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THE WAR IN IRAQ

While both Bush and Kerry supported the War in Iraq and continue to do so against the wishes of a majority of Americans, only Michael Badnarik offers up a solid exit strategy to bring our troops home. By promoting national defense rather than international offense, Badnarik would bring home our troops from the over 130 countries where the U.S. Military currently maintains a presence, and subsequently secure America more than any current plan offered by the Democrats and Republicans.

THE PATRIOT ACT

In the post-9/11 world, Americans' civil liberties are in danger through such legislation as the PATRIOT Act and the continuing wars on terror and drugs. The American people are once again at a crossroads in the fight to retain their very rights under the Constitution.

While George Bush and John Kerry both supported the PATRIOT Act, Michael Badnarik opposes any attempt to curtail the civil liberties of Americans—including those made under the guise of "security". As president, his goal will be to reverse the erosion of civil liberties and to restore, respect and enforce the Bill of Rights.

THE ECONOMY

Have you lost your job to downsizing or corporate mergers? Are you fearful that you might? If so, you won't want to vote for the Democrats or Republicans this

November. Republicans and Democrats think that larger, more elaborate government jobs programs are the solution to your problems. However, since these programs must be funded by taking money from the private sector, even more jobs are destroyed—more jobs than the government programs can ever create.

So, why all the corporate mergers and downsizing? The answer is too much regulation and too much government spending. More government regulation and spending translate to more unemployment and less wealth creation. Less wealth creation leads to a lower standard of living, resulting in needless death. One such study estimated that the death toll from regulations that do more harm than good cost 60,000 American lives each year. As President, Michael Badnarik will promote a true free market and ensure prosperity for America, for years to come.

CRIME

Violence seems to be a hallmark of our society. Our homicide rate is higher than most European nations; our children are even gunned down in their schools, often by other students. To stem the tide of crime, Republicans and Democrats

have both used "get tough" laws, including more gun control laws, longer prison sentences, and larger police forces. Yet robberies, rapes, and homicides go down when states permit civilians to carry concealed weapons. In 1999, 824 people died from firearm accidents -- but guns were used in self-defense approximately 400,000 times -- in most cases without even wounding the aggressor.

In tandem with empowering citizens, Michael also proposes a refreshing, but tested and proven way of ensuring justice is served: Restitution. For example, only one industrialized nation has succeeded in consistently lowering its crime rates since World War II: Japan. Japan emphasizes restitution to the victim, rather than punishment of the criminal. Once caught, offenders must formally apologize to their victims and enter into a compensation agreement in order to get leniency from the court. Such restitution is the most effective rehabilitation known today.

HEALTH CARE

Health care costs are soaring. Health insurance premiums reflect these increases, making coverage unaffordable, for both individuals and businesses. If these trends continue, few people will have access to state-of-the-art health care. In addition, malpractice insurance costs are driving many long-time, highly-qualified physicians out of the industry completely.

While Kerry promotes burdening the taxpayers even further with a national health care system and Bush pulls the wool over the eyes of seniors regarding prescription drugs, Michael Badnarik offers a fresh, common-sense prescription to cure America's ills by ending excess regulation of pharmaceuticals, health care providers, and insurance companies, while slashing costs across the board and saving taxpayers billions in the process. Michael Badnarik's "Prescription for America" will truly ensure the American standard of health care remains among the highest in the world.

IMMIGRATION

Since 9/11, immigration has become a hot-button topic from Capitol Hill, to small-town America. By any reasonable mea-

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Why Vote For Badnarik?

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In a few days, Americans will make their choices at the ballot box.

Being a Libertarian doesn't mean sitting quietly while everyone around you makes decisions that will affect the entire country.

Please remember to VOTE on November 2.

All Virginians will have an opportunity to vote for Michael Badnarik, the LP candidate for President. Take advantage of your rights and vote!

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Why Vote Libertarian, Anyway?

The Only Thing We Must Fear... Is Government Itself

By Jean Helms (Botetourt County LP)

I am voting Libertarian because I am afraid.

I am not afraid that my grandmother's Social Security checks will be taken away, that my vote won't be counted, or that if I lose my job I will no longer have employer-sponsored health care. I am not afraid that a terrorist will blow up the plane on my next flight overseas.

