



## 215NOW! Update

You are invited to participate in the 215NOW! campaign to change public policy towards medical marijuana. For much more info, visit the 215Now! web site at <http://www.215Now.com/>. The web site is provided as a public service by the Libertarian Party of California.

### KIM LEVIN CHARGES DROPPED

In a surprising development in the case of medical marijuana defendants Kim and Rick Levin, all charges against Kim were dropped. She had been facing charges of cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and armed commission of a felony. According to an e-mail message received by 215NOW! from Kim's organization, the Shasta Patient's Alliance, Shasta County Deputy District Attorney Laura Sheehy filed the motion to dismiss due to lack of evidence.

Kim and Rick were arrested in May, 1998. They had been growing their own medical garden after Rick suffered a work accident in 1993. Rick and Kim never denied Rick's personal use of medical marijuana. No proof of sales had ever been produced. The arms charge was also bogus: Rick is a longtime target-shooting hobbyist and reloader. All of Rick's guns were purchased legally. Unfortunately, charges against Rick are still pending.

### KUBBYS FACE ASSET FORFEITURE

Just two days after their medical marijuana trial was postponed until February, 2000 due to complications from Michele Kubby's pregnancy, Steve and Michele Kubby learned that Placer County law enforcement officials were moving to seize their few remaining assets.

215NOW! supporters may recall that the Kubbys were already forced to file for bankruptcy as a result of the financial havoc wreaked by their ongoing legal defense. ■

## SANTA BARBARA LIBERTARIANS WIN ROOSEVELT SCHOOL BOND ABUSE LAWSUIT

In August, Superior Court Judge Thomas Adams signed an out-of-court settlement in the improper use of taxpayer funds lawsuit brought by the Libertarian Party of Santa Barbara County against the Santa Barbara City School Board. Attorneys for the Libertarian Party won \$16,500.00 in attorneys fees.

Lead litigant Colin Hayward, chairman of the Santa Barbara County Libertarian Party, said: "We are happy with the resolution of this case. Although it does not set legal precedent because it is an out-of-court settlement, it does send a chilling message to all bond sales firms that the Libertarian Party is watching and will sue to make sure they do not conspire with bureaucrats to abuse the process. We will be sending copies to all California school boards."

The case arose over the Feb. 8, 1995 hiring, by the school board, of Dale Scott & Co. to provide more than merely financial services on a bond issue for the rebuilding of Roosevelt School. Principal Michael Caston selected Dale Scott & Co. at a higher price than other bond sales firms because Dale Scott & Co. promised to advise advocates of the school bond how to produce success at the polls. Dale Scott & Co. were to be paid at least \$50,000.00 from the monies raised by the bond sales once the public approved the issue. They eventually got \$100,000.00.

Using tax money to campaign for more tax money is illegal under California law since it violates the principle of morally limited government. A tax election machine self perpetuated by funds from tax money is offensive in contemporary law because it assures unstoppable growth of unlimited government.

Libertarians believe that using tax funds to fund campaigns for more tax funds is similar in its corrosive effects to police funding their departments by seizures they make or bribes they accept. "It is bad enough that our highest political bodies, the legislatures, are for sale, already debauched by tax-tax-spend-spend-elect-elect vote buying," said Colin Hayward, "without every other tax-dependent department and jurisdiction being similarly corrupted."

The Libertarian Party says today's political system is rife with corruption from abuse of taxpayer money. The LP considers asset forfeiture laws, government-subsidized political conventions and campaigns, legislators being able to award contracts to campaign donors, and even municipal legislators demanding concessions from supplicant developers to be examples of systemic corruption fueled by collusion to abuse taxpayer money.

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*The Santa Barbara County Libertarian Party filed suit in Superior Court with the help of the law firm of Weilbacher and Chatenever. Attorney Robert Chatenever can be contacted at: (805) 650-6640. Robert Bakhaus, secretary of the Santa Barbara County Libertarian Party, can be reached for comment at (805) 965-2741. A fax of the four-page settlement is available by leaving your fax number at Robert Bakhaus answering service: (805) 965-2741. ■*

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**HUMOR**

**ABOLISH THE WORD "ABOLISH"**

*Prepared by Minister of Humor Mark Hilgenberg, AKA Secretary, LP San Fernando Valley*

Members of the Libertarian Party have been telling the public what we want to abolish for over 25 years, and it looks like the effectiveness of that word is ending. Several LP activists including Mark Hilgenberg and Doug Scribner are spearheading a nationwide effort to ABOLISH the word ABOLISH from the Libertarian vocabulary.

