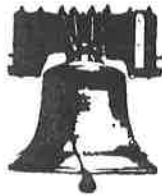


# SOUTH CAROLINA LIBERTARIAN



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## TAX PROTEST DAY PLANNED FOR APRIL 15

Every year on April 15th the S.C.L.P. holds a tax protest at various post offices throughout the state, and this year is no exception. Along with the fair booth, this is the most important annual community outreach effort. Since April 15th is the time of year when taxpayers are the most angry at the government, this is the best time for Libertarians to communicate with South Carolinians about the harmful effects of taxation.

Despite what the politicians say about tax "cuts", most persons are paying more federal and state taxes now than they were two years ago. Many persons, aware that their taxes are increasing, take a fatalistic attitude and say that high taxes are inevitable. The Libertarian Party must convince these persons that there is an alternative.

The fact is that high taxes and government "welfare" programs actually INCREASE poverty, which is the exact opposite of the stated aims of the programs. High taxes and government regulations are strangling small businesses, are preventing persons from starting new businesses, and are making it difficult for existing businesses to offer more jobs. Taxes and regulations are destroying jobs at a deplorable rate.

Government "welfare" programs are not the answer to the unemployment problem, for they waste over two thirds of the money they steal from the taxpayers. The answer to the poverty and unemployment problem is for the government to quit destroying jobs. Both the federal and the state governments must get out of the way of businesses and must allow voluntary charities to operate without interference.

Volunteers are needed to help spread these ideas on April 15th. We need persons to organize local tax protests and to hand out literature. If you will be able to help, please call one of the following persons:

Jan or David Morris (796-3161)  
Steve Kreisman (574-0752)

## YOU MAY BE A LIBERTARIAN AT HEART WITHOUT EVEN BEING AWARE OF IT.

Do you believe in an economic system based on open competition instead of big-business-controlled government agencies?

Do you believe the government — through its meddling, corruption, catering to special interests, awarding of subsidies and bail-outs and special bank privileges — has shown itself to be totally incapable or unwilling to control the declining dollar, or in fact, to act benevolently for the working person?

Do you believe that voluntary agreements between companies or individuals are none of the government's business — provided that no force or fraud is involved nor intended against anyone else?

Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

Do you believe government should leave the buying of seatbelts, motorcycle helmets or any other item designed for personal safety up to the individual?

Do you believe government spending and taxation should be cut?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, congratulations. You may be more of a Libertarian than you thought.

## 1982 ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

A total of fifteen Libertarian candidates ran for office in South Carolina on November 2, and, while none was elected, there were some encouraging signs to be found.

Over 42,000 South Carolinians voted for at least one Libertarian candidate in November. The three candidates for statewide offices each received over 6 percent of the vote (see table on page 2). They each received over 12 percent of the vote in Aiken County and over 11 percent of the vote in Lexington County. U.S. Congressional candidate Gordon T. Davis received the highest county percentage with his 15 percent of the Aiken County vote.

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## STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

by Steven Kreisman

In the 1982 elections, Libertarian candidates in South Carolina received over 125,000 votes--far more than in previous elections. However, many of these votes were obtained simply because there was no Republican opponent to the Democratic candidate. Nationwide, the number of Libertarian votes remained about the same. Why didn't we get more votes, and why didn't we win any major elections?

We have to realize that the vast majority of the voting public (not necessarily the entire public) does not share our libertarian ideology. They believe that the good of society comes before individual freedom. They believe that there is nothing wrong with government force--it just has to be applied in the proper manner to build a "strong America." They view the principles of the American Revolution as being hopelessly out of date, inapplicable to our modern times. Because of this fundamental difference, most people will not vote Libertarian today, even if they happen to agree on certain single issues, like taxes being too high.

How do we change this situation? How do we change the ideology of 200 million people? First, we must recognize the failure of the quick-fix, opportunistic approach. Winning people's vote to the Libertarian Party without winning their mind to the libertarian philosophy is not going to accomplish anything in the long-run. Therefore, we must avoid campaigns that compromise libertarian principles in order to gain a few more votes. We must not delude ourselves into running candidates where there is no Republican opponent with the hope of picking up Republican votes. Their vote against the Democrats is not a vote for libertarianism, and therefore is essentially useless towards achieving our goal of freedom.