No, I am afraid because our society is moving away from the principles which made our country prosperous and kept our people free.

I am afraid that people are no longer willing to be held accountable for choices they make in their own lives.

I am afraid that our children are not being taught the difference between result and cause.

How is it that the general public is not aware that the trend toward outsourcing jobs to other countries is a result of over-taxation, government regulation, and the ability of other countries to provide labor more cheaply -- and that outsourcing does not simply cause unemployment?

How is it that our society has become so economically illiterate that people don't know that a healthy corporate profit is most likely the result of finding more efficient ways to produce goods and services at a lower cost -- rather than the cause of some vague unfairness or income disparity?

There is an extraordinary amount of political pandering to the lowest common denominator of the American public. If John Kerry or George Bush is elected president this November, it will be the result of a society confused about what is in our best interest for actually preserving our freedom -- and not because of genuine distinction between the two parties.

In one of his on-line memos, Tom Blanton, Virginia's 3rd CD LP Chairman, illustrated this confusion when he wrote about the mixed messages we are receiving from the two major parties: War is Peace. Ignorance is Strength. Poverty is Wealth. Freedom is Slavery.

The Libertarian Party is the only party willing to remain principled, willing to actually tell it like it is, and willing to relentlessly strive for limited government.

Michael Badnarik is just the man to carry our message.



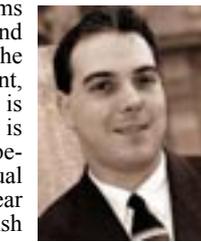
Missing the Forest

By Greg Ewing (Botetourt County LP)

John Kerry claims to be a hunter and a supporter of the second Amendment, even though there is no evidence that this is true. Kerry doesn't believe in the individual right to keep and bear arms. President Bush isn't much better.

At the 2004 Gun Rights Policy Conference in Arlington, I was disappointed in the lack of support for Michael Badnarik. A panel of speakers was asked why they didn't mention Badnarik, even though he supports the second Amendment. Alan Gottlieb, of the Second Amendment Foundation said "we only support candidates who have a chance at winning."

His answer reveals the shortsightedness of single-issue voters. At this same conference, an ACLU representative warned about HR 10, The 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, which could implement a National ID card system, further shredding the Constitution. Every vote for Bush or Kerry is a vote for the Patriot Act, a national ID card, the war in Iraq, and an uncontrollable spending spree.



But Can We Win?

By Marc Montoni (Shenandoah County LP)

We will soon know who our next President will be. Will it be Michael Badnarik?

Most readers already have their own answer to that question.

But consider this: Michael and the Libertarian Party are trying as hard as we can to win.

There is no other political party in America that has a consistent philosophy of individual liberty and personal responsibility.



A few years ago, someone coined the phrase "no state can tax itself into prosperity". In the same light, "no one will ever win smaller government by voting for those who want bigger government.

Make no mistake -- the LP is alone.

Every last one of the other parties is some variant on "how much" the government should interfere with your life, your

property, your contracts, your choices, and your responsibilities.

Only Libertarians offer you less government meddling in all of those things.

No one ever got freedom by for voting socialism; whether it was Green, Democrat, Republican, Natural Law, or Constitution brand socialism.

Can we win?

The real question is "what can we win this time, and how can we use whatever we win to get even more in the future?"

Vote Libertarian?

Or vote for socialism?

To me, the choice is crystal clear. I'm voting for Michael Badnarik.

Badnarik: Intelligent Choice

By Liz Bowles (Botetourt County LP)

I'm voting for Michael Badnarik because he is very bright and articulate. He has integrity, and he is passionate about defending our liberty. When he swears to uphold and defend the Constitution, he will know exactly what that means -- and what it DOESN'T.



I grew up in military dictatorships in Asia, the Middle East, and South America.

I've seen elections where there is only one candidate on the ballot. Or 2 candidates, but people who vote for the second one disappear.

Even though it costs the activists involved a huge amount of money and sacrifice to put more candidates on the ballot, it is an important representation of our American heritage of freedom and democracy.

The ability to vote, and having people to vote for, is what so many American freedom fighters have died for.

I hope we never take third party candidates for granted, or wish they weren't there.