"Oh sure, it is a fun word to say and it really gets the crowds cheering at any Libertarian event, but the average person is scared of the word abolish", Scribner said in a phone interview from the "Abolish Abolish" headquarters in Orange County.

Citing several examples of how the word "abolish" is used against the Libertarian Party, Hilgenberg asked "why must we continue to make the front line activists' job harder by constantly telling the voters what we don't want? Isn't it time we let them know what we stand for?"

Libertarian Party activist Marshall Fritz started a campaign against words like "abolish" in the 1980's, yet it never seemed to catch on. Many Libertarians

like to cite examples of winning over converts using words like "abolish". However, the ever-expanding state suggests it may only appeal to a small percentage of the nation.

"Using words like replace and not abolish, gives a much more inclusive and positive sound to your speech" Marshall Fritz also suggested several other substitute words that might be more effective in winning converts including:

**HARMONY instead of PEACE**

If two people are fighting, they can separate themselves into different rooms and they will have peace. Also, you can achieve peace all by yourself. However, harmony implies many people working together and cooperating.

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So replace "abolish" with "replace" and completely abolish "abolish"! The Abolish Abolish committee calls for an end to the use of the word "abolish" when speaking in public, or in public press releases.

"It will be a real victory for America when we once and for all abolish the negative and divisive word "abolish" Says Hilgenberg, "remember only you can abolish "abolish." Join us today!" ■

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From the Chair:

# SUMMERTIME: CHALLENGES INCREASE!

**W**e, as a Party, set three main internal goals for 1998:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month
3. Maintaining ballot status (DONE!)



MARK HINKLE

**Goal 1:**

Last month, I reported that in June that we gained another 99 new memberships (net). Well, in July we lost 94 members. Not the progress I was hoping for. The summer months are traditionally slow membership growth months for us. I'm hoping that the LNC's Project Archimedes August mailer, plus the memberships from the numerous county fairs up and down the state, will bounce us back in September and October.

**Goal 2:**

The results from our e-mail-a-thon and my phone follow-up are: credit card pledges now total \$3,046.26 a month. When we include our monthly cash pledges, our pledge program "should" bring in \$4,392.26 per month. Unfortunately, it's summertime and people are on vacation, so a lot of income we depend upon simply isn't coming in. That's why I've spent

many hours on the phones calling our cash pledgers to urge them to switch to the credit card program. It's cheaper for the LPC, more convenient for the pledger, and a more dependable source of income.

**Despite hard work, we're still bleeding red ink. Major donors have given us some breathing room in the past, but if we don't increase our monthly pledge base significantly and do it very soon, there will be cutbacks – major cutbacks – in the projects we're funding. If you like what we've been doing and want us to continue, we must hear from you soon.**

To raise funds, we've also started accepting ads for this newsletter. This is a great way for your company to support Libertarian ideals and sell your product and service.

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**LPC has endorsed these external goals for 1999:**

(1) Prop 215, isn't just a good idea, it's the law!

On Tuesday, August 10, 1999, we did the first major re-design of the 215NOW! web site. We've expanded the scope of the web site, plus added many new features. For

more details, see the 215NOW! update on the front page.

(2) The Repeal of Prop 10: the tax on tobacco users. This initiative has been in circulation since April. The deadline for signatures is September 17, 1999. We'll, hopefully, report its success next month. It required 419,260 valid signatures. As of August 17, they had 540,000 signatures but Mike Rodrigues, who is coordinating the effort, hopes to collect 600,000 to 650,000 raw signatures to ensure that there are enough valid signatures to get on the ballot. Then, it's onto the campaign.

(2a) Vehicle Tax Initiative (phase-out of the car tax) submitted by Assemblyman Tom McClintock and Senator Ray Haynes. The word on the street is that it didn't make it on the March, 2000 ballot. The deadline was August 23, 1999. It needed 670,816 valid signatures.

