

History

IMMIGRATION

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Excess of off-peak power from private industrial sources would be a very economical alternative to costly, unproven nuclear technology.

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versions of this bill were "Teacher Competency Tests" and the "No Pass, No Play" rule. But buried underneath is a no-nonsense tightening of centralized state control over education.

Policies which promote private alternatives at all levels of schooling in Texas will serve to increase quality and diversity, reduce tax burdens and lessen the uneithly dependency of formal education on Texas bureaucrats and politicians.

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COMMENTARY ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF TODAY
By The Libertarian Party of Texas

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the problem of financing the operation of schools, roads, sewerage treatment, etc. The method of financing is that Citizens are compelled by law to pay the costs of providing a range of government services. Anyone who does not pay will be put in jail under the law.

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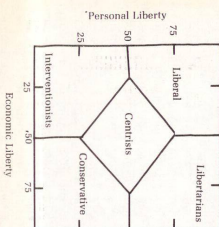
A Better Way To Size Up Politics and Politicians

By David Bergland

A common error in American political thinking is to limit the choice of views to left and right or liberal and conservative. But, neither of these is a spectrum. It doesn't measure anything in particular and is of little help in predicting how any politician will deal with the issues of the day.

We can better understand politics by using two dimensions: by measuring what politicians advocate on issues affecting economic liberty and issues affecting personal liberty.

Economic liberty has to do with activity which involves money: your work, wages, investments, buying and selling, and so on. Personal liberty has to do with activity which doesn't involve money, such as what you choose to eat, drink, read or smoke, how to dress, with whom you associate, you date or marry.



The accompanying chart shows how to use this analysis. Liberals, in general, would grant somewhat more personal liberty but want to restrict other peoples economic

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of individuals. We believe that the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, governments have used this right to regulate the lives of individuals and to seize the fruits of their labor without consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things and hold that where government exists, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the protection of individual rights, is the right to life — accordingly we

liberty. It's as if they believe people are OK when engaged in their private affairs but become dishonest and untrustworthy when they go to work or engage in commerce.

Conversely, in general, the reverse of economic liberty is personal liberty. The more economic liberty, the less of government control of other peoples personal and private affairs. It's as if they think we are OK when working, investing or trying to make a buck, but become degenerate fools when the workday is done.

Libertarians advocate the highest degree of both personal and economic liberty. So long as what you do is peaceful and honest, the government should leave you alone. Libertarians respect your right to run your own life, and we respect your own life and your understanding of politics by using the personal liberty and economic liberty analysis. It is substantial intervention over the meaningless left/right spectrum.

Some people think everything you do should be subject to government control or intervention. A good label for them is "Interventionists." This group would include socialists, communists and, unfortunately, many U.S. politicians.

Finally, some people don't lean very far in any direction. They take a mixed position on most issues and so we can label them as liberals or libertarians. This is not a basis or her understanding of politics by using the personal liberty and economic liberty analysis. It is substantial intervention over the meaningless left/right spectrum.

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LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS OF THE ISSUES

FOREIGN POLICY

Since World War II, American foreign policy has sought three main goals: 1) the containment of Communism, 2) the containment of Russia, and 3) the protection of U.S. economic interests at home and abroad. On every count these goals have not been met and the opposite result has occurred.

Instead of bankrupting our own economy by acting as policeman to the world, we should instead focus our energies on solving our own problems peacefully at home. Foreign aid, particularly financial and technological support to known enemies, must cease. Such aid only continues to support the status quo and continued oppression as well as fueling the arms race.

Libertarians advocate a policy of military non-intervention, economic free trade and a strong defense of our borders. By encouraging free trade and ending dangerous military alliances overseas, we would see a more prosperous and peaceful world. And, as productive countries become more stable economically (and thus better able to defend



themselves). Communism and Marxism will become less attractive.

The Draft, Draft Registration and Community Service — Liberty and economic liberty are our highest concern. Libertarians state that the draft, draft registration, and compulsory "community service" are all forms of involuntary servitude and a violation of our country's heritage.

Those who declare a military draft necessary insult patriotic citizens willing to defend their country and ignore the two million American volunteers already in

TAXATION



The commonly used phrase "as inevitable as death and taxes" shows how pervasive the idea of taxation has become in our culture. Libertarians are willing to expose this myth and label taxation for what it really is: theft.

If you are robbed at gunpoint, it is called a robbery. If you are taxed, it is called a robbery. But at what point does the immorality of robbery become the morality of taxation? If the thief wears a business suit and merely threatens force, if the thief has sincere motives or gives you something in return — does this legitimize the robbery? In this country, government is the only entity that can legally operate from a position of force and coercion.

Government's vast social and economic engineering is very expensive and getting more so every year. Few people would agree that the cost of their income, yet this is what the

THE POVERTY TRAP

Government welfare provides perverse social and economic incentives to remain poor. Increased benefits and bread eligibility requirements often make economic advancement a disadvantage. The poor are encouraged to see themselves as entitled to government support. Yet many of the poor would rather be self-reliant and free of the meaning bureaucratic programs.

