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Upcoming events:

The Foolish Things Salon

When: Sunday, July 1, 2012, 6:00PM – 9:30PM

Where: **Unitarian Church**

2500 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96734

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What: Campaign 2012

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International Society for Individual Liberty

When: Friday-Sunday, July 20-22, 2012

Where: **DoubleTree by Hilton Huaqiao/Kunshan Hotel**

2 Zhao Feng Road, Huaqiao CBD
Kunshan, Shanghai, China 215332

Who: more than 17 international speakers

What: Austrian Economics Summit, Asia Regional Conference

Cost: from \$758

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Featured Link:

Should You Need the Government's Permission to Work?

5minutes



Gary Johnson for President



Immigration:

America is a land of immigrants. Legal immigration should focus on making it easier and simpler for willing workers to come here with a temporary work visa, pay taxes, contribute to society, and fill jobs as the market demands.

As the former governor of a southern border state, I know fences and walls do not keep out illegal immigrants. Real border security means knowing who is coming here and why.

With workable employer verification systems, smarter border enforcement, and common sense, a national problem can be turned into a national benefit.

Foreign Policy:

Maintaining a strong national defense is the most basic of the federal government's responsibilities. However, building schools, roads, and hospitals in other countries are not among those basic obligations. Yet that is exactly what we have been doing for much of the past 10 years.

Given trillion-dollar deficits, America simply cannot afford to be engaged in foreign policy programs that are not clearly protecting U.S. interests. There is nation-building and rebuilding to be done right here at home.

Our military should remain the most potent force for good on Earth. To do this, we should resort to military action as the last option and only as provided in the Constitution.

Internet and Technology:

It is not a coincidence that the one element of our modern economy that has been uniquely left free of government interference has created equally unique growth and transformation. An Internet free of regulation and taxation has produced innovation and enhancements to quality of life almost unparalleled in human history. If the market demands Internet services, speed and access, the market will provide them without any help from the government. The government, with its regulatory foot in the door, will inevitably end up attempting to regulate and referee content, speech, and commerce.

Civil Liberties:

Civil liberties are so foundational to America that the first eight amendments to the Constitution address them directly. These amendments enshrine government's duty to protect individual liberties, including the rights to free speech and free association.

But today, government has created for itself sweeping powers to monitor the private lives of individuals and otherwise intrude upon our daily activities, our households and our businesses. The extent of the government's reach today would be unrecognizable to the Founders.

Much of the recent erosion in civil liberties has occurred in the name of national security. But we can – and must -- combat threats to our safety while adhering to due process and the rule of law.

The Economy and Taxes:

Americans are more concerned than ever before about the future of our economy, and those concerns are well-founded. As a nation, we simply can't afford to continue borrowing 43 cents out of every dollar we spend. Balancing the budget will mean making some serious changes in Washington, but these will be the corrections America needs to remain a free, prosperous, and secure nation.

Education and School Choice:

American education is at a crossroads.

We can either choose to continue down the path of higher costs, poorer results, and top-down thinking, or challenge the status quo by using what actually works rather than what we wish would work.

The problem is public education in America is now doing less with more. This is unsustainable for our pocketbooks and, most importantly, unfair to our children.

Now, imagine an educational system that not only educates students better, but also does it for less money every year. It would give each American child the opportunity to choose an individualized education to realize his or her dreams.

Drug Policy Reform:

Despite our best efforts at enforcement, education and interdiction, people continue to use and abuse illegal drugs.

The parallels between drug policy today and Prohibition in the 1920's are obvious, as are the lessons our nation learned. Prohibition was repealed because it made matters worse. Today, no one is trying to sell our kids bathtub gin in the schoolyard and micro-breweries aren't protecting their turf with machine guns. It's time to apply that thinking to marijuana. By making it a legal, regulated product, availability can be restricted, under-age use curtailed, enforcement/court/incarceration costs reduced, and the profit removed from a massive underground and criminal economy.

By managing marijuana like alcohol and tobacco – regulating, taxing and enforcing its lawful use – America will be better off. The billions saved on marijuana interdiction, along with the billions captured as legal revenue, can be redirected against the individuals committing real crimes against society.