(3) 200 candidates in the year 2000  
In addition to our many local regional activists who are recruiting candidates, we've added Scott Lieberman (Northern California) and Aaron Starr (Southern California) to Ted Brown's candidate recruiting team. Ted is going to focus on the partisan races, while Aaron and Scott are seeking candidates for non-partisan races, especially winnable ones.

**Lord Acton said, "All that is required for evil to triumph, is that good men do nothing". What are you doing to support the Libertarian Party? Your time, talent, and money is the fuel that run the Libertarian Party engines. The more you give, the faster we run.**

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# Libertarian National Committee Meets in California

## Summary of the August LNC Meeting

The Libertarian National Committee met 14-15 August 1999 in Anaheim.

The minutes of the meeting of 10-11 April were approved with some corrections.

The Chair gave a brief report in which he expressed satisfaction about the work people were doing and commented on several issues that had been considered by the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer reported on finances year-to-date, noting below-budget revenues and expenses that led to a net result as of the end of July slightly better than budgeted. He also reported that the reserve policy adopted at the previous meeting seemed to be working, that he plans to concentrate more of his efforts on fundraising, and that a new volunteer is needed to serve as Internal Auditor. There was discussion of the audited financial statements for 1998, which included adjustments to account for pledges receivable and liability for future UMP payments to affiliates. After these and other adjustments, net income for the year was about \$10,000 (as opposed to the unadjusted figure of about negative \$176,000). There was discussion of errors



**JOE DEHN**  
Regional Representative

in FEC reports. The Audit Committee gave a brief report.

Several regional representatives presented reports on activities in their regions, covering varying topics including prospects for candidates in upcoming elections, recent conventions and other meetings, and special projects undertaken by affiliates. Some representatives did not have a chance to report due to lack of time.

The National Director reported on the WWW redesign RFP process, the transition to the new accounting and database systems, changes in staff responsibility for FEC reporting, and Project Archimedes. He presented several charts giving details of Project Archimedes mailings and funding.

There was discussion of whether it would be desirable to establish a process for expelling members, primarily to be able to deal with requests from affiliates which have had problems with a member.

The LNC went into executive session to discuss a report from General Counsel.

There was extensive discussion of the Arizona affiliate. After a review of recent

events which left the status of the leadership and bylaws of the state organization in dispute, and after consultation with representatives of the competing factions which indicated that it was unlikely that the questions could ever be resolved within the state, the LNC voted to revoke the existing affiliation and invite new applications for establishment of an affiliate in Arizona. If more than one organization applies, a straw poll will be conducted among members in the state to get an idea of how much support each has. It is expected that the LNC will act to approve a new affiliate either by mail ballot this fall or at the December meeting.

There was discussion of who should be treated as a presidential candidate for various purposes, including application of the policy against support by the national office or staff, listings that appear in LP News and on the WWW site, and other publicity.

It was decided to split with the LP of Missouri a bequest made by a member from that state.

It was decided to hold the March 2000 meeting in Chicago.

There was discussion of some ideas relating to strategic planning.

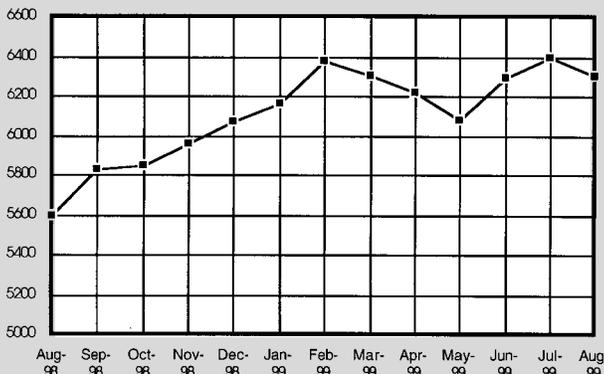
Other topics briefly discussed included: state party perceptions of membership growth compared with the national statistics; the 2000 convention; the possibility of presidential candidates being interested in a "fusion" candidacy; plans for an internal education mailing to new members; and an offer from a member to redesign our brochures.