Instead, we have to recognize that changing the basic ideology of our society is going to take time. However, it is not a hopeless endeavor. Today we have many hard-core, dedicated libertarian activists. I am convinced that there are many other potential activists that we have not yet reached. It should be the goal of every election campaign to identify these people and get them involved with the Libertarian Party. Each activist, through personal contact with his friends and associates, can then persuade other people to the libertarian philosophy and hopefully turn them into activists. They in turn may be able to persuade others. This personal "ripple effect," as David Bergland calls it in "Communicating Libertarianism," is the only way the libertarian philosophy will spread in a society dominated by socialists. Election campaigns should supplement, not substitute for, this personal recruiting. Once the libertarian philosophy spreads in this manner, consistent votes for the Libertarian Party will come about by itself, and our goal of a free society will be possible.

SEND IN YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP DUES  
NOW!

It's time to renew your membership in the South Carolina Libertarian Party. If you haven't joined the S.C.L.P., please consider doing so. We need money for newsletter and postal expenses, and we need to pay in advance for our booth at the S.C. State Fair next October. Please send your dues along with the enclosed form in the envelope provided. If you join the national L.P., you will receive a subscription to LP News for one year.

## ELECTION

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As expected, the highest percentages went to candidates with only one opponent. However, John Comer received 12 percent of the vote in a three-way race for York County Council, and Steven Kreisman received 8 percent of the vote in a three-way race for State House District 34.

While Libertarians are disappointed that there were no election victories, many candidates put forth respectable showings if one considers that they ran against candidates who were personally acquainted with a large number of their constituents. Most Libertarian candidates are young and lack ready-made political constituencies to call upon at election time. Building a base of support will take a long time and will involve a lot of hard work. It's time to start looking ahead to the next election.

Several candidates noted that among young voters (under 30), there was a large amount of support for Libertarian candidates. Unfortunately, many young voting-age individuals are not registered to vote. Hopefully, these persons will soon catch on to Libertarian ideas and will find the emergence of the Libertarian Party to be a compelling reason to register.

CANDIDATE	OFFICE SOUGHT	# OTHER CANDIDATES IN RACE	# VOTES RECEIVED	% OF VOTE FOR LP CANDIDATE
Gordon T. Davis	U.S. Congress (3rd Dist.)	1	8,214	9.6%
Walter Smith	U.S. Congress (1st Dist.)	2	971	0.8%
Tom Waldenfeld	State Treasurer	1	34,988	6.3%
Jan Chapman	Secretary of State	1	42,097	7.5%
Richard Winchell	Comptroller General	1	39,998	7.2%
Linda Blevins	State House (District 30)	1	314	5%
Steve Kreisman	State House (District 34)	2	456	8%
Tom Norman	State House (District 36)	2	97	2%
David Rosser	State House (District 60)	1	474	10%
John Hardee	State House (District 62)	1	354	8%
Shelly Vandervelde	State House (District 72)	2	77	2%
Jim Wilson	State House (District 103)	2	150	2%
Carl Dean Bailey	Spartanburg Co. Council	3	1,104	2%
John Cass	York Co. Council	2	263	12%
Mike James	Florence Co. Council	2	45	1%

## UTILITY MONOPOLIES

by David Morris

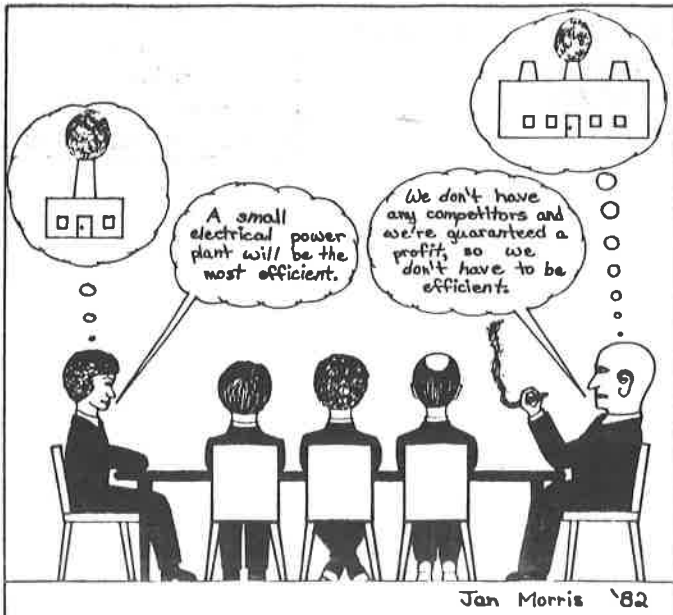
S.C.E. & G. and other electric power companies continue to raise their rates and to waste money, provoking cries of outrage from consumers, but few persons realize why this problem continues. The utility monopolies have no competition, so there is no incentive to be efficient and to keep prices low. Consumers are the losers in this deal.