Spending and the Deficit:

Government spends too much because it does too much. Unchecked deficits are the single greatest threat to our national security. Unless we take significant steps soon, our federal debt will equal the entire economic production of the United States.

We must fundamentally reassess the role of the federal government, always asking the question: Should the government be doing this in the first place? That reassessment should begin with the President submitting a truly balanced budget in 2013.

[Gary Johnson 2012](#)



Changing the Party from Within: Ron Paul, Gary Johnson, and Libertarianism

From The International Business Times, May 7, 2012

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Ron Paul's biggest supporters have made their intentions clear: Changing the Republican Party from within surpasses any devotion they may have for the Libertarian Party and its presidential candidate, Gary Johnson.

Still, Johnson and the Libertarian Party are hoping to draw support from Paul's devotees, assuming the Texas congressman fails to snag the GOP nod from former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

Both Paul and Johnson have very similar fiscally conservative and socially live-and-let-live ideals. They both want smaller government, lower taxes, looser business regulations, and to abolish the Federal Reserve, as well as allow gay unions and legalize marijuana. There are some small differences; both were against going into Iraq and Afghanistan, but Johnson supports some military interventions for humanitarian reasons and Paul doesn't. Ron Paul is against abortions, while Johnson supports abortion rights.

The biggest difference between the two is not policy, but the path they've chosen. The presence of both of them in the presidential race – particularly Paul – indicates how libertarians may have more influence in the Republican Party's platform this year at the national convention than they ever have before.

For Johnson, running for president is also more about voice than winning. "When [Johnson] was running in the Republican Party, he was largely excluded from the debates," his campaign spokesman Joe Hunter said. "It was a crowded field ... Frankly, the [third-party] strategy is proving to be correct. He's got a much more effective microphone than he did in the Republican field."

Another great microphone? The support of enthusiastic, strategizing Paulites.

Libertarian Party Executive Director Carla Howell said she expects the "vast majority" of Ron Paul supporters to vote for Johnson if Paul doesn't make the ticket come November. "Gov. Johnson and much of the Libertarian party wish Dr. Paul every success in his pursuit of the GOP nomination. We welcome his supporters with open arms," she said.

But that doesn't mean Paul himself will endorse the candidate (although Howell said she'd love that) nor that Paul's loyal fans will turn into Johnsonites once the national convention concludes and Paul doesn't make the ticket.

Howell said she regularly talks to Paul campaign staff but there has been no talk about an endorsement (Paul dodged a question on Bloomberg TV last week about whether or not he would endorse Romney, saying it depends on how the platform ends up), while Hunter said there has been no coordination between the two campaigns.

Harmon said he personally had no idea who he would vote for in November assuming Paul was not on the ticket, but could see himself picking Johnson as a "protest vote." "I'd rather throw my vote away than throw my country away," said Harmon, who clarified he was speaking on behalf of himself and not Endorse Liberty.

Still, that doesn't necessarily mean there should be hard feelings between the two candidates. In fact, just the opposite. Even if Johnson is barely riding the coattails of Paul's campaign, two libertarian candidates in an election just shows how much the movement is creeping its way into mainstream Republican politics.

"Ron Paul has clearly chosen to stay with the GOP, so we're not working directly together, but we recognize that we are all working together for the broader cause of liberty," Howell said.

A lot of Paulites agree.

"Many people, including myself, were in awe to see, not just one, but TWO Libertarians running for president this year in the Republican Party," wrote Tyler Mittan, who has a blog called The Angry Libertarian. "This is the Libertarian's chance to really get their message across."

The Party Isn't Over

By Pat Brock

I can't believe President Obama is still harping on taxing the rich, like that's going to save the union. It's like people fighting over table scraps on the Titanic.

This nation and its people, in fact the world's people, have consistently increased our common wealth. I say, this party is not over unless you think it is.

We are amidst the "greatest economic downturn since the Great Depression". How did this happen? Is the failure of economy a natural disaster, like the weather? No. This "recession" is manmade, like all the affairs of men and women). It is affected by the weather, volcanos, earthquakes, tsunamis, but it is much more dynamic and durable.

So what has gone wrong?

I think, out of fear, our ancestors have created systems that impeded their progress, and continue to impede ours. By our inactions, we approve the impediments.

