 2012, they would have had 39 million new members, generating 1.5 million candidates in 2014.

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