

# Libertarian Party of Hawaii

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## Upcoming events:

### Libertarian Party of Hawaii Executive Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM

followed by

### The Foolish Things Salon, 6:00 PM

**When:** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011  
**Where:** [KEN & LI SCHOOLLAND'S HOUSE](#)  
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Foolish Things Salon	<a href="http://thefoolishthings.net">thefoolishthings.net</a>
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# Ominous Parallels

**Walter E. Williams**

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People are beginning to compare Barack Obama's administration to the failed administration of Jimmy Carter, but a better comparison is to the Roosevelt administration of the 1930s and '40s. Let's look at it with the help of a publication from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the Foundation for Economic Education titled "Great Myths of the Great Depression," by Dr. Lawrence Reed.

During the first year of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, he called for increasing federal spending to \$10 billion while revenues were only \$3 billion. Between 1933 and 1936, government expenditures rose by more than 83 percent. Federal debt skyrocketed by 73 percent. Roosevelt signed off on legislation that raised the top income tax rate to 79 percent and then later to 90 percent. Hillsdale College economics historian and professor Burt Folsom, author of "New Deal or Raw Deal?", notes that in 1941, Roosevelt even proposed a 99.5 percent marginal tax rate on all incomes more than \$100,000. When a top adviser questioned the idea, Roosevelt replied, "Why not?"

Roosevelt had other ideas for the economy, including the National Recovery Act. Dr. Reed says: "The economic impact of the NRA was immediate and powerful. In the five months leading up to the act's passage, signs of recovery were evident: factory employment and payrolls had increased by 23 and 35 percent, respectively. Then came the NRA, shortening hours of work, raising wages arbitrarily and imposing other new costs on enterprise. In the six months after the law took effect, industrial production dropped 25 percent."

Blacks were especially hard hit by the NRA. Black spokesmen and the black press often referred to the NRA as the "Negro Run Around," "Negroes Rarely Allowed," "Negroes Ruined Again," "Negroes Robbed Again," "No Roosevelt Again" and the "Negro Removal Act." Fortunately, the courts ruled the NRA unconstitutional. As a result, unemployment fell to 14 percent in 1936 and lower by 1937.

Roosevelt had more plans for the economy, namely the National Labor Relations Act, better known as the "Wagner Act." This was a payoff to labor unions, and with these new powers, labor unions went on a militant organizing frenzy that included threats, boycotts, strikes, seizures of plants, widespread violence and other acts that pushed productivity down sharply and unemployment up dramatically. In 1938, Roosevelt's New Deal produced the nation's first depression within a depression. The stock market crashed again, losing nearly 50 percent of its value between August 1937 and March 1938, and unemployment climbed back to 20 percent. Columnist Walter Lippmann wrote in March 1938 that "with almost no important exception every measure (Roosevelt) has been interested in for the past five months has been to reduce or discourage the production of wealth."

Roosevelt's agenda was not without its international admirers. The chief Nazi newspaper, *Volkischer Beobachter*, repeatedly praised "Roosevelt's adoption of National Socialist strains of thought in his economic and social policies" and "the development toward an authoritarian state" based on the "demand that collective good be put before individual self-interest." Roosevelt himself called Benito Mussolini "admirable" and professed that he was "deeply impressed by what he (had) accomplished."

FDR's very own treasury secretary, Henry Morgenthau, saw the folly of the New Deal, writing: "We have tried spending money. We are spending more than we have ever spent before and it does not work. ... We have never made good on our promises. ... I say after eight years of this Administration we have just as much unemployment as when we started ... and an enormous debt to boot!" The bottom line is that Roosevelt's New Deal policies turned what would have been a three- or four-year sharp downturn into a 16-year affair.

The 1930s depression was caused by and aggravated by acts of government, and so was the current financial mess that we're in. Do we want to repeat history by listening to those who created the calamity? That's like calling on an arsonist to help put out a fire.

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Past Hawaii Libertarian Party of Hawaii Chair, Ken Schoolland, is Associate Professor of Economics at *Hawaii Pacific University*. In June he traveled to Romania & Bulgaria to lecture on free market economics at the *Romanian-American University* in Bucharest & the *Institute for Market Economics* in Sofia.

We are publishing his seminar syllabus in the News. This is the second edition of an eight part series.

# FREE MARKET ETHICS

By Ken Schoolland

Romania-Bulgaria Lecture Series - June 2011

## Part 2

### MINIMAL, NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT

Thomas Jefferson once declared, "That government is best which governs least." As one of America's founding fathers he believed in minimal, neutral government, which was limited mostly to the protection of individual freedom through police, courts, and defense. Such a government was to give no privileged favors to anyone. These ideas are wonderfully elucidated by Milton, Rose, and David Friedman.

Statists have their vision of what society should look like and their efforts are spent trying to force people to fit into it. Free marketeers, on the other hand, see voluntary action and choice as the driving force, with market action as a process of discovery—billions of innovators working on the next incremental steps toward improving their own lives.