Whenever any service has a legal monopoly and customers can't choose between competing alternatives, prices will always be high, and the quality of service will be poor. The best examples of this are the U.S. Postal monopoly, the utilities, and the phone companies, although the case can also be made for the Pentagon, the criminal justice system, and the health care system. These monopolies are created by the government. Competition is against the law. Even if someone can produce electricity less expensively or deliver mail more efficiently, it is against the law for anyone to offer competing services.

Under the guise of protecting the consumer, the Public Service Commission claims to "regulate" the power companies, but what it actually does is to guarantee a profit. Does anyone really believe that a company with a guaranteed profit will offer consumers anything close to the best possible deal? Imagine how much automobiles would cost if only one auto manufacturer were allowed to sell cars in each state, especially if that manufacturer were guaranteed a profit!

In Lubbock, Texas, there are two power companies which compete for customers. While the utility market in Lubbock is not entirely free, consumers do have some choice. If a customer doesn't like the service provided by one company, he or she can switch companies. As a result, electric rates are 20 percent lower than in nearby areas, and the quality of service is better.

Libertarians realize that the answer to the problem of rising utility rates is to free the market. The utilities, along with all other services, must be de-regulated in order to allow consumers to shop around for the best deal.



### IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER, LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

We are purging our mailing list. Unless we have recently heard from you, your name will be removed. If you are unable to join the S.C. Libertarian Party at this time, please fill out the reverse side of the enclosed form and send it in the enclosed envelope.

## 1982 SCLP PATRONS

Bill Brooks  
Cindy Bishop

Jan Morris  
David Morris

## 1982 SCLP SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Steve Kreisman

Richard Winchell

Many persons have given much hard work to the SCLP and have helped to advance the cause of Liberty. In particular, candidates who ran in November put a lot of their own money into their campaigns. The SCLP thanks all who have given their time and money, including all those dedicated individuals who helped out with the fair booth last year. Even though space does not permit a listing of each one of these persons, their efforts will be remembered and appreciated for a long time to come.

## Join the Freedom Movement...

## SCLP PROJECTS FOR 1982

## ANTI-DRAFT DAY

A national anti-draft demonstration is planned for mid-March. As the federal government tries to impose slavery on young American males, the SCLP must make its opposition to the draft clear to all South Carolinians. Steve Vandervelde is the state co-ordinator for this event, and anyone who can help should contact him.

## TAX PROTEST DAY

See article on page 1.

## PLATFORM AND POSITION PAPER COMMITTEE

Steve Vandervelde is heading up this group of eight persons whose major task will be to revise the SCLP Platform. Another project will be the printing of several position papers on such topics as the Blue Laws, gun control, education, utilities, crime, and transportation. Hopefully, we will have a press release as each paper is completed.

## JULY 4th CELEBRATION

Jan Morris will be in charge of this event, the details of which have not been finalized.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- January 10, West Columbia--SCLP District 2 meeting, 7:30 P.M. at Quincy's on the Charleston Highway. All Columbia-area libertarians and interested persons are welcome.
- February 20, Columbia--SCLP state meeting, 2:00 P.M. at Western Steer on St. Andrews Rd. at I-26.
- March 21, Columbia--SCLP District 2 meeting, 7:00 P.M. at the Richland County Public Library, 1400 Sumter St. John Wrisley will be a guest speaker and will talk about the history of money. All interested persons are welcome.
- March (date not certain)-- Anti-Draft Demonstration. Contact Steve Vandervelde (254-8771) for details.
- April 15-- Tax Protest Day. Everyone is encouraged to participate (see article on page 1 for details).
- April 17, Columbia--SCLP state meeting, 2:00 P.M. at Western Steer on St. Andrews Rd. at I-26.
- June--SCLP Convention (date and location to be announced later).

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