Due to lack of time, some reports listed on the agenda were not discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11-12 December in the Washington, DC area.

*This is a summary of the meeting and is not intended to be a complete record of business.*

### Growth Watch Membership July 30: 6,305 Goal 7,000



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Nov-30-98	6070
Oct-31-98	5958
Sep-30-98	5848
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Jul-31-98	5593

*Executive Director Update:***Ros Continues Raising LPC's Visibility**

JUAN ROS

On the web, on the radio, and among political colleagues, LPC Executive Director Juan Ros worked to raise the visibility of the LPC in anticipation of the upcoming election season.

“The Libertarian Party needs to be everywhere, all the time during the next year,” Ros said. “I’m working to do exactly that.”

Among the many projects Ros is juggling is the LPC’s ongoing 215NOW! web site focusing on the continuing plight of medical marijuana patients despite the passage of Proposition 215 nearly three years ago. On August 10, 215NOW! unveiled several new features, including “Join the Debate NOW!” and “Send a Letter NOW!” “For those who haven’t visited the site in a while, there are plenty of new things to see. And for those who have yet to visit the site, now there is more reason to do so.” The site is located at <http://www.215Now.com>.

Ros was also interviewed by an assistant to Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan in consideration for a post on a newly-created city commission, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. In the end, Ros was not selected as one of the three appointees from the San Fernando Valley, but he was pleased to have been considered and he made a valuable connection in the Mayor’s office. “There are 50 other commissions in Los Angeles, so I have plenty more chances to get appointed!”

Ros also issued a news release and did several interviews on behalf of the California Third Parties Coalition, a new group consisting of members of the Libertarian, Green, Reform, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties. “The Coalition’s goal is to pursue election reform that would help even the playing field among all the parties — proposals

such as instant-runoff voting and proportional representation,” Ros stated.

Another project Ros has been working on is the “Veto the Governor” referendum being spearheaded by San Francisco talk radio host Geoff Metcalf. On July 19, Governor Davis signed an “assault weapons” bill into law: SB 23 by Senator Don Perata (D-Alameda), which outlaws certain types of firearms based on their physical characteristics. The next day, Metcalf — who hosts a daily show on Hot Talk KSFO 560-AM from noon to 2 PM — filed a request with the Attorney General

up and down the state are circulating petitions and we’re doing what we can to help overturn this freedom-grabbing law!” said Ros. For more information, visit Metcalf’s campaign site at <http://www.vetothegovernor.org>.

Ros’s interview on the Metcalf show wasn’t his only radio appearance this month. Ros was interviewed by Doug Caldwell on KTIP in Porterville regarding the LPC’s 200-candidate goal, Jeff Howett of Capitol Public Radio KXJZ in Sacramento about the California Third Parties Coalition, and has participated in

two roundtable discussions on the week’s news, on KPFK in Los Angeles.

“The KPFK show is like ‘The McLaughlin Group’ on radio.

I was one of four panelists

commenting on the week’s news. The one difference is that I’m the sole Libertarian voice debating three very liberal voices! After all, it’s public radio,” Ros said.

On the first show, airing the week of the Atlanta day-trader shootings, the three panelists ganged up on Ros over gun control. “I stuck to my guns — no pun intended — and defended the right to keep and bear arms and the right to self-defense. It was three against one but, after the show, host Joe Domanick told me he respected my consistency and he agreed with Libertarians on many issues!”

After that first appearance, Ros was invited back for an encore on August 13 and found more common ground with his fellow panelists. “We discussed the First Amendment, campaign finance reform, and health care reform, and to my delight the other three panelists were agreeing with the Libertarian position! It was quite a change from the first show,” Ros said.

Talk radio will play a critical role in raising the LP’s visibility during the upcoming election year. “Libertarians need to get on the air and share our philosophy of freedom, harmony, and abundance. That’s certainly going to be an area I will be focusing intensely on!” ■

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***Libertarians need to get on the air to share  
our philosophy of freedom, harmony, and abundance.***

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to put the question before the voters whether SB 23 should be law in California.

“Referenda are similar to initiatives. With initiatives, the voters propose a law. With referenda, the voters can nullify a law passed by the Legislature. That’s what Geoff is attempting to do,” Ros explained.