We are afraid the climate will change and destroy so much of what we have built. Yet there is great evidence that the climate has radically changed, many times, throughout the life of the planet. And yet humans have prevailed.

The Supreme Court recently ruled that the U.S. EPA has the authority to regulate greenhouse gases. Carbon dioxide has been cited as being the greenhouse gas of most concern. With every exhalation you breathe out carbon dioxide. This makes you, and every other living animal, an automatic polluter, and under the regulation of the EPA.

In the last days of George Bush's presidency, his administration declared an economic emergency and doled out \$700 billion to the nation's largest banks, saying that if they went down, we would go down. (I think it was a political payoff.) Both presidential candidates, Obama and McCain, declared support. What else were they to do? Both being government officials, if they didn't support a government solution to the problem, then how could they justify government?

Mr. Obama has made the situation worse by forwarding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Dodd-Frank banking reform, and creating and enforcing, by executive choice, many other regulations. Can you imagine if this happened during a sporting game?

"We made a touchdown!"

"No you didn't. We moved the goal posts 10 yards farther out while you were involved in the 3rd down play."

You can't win a game if the rules are being changed while the game is going on (unless you bribed the umpire).

In our national economy the governments make the rules. Every rule change favors someone and disadvantages someone else. If changes occur only once in a while, then everyone has time to adjust and the outcome can be, somewhat, fair. When rules change all the time, no one knows what to think. People become reluctant to take risks and to try new things because they may lose everything the next time the rules change.

We have heard lately that unemployment payouts have declined, not because a lot of people got jobs, but because they have “quit looking”. What does that mean? Did they die?! In a few cases, I’m sure that’s true. But most people have found other avenues to sustenance. They have moved from unemployment to welfare. Others are living off friends and relatives. A lot of people have created their own jobs, finding new ways to survive. Some have started businesses and have been successful jumping through all the government hoops. I suspect many more have started working under the table, hiding their income from the government, and doing things for which they are not licensed.

Isn’t it ironic that the governmental systems that seek to increasingly manage how we behave, are increasingly losing control over us. No sane person would try to comply at the expense of their own survival?

Only two long range things can happen at this point. Citizens will continue to circumvent governments and governments will become irrelevant, or governments will return to their modern core reason for being, which is to maintain a uniform standard of protection for all citizens. I suspect the snake of government, eating its tail, will ultimately destroy itself.

Either way, humanity will survive, and despite the impediments governments lay before us, we will continue to create the civilization we dream of.

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[Advocates for Self-Government](#)
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[Foolish Things Salon](#)
[Future of Freedom Foundation](#)
[Harry Browne](#)
[Institute for Justice](#)
[John Locke](#)
[Jonathan Gullible - Ken Schoolland](#)
[Lew Rockwell](#)
[Libertarian Anarchism – Roderick T. Long](#)
[Libertarian Party of Hawaii](#)
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[Partei der Vernunft \(Germany\)](#)
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[Tibor Machan](#)
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Letters:

An open letter to Anthony D. Romero, Executive Director, ACLU

Your claim that Sebelius, Obama or anyone else has a "right" (read: authority to use force) to force some people to pay for other's contraception is bogus and offensive - not from a religious standpoint in my case but from a basic sense of justice, right and wrong. If you really support birth control - go about it the right way.

But you insist on a purposeful witch-hunt to force peace loving people to pay for something they loathe.

It would not be a big deal for people to pay for their own contraception when they can and form charitable organizations to help those that cannot. I would gladly contribute.

It seems that you are much less interested in preserving people's civil liberties than you are in sticking a screwdriver into the eye of people you disagree with.

Rather than wasting its resources on promoting forced support of contraception, the ACLU should be attacking Obama, Congress, and the bureaucracy for their disregard of the bill of rights and doing whatever they can to grab more power.

The ACLU has lost its way into becoming an attack pit bull front for ultra-"progressive" politicians.

Or is this just one religion trying to get one-up on another?

Larry Bartley
Kailua, Hawai'i



Larry Bartley & Gary Johnson



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The Libertarian Party

Believing in and understanding of the pledge is central to Libertarianism.
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Signature

Date

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Mail form & check to: 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW
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Washington, DC 20037

Or click: www.lp.org/membership

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Honolulu, HI 96816

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