To end the vicious cycle of poverty, Libertarians call for the immediate removal of all government barriers to employment, such as minimum wage laws, occupational licensing and burdensome business regulations. Firm price supports and paying the cost of food and must be eliminated. Inflation is perhaps the cruellest burden. By printing inflated

POLLUTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Directly, government is the single most active polluter through its monopoly water, utility and sewage companies. Further, government is "pollution immunity" and citizens have no recourse. Indirectly, by declaring the air, rivers, lakes and waterways in the public domain, government opens the door to gross violations. Predictably, there have been few economic incentives to develop non-polluting technologies.

The most rational solution to the preservation of our environment is a return to the respect of property rights and to develop all public lands

EDUCATION

As with any protected monopoly, the government school system is unable to respond to the educational needs of our children. Despite alternatives, Government must be returned to its only proper function: the protection of our lives, liberty and property. Doing this would reduce government spending by at least two thirds. Other services can and will be provided for far more efficiently and economically in the free market through voluntary fees, contributions, endowments and other voluntary means.

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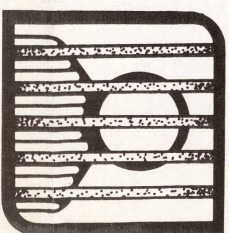
SOCIAL SECURITY



Social Security is a colossal drain on savings and capital investments and has been estimated to reduce the Gross National Product by as much as 20 percent. By its taxes that, in order to maintain the current level of benefits, by the year 2030 the average working person will have to pay in over 40% of his earnings in Social Security taxes alone.

The practical disadvantages to the current system are overwhelming. But the most disturbing aspect of Social Security is its coercive nature. With money forcibly taken directly from our paychecks, we have no choice but to participate in the voluntary, private savings programs. Government has no power to force the public to pay for force and have little to do with free compassion for others.

CRIME



Libertarians believe that individuals must be held strictly accountable for their actions that harm others and support laws against force, fraud and aggression. On the other hand, it is not the business of government to punish bad behavior. Government's behavior, however unpopular. Yet the American Bar Association estimates that up to 50% of police efforts are spent on victimless crimes — "crimes" where there is no victim.

Prohibition Revisited — The underlying cause of violent crime is due to the enormous sums of money involved in illegal drugs. With some 40% of the population directly related to the maintenance of illegal drug habits, decriminalization of such businesses would cause the accompanying crime.

It is frequently stated that if there were no drug laws we would become a nation of addicts. This ignores the fact that, even with drugs readily available, the vast majority of people avoid them. A regrettable side effect of current laws is that, with the threat of criminal prosecution, few people are willing to come forward for voluntary treatment.

Gun Control is People Control — It is ironic that, as our government

Who Is A Libertarian?

By Dean Russell

In popular terminology, a Libertarian is the opposite of an authoritarian. Strictly speaking, a Libertarian is one who rejects the idea of using violence or the threat of violence — legal or illegal — to impose his will or viewpoint upon any peaceful persons. Generally speaking, a Libertarian is one who believes the government far less than he is today.

•A LIBERTARIAN believes that the government should protect all persons equally against external and internal aggression, but should otherwise voluntarily leave people alone to work out their own problems and aspirations.

While a Libertarian expects the government to render equal protection to all persons against outside fraud and misrepresentation, he does not expect government to protect his freedom from the consequences of his own free choices. A

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believes that persons who make wise choices are entitled to enjoy the fruits of their wisdom, and that persons who make unwise choices have no right to demand that the government reimburse them for their folly.

•A LIBERTARIAN expects his government to establish, support, and enforce the decisions upon which persons are free to make their own choices, but he does not expect government to recognize or refer to the person's race, religion, or economic status. If justice is to be rendered,

the decisions of these courts must be as binding upon government officials and their actions as upon other persons and their actions.

•A LIBERTARIAN respects the right of individuals to own property for his honest, acquired property — to trade it, to sell it, or even to give it away — for he knows that human liberty cannot long endure when that fundamental right is rejected or even seriously impaired.

•A LIBERTARIAN believes that the daily needs of the people can best be satisfied through the voluntary processes of a free and competitive market. And he holds the

strong belief that free persons, using their own honestly acquired money, are in the best possible position to understand and their fellow men who are in need of help.

•A LIBERTARIAN favors a strictly limited form of government — with many checks and balances — and divisions of authority — to foil the abuses of the fearful power of government. And generally speaking, he is one who sees less, rather than more, need to govern the nation.

•A LIBERTARIAN has much faith in himself and other free persons to find maximum happiness and prosperity in a society wherein no person has the authority to force any other peaceful person to conform to his viewpoints or desires in any manner. His way of life is based on respect for himself and for all others.

•A LIBERTARIAN doesn't advocate violent rebellion against prevailing governments — except as a last resort before the concentration camps. But when a Libertarian sees harm rather than good in certain acts of government, he is obligated to try his best to explain to the public why such compulsory means cannot bring the ends which even they desire.