After receiving numerous e-mails from LP members regarding Metcalf’s effort, Ros asked LPC Chair Mark Hinkle to initiate an LPC Executive Committee vote to endorse the referendum campaign. At the same time, Ros contacted Metcalf and told him the LPC was voting to support his efforts. “He was extremely excited by our participation! While the Committee was voting, Geoff was teasing his audience every day with a ‘major surprise endorsement’ he would be announcing soon — meaning the LPC!”

Once the Executive Committee vote was official, Metcalf announced the LPC’s endorsement on-air with Ros as a guest. To bolster the LPC endorsement, Ros issued a news release and was interviewed by several newspapers and newsradio stations.

“Qualifying this referendum for the ballot is going to be a challenge, considering Geoff needs to collect 419,260 valid signatures by October 18. But Libertarians

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John “Scott” Ballard Running in Special Election**

**A** special election has been called to fill the 42nd congressional seat, due to the death of George Brown. As of this writing, it appears that there will be between 6 and 9 candidates on the ballot. I am the only Libertarian to take out papers.

I will be running for this office in 2000 as well.

The issues I will be pursuing during the campaign will be: The War On Drugs, Social Security, and Income Tax.

I made the newspaper a number of times, with mention of being the Libertarian candidate. During the campaign I will attempt to distribute 30,000 worlds smallest political quiz cards. I have already received them, and am starting to hand them out.

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Two photos taken at the Orange County Fair which ran from July 9 thru 25 (Region 30). Many thanks to photographer Sharra Goen.



(From left to right)  
Doug Scribner (Vice Chair LPOC /Region 30), Kevin Dooley (Liberty Youth Coalition, Orange County Chapter), and Mark Hilgenberg (Secretary San Fernando Valley/Region 61) invite fair attendees to try the Libertarian quiz.



(Left) Brian Lee Cross, Chair Region 30;  
(center rear) Thane Plummer, member and activist; talk with two quiz takers.



Larry Hines – who is running to be the Libertarian Candidate for US President in the year 2000 – participated in the Gay Pride Parade in San Diego. JR Graham (AKA Nobody 4 Mayor) was his driver. Dennis Triglia and allies waved Libertarian signs along the parade route.

More information about Larry and his campaign is available at <http://www.gaywired.com/larryhinesin2000>.

# POLITICS AS USUAL

## UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

San Diego Libertarians were celebrating freedom at a 4th of July beach party when a park ranger requested their “free speech permit.”

## ASSET FORFEITURE A: DUELING THIEVES

As a result of asset forfeiture laws, the cops have become **worse** than the robbers. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, bank robbers stole assets worth a total of \$28 million in 1994. But during the same year, federal prosecutors confiscated \$2.1 **billion** in cars, boats, homes, and other property – according to asset forfeiture expert James Bovard. That means that government “criminals” confiscated 75 times as much property as private bank robbers!

*Libertarian Party release, June 19, 1999.*

## ASSET FORFEITURE B: HYENAS FIGHTING OVER SPOILS!

When Arkansas state troopers found \$3 million in cash in trucker Roberto Zamarripa’s cargo, they declared the “tainted” money property of the county. By the time county prosecutors got to court, they found another claimant: the federal government. As Congress weighs whether to make it harder to seize citizens’ property, federal and local agencies fight in courtrooms throughout the country over the spoils of asset forfeiture. The disputes reveal this incentive: Cash-strapped law enforcement agencies seek not mere punishment, but money as well, from citizens with property that police “think” might be linked to crime.

*Associated Press, July 4, 1999*

## URINE TROUBLE

Among the new state laws which went into effect July 1 is a South Carolina ban on the sale of human urine. Ubiquitous drug testing has made clean urine a hot commodity.

