IMMIGRATION

THE BUDGET CRISIS

The state budget not only can be cut, it must be cut! An immediate across-the-board cut of 10% would eliminate the "crisis" and would serve as the first step towards further

entirely. Vifrually every agency in the rate of natural recourses should be left to the private sector if there is mideed a demand for its services. For example, instead of an Agriculture Department paid for by all, let those involved voluntarily associate to solve their products other functions such as arts and recreation clearly belong in the private sector. Elimination of agencies such as the Railroad Commission would provide an immediate assistance of the state government and reductions.

Many programs can be eliminated entirely. Virtually every agency in



increase the benefits of deregulation to the economy in general.

The key words are deregulate and privatize. It is time to encourage the growth of the private sector by pruning the public sector.

OIL AND GAS: A TEXAS PROSPECTIVE

The prescription for a healthy oil and gas industry in Texas is not more government intervention, but less. Demands for oil import fees and quotas, while temporarily restricting

competition for oil and gas pro-ducers, can only serve to make other energy dependent Texas industries less competitive and successful in world markets in the long run. A far more productive alternative would be to repeal the Windfall Profits Tax and natural gas regulations which are already hampering energy in-dustries.

TO VICTIMS RESTITUTION

curred by felony and Class A and B misdemeanors.

A critical influence on reducing prison populations and crime in general is a true system of restitution for victims of crime. In 1979 the State Legislature passed a Crime Victims Compensation Act. Besides making only token reimbursaments, this program fails in a more significant way: the offender does not directly compensate his or her victim. Instead, compensation payments are made from an account funded through additional fines in-

Programs in other states show that direct restitution works and that repeat offenses can be reduced by 80%. This is because, for the first time, the criminal must take direct responsibility for having harmed another human being. Refusing probation or parole unless a criminal agrees to make restitution would dramatically reduce crime rates within just a few years. This program would also provide justice for those longoiten under oday's system the unwilling victims of crime.

Make A Difference Your Vote Can

Are you one of the millions of Americans today who have practically given up voting?

Doesn't it seem that, no matter who wins, government continues to grow? Government grows under the

Libertarian candidates are raising fundamental issues that conven-

"Immigrants take jobs wanted by Americans and contribute to unemployment." One reason immigrants do not cause significant unemployment is that people end not to come if there is little demand for their skills.

Though the underlying fears about immigration may have a root cause in racism or other forms of bigotry, concerns are often couched in three just Americans - have natural rights Libertarians affirm the words of our founding fathers that all people - not

payers a great deal in welfare benefits and service costs." Numerous studies on immigration have demonstrated that native families receive significantly more in

Immigrants cost the U.S.

"We are being swamped by immigrants comprised 2% of the population and 6% were foreign-born, down sharply from 9.6% and 14.6% respectively in 1910.

Libertarians call for the elimination of all restrictions on immigration. We also oppose government welfare payments to non-citizens. welfare benefits than immigrant

UTILITY RATES

monopoly and guaranteed profits, utility companies have no incentives to control costs. Competition in the production of electricity would be highly beneficial to consumers. Policies to promote co-generation of Utility rates continue to be an emo-tional focal point for Texas voters and politicians. Despite campaign promises, utility rates in Texas con-tinue to rise. With a state enforced

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

While energy will continue to be a significant factor in the economy of Texas for the foreseeable future, a policy of accelerated deregulation would allow the marketplace to reflect underlying realities and free both industry and consumers from the distortions and false expectations of government energy planning.

HIGHER

EDUCATION

Representing 53 percent of the state budget, education is one of Texas' most controversial topics and with good cause. At the university level, state expenditures since 1975 have grown at an annual rate of 12 percent, compared to only a 3 percent annual increase in enrollment.
To encourage private alternatives in higher education, a significant decrease in state subsides is in Competency Tests' and the 'Yo PassNo Play' rule. But buried underneath
is a continued tightening of centralize
et state control over education

educational reform was defused in 1985 with the passage of HB-72. The most publicized and emotional pro-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 unhealthy dependency of formal education on Texas bureaucrats and politicians.

HB 72 "No Pass, No Play"

oublic's desire for real

LIBERTARIAN? ARE YOU A

During this century we have he political climate in our cou

the political climate in our country change from individualism to collectivism. Yet many Americans still believe in individualism and are Liberturisms at heart. There are several reasons why you may wish to boin the Liberturian Party.

Democrats; government grows under the Republicans. YES! I like what I've read and want to:

tional candidates refuse to face.

Your vote is your voice in the direction our country is taking. Every vote for a Libertarian candidate sends a message loud and clear. "I'm tired of hig government solutions, I want small government solutions, I want small government individual choice solutions to today's social and economic problems."

Don't waste your vote on "politics as usual." The most valuable vote you can cast in any election is a vote for a Libertarian condidate.

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THE NATU GOVERNMENT RE OF

in exchange for some benefit they expect to receive.

Government is not an entity or thing which exists independently of the people who make it up. At any time there are a number of people in our society who constitute government. The point to remember is that they are just people, like you and me.