Because take my word for it, you'll miss them if they're gone.

-- Helen Tucker (West Virginia LP)

Since when did "Thinking for yourself" mean "wasting your vote?"

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Badnarik's 'Contract For America'

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sure, immigration is not just beneficial to the American economy but indispensable to the goal of a nation of freedom and opportunity. This nation was built on immigration. Allowing peaceful people to enter our country is not just an option—it's a benchmark by which we measure whether or not we're living up to the American ideal. That said, the question remains: How should we handle immigration in a new era of terrorism and war? There's no easy answer.

In this new era, it would be folly not to devote the proper attention to our national security, while giving peaceful immigrants a chance. As president, Michael Badnarik supports the entry of peaceful immigrants at conveniently located Customs and Immigration stations, subject only to brief vetting to ensure that they are not terrorists or criminals. In addition, Badnarik will work to eliminate the Border Patrol and treat border issues as what they are: defense issues coming under the mission and scope of the armed forces. In an age where the equivalent of a large invasion force can be packed into a suitcase-sized box containing nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, no lesser response will do.

EMPOWERING MINORITIES

Most minorities feel that something about our "system" still discriminates against them, but can't quite identify its cause. Republicans and Democrats favor quotas and affirmative action, creating animosity between those who are favored by such legislation and those who are not. Because these programs must be funded by taking money from the private sector, jobs, primarily those held by unskilled minorities, are destroyed. The few who benefit from quotas and affirmative action do so at the expense of their less advantaged brethren.

Michael Badnarik believes minorities don't need preferential treatment to get ahead. They are just as intelligent, hard-working,

and ambitious as other Americans. As President, Badnarik would work to empower minorities by championing the elimination of excess regulations and licensing laws that have long stood in the way of this vital element of America's economic landscape.

GAY RIGHTS

Should gay marriage be permitted? Is such marriage a basic human right or an abomination that should never be sanctioned? Gay Marriage is a topic that has not only divided the politicians in Washington DC, it has also divided families and even individuals. Perhaps it's time for America to ask a different question: "Should lovers jointly decide what their marriage will be or should government dictate the terms of their most intimate union?"



Today, of course, government decides if a couple is even permitted to marry through a licensing process. In their dubious past,

however, marriage licenses were denied to interracial or other politically incorrect couples, just as it can and is being denied to gay couples today. While both Republicans and Democrats believe they should have the power to dictate marriage laws, Michael Badnarik believes you, and only you, have the freedom to choose your partner for life. When marriage is taken out of the legal realm, it will again be seen for what it has always been: a matter of heart and soul.

PROHIBITION

Drug Prohibition has funded terrorists, endangered our neighborhoods with violent crime and gang warfare, developed a flourishing black market, and destroyed millions of lives in the process. In addition, it has been used to rationalize an unprecedented erosion of civil liberties inside America's borders through property forfeiture and jailing millions of Americans for victimless crimes.

Welcome to the Federal "War on Drugs".

Drug Prohibition has led to some of the worst violations of the constitutional liberties of Americans, as well as to the worst wave of violent crime in American history since Alcohol Prohibition. While Bush continues to make war on ordinary American citizens by jailing medical marijuana users, and both Bush and Kerry support failing policies such as "Plan Colombia" through increased drug interdiction efforts, Michael Badnarik supports the repeal of Prohibition.

GUN CONTROL

In order to accurately interpret the Second Amendment, it is not only necessary to understand the common Revolutionary War-era definitions for the words from which it is comprised, but also an understanding of rights versus privileges as laid out in the Constitution. While Democrats may argue

the definition of a "well regulated militia", they consistently fail to accurately interpret the meaning in its true historical context.

In addition, we must look to the statistics of today tell the real story of gun control's toll on everyday American life. Washington DC, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles have the strictest gun control policies in the United States, and as such they also suffer from the highest murder rates in the United States. But, what are the effects of less gun control? Again, we must look to the numbers to discover the answer. In 1999, 824 people died from firearm accidents, while the defensive use of guns saved approximately 400,000 lives, in most cases without even wounding the aggressor. It's time we as Americans stand up for our right to arm ourselves as outlined by the true historical interpretation of the Second Amendment — not only for a safer, more secure America, but because it's our inalienable right.

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