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It was right-wing versus left-wing Big Government in second presidential debate, says Harry Browne

WASHINGTON, DC — The right-wing branch of the Big Government Party had its final debate confrontation with the left-wing branch of the Big Government Party last night — and now voters should take the advice of President Clinton, said Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne.

"Clinton told voters that there's a 'big difference' between the presidential candidates this year, and that their vote will help decide the future direction of government," said Browne. "For once, Clinton was right — but *not* if you waste your vote on Clinton or Dole.

"As this second presidential debate proved, there is no real difference between the Republicans — the right-wing branch of the Big Government Party, and the Democrats — the left-wing branch," he said.

The mirror-image similarities between Clinton and Dole become obvious, said Browne, when you clear away the smokescreen of minor policy quibbles and ethics charges, and look at the substantive issues discussed in last night's debate. For example, Browne noted . . .

- "Clinton and Dole agreed to ignore the looming bankruptcy of the Social Security system
 and to appoint another commission to keep this Ponzi scheme afloat for another decade.
- "They agreed the government should make sure that individuals don't discriminate
 against so-called protected classes disagreeing only whether that should consist of disabled
 people (Dole's preference) or disabled people and gay people (Clinton's choice).
- "They agreed the government should continue the insane War on Drugs disagreeing only whether it should be militarized (Dole's proposal) or whether it should be expanded to include a War on Tobacco (Clinton's preference).
- "They agreed that government must get much bigger and more expensive disagreeing only whether it should grow by 20% (Clinton's number) or 14% (Dole's number) over six years.

"Fortunately, however, your only choice is *not* whether you want Dole's right-wing programs to bust the budget and run your life, or whether you prefer Clinton's left-wing programs to do the same. There is an alternative on all 50 state ballots," said Browne.

"If you want *less* government, your only real choice is the Libertarian option," he said.
"So, follow Bill Clinton's advice and make a *real* difference with your vote this year. Vote for freedom. Vote for Harry Browne."