The essence of government action is this: some people called legislators, make rules of conduct, and attach penalties for violation of the rules. When the rules are broken, they send men with gunst footneenen) out to round up the wrongdores and impose the penalty. This may sound like an over-simplification, but it is

not.
Many government programs might
at first appear not to fall into this pattern, such as Social Security, na-

tax collectors to pay the costs of pro-viding a wide range of government "services". Anyone who does not pay the tax will be put in jail under the laws as they are written today. maintenance, sewage treatment, etc. However, the method of financing is coercive. Citizens are compelled by

It has been said that the people of a nation or a society have entered into some sort of "social contract." Usually this is part of an argument that people must submit to the controls of government and the collection of taxes as the price for living in a peaceful, orderly and secure society. But a contract requires knowing persons who woulntarily enter into an agreement to accept obligations

THE USUAL SOLUTION

The reality is that there is no social contract. Government as an institution should be perceived for what it is - a group of people who have substantial power at their disposal which they can and do use to control the rest of the citizensry in a great variety of ways of the citizens in defending their rights against anyone who might violate or threaten them.

Therefore, rules of conduct passed

by legislators which penalize such things as murder, rupe, robbery, thelf, embezglement, fraud, arean, trespass, pollution (a form of trespass, pollution (a form of trespass, kindingping, bullery, etc., are valid uses of government force because such activities involve violating the rights of another. By contrast, any activity which is speaceful and voluntary should not be subject to criminal penalities or other government interference. Therefore there should be no laws, for instance, which penalize people for declining to be in the military, for offering goods and services to willing consumers in the market place, or for possessing types of property which others may find objectionable.

In conclusion, it cannot be emphasized too strongly that the essence of government is he use of force by the people in government against the citizens. When is the use of that force legitimate? The Libertarian answer is that government power must be used only to protect the citizens from those who would violate their rights.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO COERCIVE GOVERNMENT

By David Bergland

There are two, and only two, ways for people to deal with one another. One way is by force, the other by voluntary cooperation.

The pervisive institution in our culture which is grounded in force is the government. This is based on the fact that government does not produce anything and the people who make up the government receive their pay from the citizens through the coerceive financing method called taxation. Further, people are not given the choice to decline government operations, services, or accivities and shop elsewhere. Most people, most of the time, operate on the Libertarian premise of respect for the rights of others. Most people do not want to control others and do not want to control others and do not want to be controlled themselves.

The legal foundation for this Libertarian approach, which protects the expectations of citizens in their dealings with each other is the system of private property rights developed in English and American law. The most fundamental element of this private property system is the concept of self-ownership, that is, each person owns himself or herself. When we speak of property we usually think of real estate or tangitary and honest basis

services to clittons. Libertarians raise these questions: Must these services be provided by government employees? Must these services be paid for through coercion, by taxition? The naswer to both questions is. No. not necessarily. The alternative to coercion as the basis for a relationship between people is voluntary cooperation. employees provide many different Government can be thought of as a

given tract of land or item of personal property.

When peoples rights are respected and protected by the legal/political framework under which they live, then all can freely trade in the marketplace with no government intervention except in the case of someone's rights being violated by such things as theft or fraud. The basis for productive trade relationships is respect for the rights of other people and the conduct of trade on a peaceful, volunters and honest hossis. ble personal property, such as, automobiles, books, money, computers, or whatever. In simplest terms, any person can acquire property in addition to his or her own body by working to produce it or by trading peacefully and honestly with other owners of property. The more clearly defined private property rights are, and the more dependable the legal protection for property rights, the better able people are to plan for their own futures and the less occasion there is for disputes to arise over who can do what with any The distinction between relationships based on force and those based on voluntary cooperation is extremely important. The crucial question is who should be able to decide what you can do with your life, your body, and your property? The Libertarian answer is that each person has the right to make all of the decisions about his or her own life, body and honestly acquired property.

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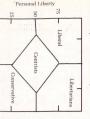
To Size Up Politics and Politicians

By David Bergland

"liberal" and "conservative." But the traditional one-dimensional leftright spectrum is meaningless. It doesn't measure anything in particular and is of little help in predicting how any politician would deal with the issues of the day.

We can better understand politics by using two dimensions. by measuring what politicians advocate on issues affecting seconomic liberty and issues affecting personal liberand issues affecting personal liberand issues affecting personal liberand in the property of the prop A common error in American political thinking is to limit the choice of views to left and right or

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

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.

Conservatives, in general, are the reverse of liberals. They give lip senvice to economic liberty but want lots of government control of other peoples personal and private affairs. It's as if they think we are OK when working, investing or traying to make a buck, but become degenerate fools when the working or traying to make 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 regardless of whether you are engaged in commercial activity or your private affairs.

After all, you are the same person 24 beautes of the same person 24 beautes.

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, com

munist 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 "centrists."
Anyone can improve his or her understanding of politics by using the personal liberty and economic liberty analysis. It is substantial improvement over the meaningless left/right spectrum.

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Since World War II. American foreign policy has sought three main public goals: 1) the containment of Communism, 2) the defense of the United States. Europe and other U.S. accommic 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 maintains corrupt ideologies and continued oppression as well as fueling the company of t

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

Because one's life and 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 American volunteers already in

uniform.