*Reason-Express, June 29, 1999*

## MEGA-MILLION-DOLLAR SCHOOL TEACHES TAXPAYERS!

The Belmont Learning Center near downtown Los Angeles may never be finished because of methane gas. The school was built atop an abandoned oilfield, despite repeated warnings. Officials now say there may be no way to vent seeping methane gas and other hazards. A commission has been created to recommend whether to abandon the project after \$125 million has already been spent on it, or spend millions more to make it work. “It is a classic Los Angeles tale of civic boosterism and shadowy real estate speculation.” *The New York Times, July 28, 1999*

## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

State-run newspapers in China have (after 36 years) started reporting the REAL temperature. *The China Youth Daily* revealed that the weather reports have been doctored for decades - never reported hotter than 37 degrees Celsius, or 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. But recently it got so hot in Beijing (average 111°) that even the state-run media were compelled to start reporting the weather accurately. Stifling heat, coupled with some of the worst air pollution in the world, has become part of the deteriorating quality of life in China’s big cities.

*Wall Street Journal, July 29, 1999*

## A CURE WORST THAN THE ILLNESS

The hard part of drug agents stalking Florida’s marijuana growers was finding the crop. The growers weave their plants among corn stalks and tomato vines to foil aerial searches or growers plant in swamps. The new head of the state’s Office of Drug Control hopes to kill the marijuana business by dusting suspected areas with a marijuana-eating, soil-borne fungus called *Fusarium oxysporum*.

*The New York Times, July 27, 1999*



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# LIBERTARIANS WRITE THE BALLOT ARGUMENT

*Increased taxes for Berryessa Union School Bond fought by Libertarians*

The argument (at the right), mostly based on material from Richard Rider, was accepted as the primary argument against Measure B in Santa Clara County. Strangely, the school district failed to submit an argument in favor, so there won't be a rebuttal. Unless they go to court and can convince a judge to put one in. And, if they do, we can attack them for spending district funds on the lawyer because they couldn't keep a simple deadline. And if they can't be trusted to do that, how can they be trusted with \$48 million? Either way, they look bad. Kim Adams, who lives in the district also signed the argument against (she's not a LP'er)

*Mark Hinkle, LPC Chair,  
mark@garlic.com*



WHAT? ANOTHER special election to raise our taxes? Incredible!

The same bond was defeated in 1998, you'd think the big spenders wouldn't come right back with another expensive, anti-democratic election specifically targeted for low voter turnout. After squandering millions of dollars over the years, the education establishment is seeking a huge tax increase to do what taxpayers thought bureaucrats had been doing all along — building and maintaining safe schools.

Total public funding for education exceeds average private school costs by over 50%. If we ever get serious about improving education AND dramatically cutting costs, we need to adopt choice in education. There is a solution, elect a new school board in November 2000 that will spend your money wisely.

Money is fungible — money not spent in one place can be spent elsewhere. We already pay enough for all the items in the bond proposal. The problem is that the money is spent elsewhere, primarily on salaries for the education establishment that far exceeds what the market would dictate. This bond measure is really another attempt to free up EXISTING capital funds so that they can be spent on salaries, perks, bureaucracy, consulting contracts of all kinds and other unnecessary expenses.

School funding is primarily a state priority problem. We pay plenty of taxes. Funding must be prioritized, shifting wasteful spending to where it's really needed.

There are only three voter tax positions:

1. Taxes are too high.
2. Taxes are about right.
3. Taxes are too low.

If you agree with position "3", then you should support this tax. However, if you agree with position "1" or "2", then you should oppose measure B.

Vote "NO" on Measure B!

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## Comments on Education

From *The Untamed Tongue, A Dissenting Dictionary* by Thomas Szasz

In the United States today there is a pervasive tendency to treat children as adults, and adults as children. The options of children are thus steadily expanded, while those of adults are progressively constricted. The result is unruly children and childish adults.

Control communicates care and devotion to children, condescension and disdain to adults. Herein lies a fundamental dilemma of society: it ought to encourage parents to love and control their children, and politicians to respect their fellow citizens and leave them alone.

Modern societies are well on their way to inverting this arrangement; they encourage parents to fake respect for their children and thus justify their failure to control them; and politicians to fake love for their fellow citizens and thus justify their efforts to exercise capricious control over them.

So long as we encourage people, young and old, to believe that the State and Science – with their seemingly limitless financial resources and technical powers – have no more important function

than to rescue them from the consequences of their own undisciplined behavior, we in fact teach people to behave in exactly the ways we supposedly don't want them to behave.

The two tasks of youth: developing self-discipline and acquiring marketable skills.

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