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: then.

If you are robbed at gunpoint, it is called then. We would all agree that then it is immored and wrong. But at what point does the immorality 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 then? In this country, government is the only entity that can legally operate from a position of force and coercion.

Covernment's vast social and economic engineering is very expensive and getting more so every year. Few people would agree that today's government services are worth 40% of their income. Yet this is what the

Statement of Principles

Wie, the members of the Libers tarian Barty, challenge the cuil of physical force against others; (2) the manufacture state and defeat the the right to intervidual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to beauties of the individuals have the right to live in whatever manuer they choose, so long as they do not condingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the residual over their own lives, and have the sequent right to live in whatever manuer they choose. So long as they do not condingly we oppose all attempts to make the first to the in whatever manuer they choose. Ong as they do not condingly we oppose all attempts and a government to property, such as conficustion, and eminent domain.

Covernments throughout history have regularly operated on the oppose of the lives of individuals and the fraits of their rises of the regulate the lives of individuals and the fraits of their those. The constant, we can be contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments are the fraits of these things, and hold that where governments are the right to farry government to do these things, and hold that where government to reside the resultant economic ment exists, they must not violate the right to farry government to their connection.



average person pays in visable and hidden taxes.

Libertarians advocate the immediate reduction and ultimate abolition of all concrive taxation and the replacement of government services with voluntary, free market 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 conomically in the private sector and through user fees, contributions, endowments and other voluntary means.

THE ENVIRONMENT



EDUCATION

As with any protected monopoly, the government school system is unable to respond to the educational needs of our children. Despite remedial programs, bilingual classes and busing, the failure of our school system is beyond question. Just as there should be a separation of church and state, Libertarians feel there should also be a separation of church and state, Libertarians feel there should also be a separation of education and state. And just as competition has always provided the best in goods and services, so too will competition provide

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 into private ownership. With property rights upheld in the courts, polluters would be held fully liable for their actions.

the excellence in education that our diverse society requires. Libertearians support a tax credit system for businesses and individuals that would provide an economic incentive to fund the education of any child in any school. Tax credits toward education would also enable the poor the option of private schooling for their children. In addition, current laws and regulations that stifle and harrass private non-government schools must be eliminated.

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

• A LIBERTARIAN respects the right of every person to use and en-joy his honestly 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 re-jected or even seriously impaired.

Libertarian holds 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 of impartial courts of instice — courts which do not recognize or refer to a person's race, religion or comomic status. If justice is to be rendered, A LIBERTARIAN believes that the daily needs of the people can best be satisfied through the volun-tary processes of a free and com-petitive market. And he holds the

In popular terminology, a Liber-tarian 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 wants to be governed far less than he is today.

• A LIBERTARIAN believes that the government should protect all persons equally against external persons even the second of the

By Dean Russell

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

•A LIBERTARIAN i avors 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 actions of others.

•A LIBERTARIAN has much faith himself and other free persons to find maximum happiness and property in a society wherein no persperity in a society wherein no persons.

THE POVERTY TRAP

Government welfare provides perverse social and economic incentives to remain poor. Increased benefits and broad eligibility requirements offer little economic motivation for independence. And, labeled as "cictims of society," 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 demeaning bureaucratic programs. To end the vicious cycle of poverty. Libertariants call for the immediate removal of all government barriers to employment, such as minimum wage laws, occupational licensing and burdensome business regulations. Farm price supports and paving farmers not to grow drive up the cost of food and must be eliminated. Inflation is perhaps the cruelest burden. By printing inflated

dollars, government reduces the already limited purchasing power of the poor. A return to the gold (or other precious metal) standard would curb government's infla-

inoury habits.

In addition, Libertariants support the alimination of coercive taxation that fuels the powerty machine. By returning these tax dollars to the productive sector, our economy would receive a substantial boost, in turn creating new economic opportunities for everyone, especially the poor.

Concern for others is a natural part of human nature and is already demonstrated by many efficient and effective private charity organizations. Government welfere programs, on the other hand, are based on force and have little to do with true compassion for others.

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%. Economic reality dictates 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, Unlike voluntary, private savings programs, we cannot withdraw our investment if dissatisfied.

Recognizing there are no perfect solutions, Libertarians advocate the

system be phased out as rapidly as possible and replaced by voluntary, private sector insurance and savings plans. The benefits of recipients over 65 already dependent on Social Security could be funded through the sale of non-sessntial government assets such as Amtrak, the Tennessee Valley Authority and land holdings.

CRIME



steps up its gross disregard for our individual rights, congressmen cry out for gun control — always in the name of law and order.

Gin control advocates fail to de-monstrate that gun control laws result in lower crime. Laws restric-ting the owning or carrying of firearms and other defensive devices leave the individual helpless before criminals who have little regard for such laws. Libertarians believe you have a right to protect yourself. Instead of harressing inno-cent people for the possession of a handgun, police efforts would be better spent apprehending violators of our lives and property.

son 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 volent 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 others who advocate these measures why such compulsory means cannot bring the ends which even they desire.