This isn't a radical new idea. It is a logical idea that has haunted power mongers throughout history. This laissez-faire philosophy has deep roots among the classical liberals of Europe as well as in 2500 years of Asian thought. Lao Tzu, the founder of Taoism, opposed oppressive government and asserted that the best action by government was no action. These precepts were asserted in the book *Lao Tzu*:

(17) The best rulers are those whose existence is merely known by the people.

(37) Tao invariably takes no action, and yet there is nothing left undone. If kings and barons can keep it, all things will transform spontaneously.

(57) Administer the empire by engaging in no activity. How do I know that this should be so?

Through this:

The more taboos and prohibitions there are in the world, the poorer the people will be...

The more laws and orders are made prominent, the more thieves and robbers there will be,

Therefore the sage says:

I take no action and the people of themselves are transformed.

The more laws, the more thieves and robbers? Sure. For every rule that stands in the way of freedom is an opportunity for some official to sell a favor. The favor may be to lift the barrier or to place a barrier in the path of some competitor.

Official intervention not only robs from present consumers, but robs the potential of a mounting prosperity of all future generations.



## ROBIN HOOD vs. THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM

This is not what the government teaches in schools. Government schools are more likely to teach that the government performs as Robin Hood, the hero of the English ballads, taking from the rich and giving to the poor.

I ask my students, "Who has more power, the rich or the poor?" They reply that the rich have more power, of course. So if the rich have more power, is it likely that they are going to use this power to give up their wealth? If they really wanted to give up their wealth, they don't need government to do it for them. They could just do it.

However, free marketeers suspect that the real beneficiaries of government action are those with power. The powerful elite perpetuate the Robin Hood myth in order to gain popular acquiescence to their official robbery. After all, in the legend of Robin Hood the villains were Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham, authority figures who used the power of government to rob from the rich and poor alike in order to give to themselves.

I ask my students how much money has been stolen from them in their entire lifetimes. They report that perhaps a couple thousand dollars has been stolen from the whole class of students throughout their lives. "How much of this was recovered by the authorities?" They laugh and reply that the authorities recovered virtually none of this, even though such help is said to be a primary function of government.

Then I ask them how much of the government's spending is wasted. The average estimate of students is that 50% of government spending is wasted.

I have them calculate how much money they expect to earn when they start their careers. I ask them to estimate how much the government will take from them in taxes.

Finally I ask them to compute the amount of their own money that will be wasted by government during a typical working year. At this point students realize that the government will throw away more of their earnings in a single year than free lance robbers will take from them in a lifetime.

Why is it that people continue to accept a state of affairs where the government is an institutionalized robber? Is it a proof of the effectiveness of the indoctrination of government schools?

As economist Walter Williams likes to point out, the robber is slightly nobler than the politician. When the thief takes your money he goes away and leaves you alone. When the politician takes your money, he stays around to control your life and to bore you with the reasons of why you should be happy about it.

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# DIVORCE ANNOUNCEMENT

By Larry Bartley,

Member of the Libertarian Party of Hawaii Executive Committee

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The Libertarian Party of Hawaii announces its formal divorce from the Republican Party and conservative-leaning organizations.

Over the past few years, Libertarians have openly caroused with and floated in and out of the Republican Party – hoping to affect change in Hawai'i and hoping to 'wag the dog' by changing the Republican Party to (l)ibertarian principles. It is time to speak out against this practice, renew our commitment to the Libertarian pledge, and reach out to the politically homeless across the political landscape.

That is not to pick on the Republicans – they are only trying to do what's best for their party and their movement. However, to confuse their political philosophy with ours just because we agree on a few issues has been a big mistake. Also, the Republicans have effectively neutralized us by keeping us busy with the promise of supporting our causes.

The largest pool of prospective Libertarians are politically homeless Democrats. They voted for Republican Linda Lingle in droves because she talked like a Democrat but was not part of the 'old boy network' that many Democratic voters have come to detest. However, they will NEVER vote Republican on the issues. Our unfortunate reality of politics is guilt by association – those homeless Democrats will never open their ears to our message if they see us with, and as, Republicans.

They will never hear how we agree with them on many issues such as the Drug War, drug harm reduction, Iraq war, 'patriot' act, prostitution reform, domestic surveillance, corporate welfare, military adventurism, and on and on. They will pay no attention to our solutions if they cannot get past our 'closet Republican' label.

Politically homeless Democrats are ideologically inert but growingly skeptical of the age-old government-takes-care-of-everything dogma that has guided their party leadership for decades. But they suffer from the two-team mentality – "if you ain't one of us then you must be one of them (Republicans)". We have to prove to them that there is indeed another team on the field – a real underdog with big hope and solid plans for better government.

I heard that Hawaii has the lowest voter turnout in the nation. It is not all apathy, but mostly lack of choice of parties, candidates, and message. Let's give them a real 'Libertarian' choice.

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*"If ever time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin."*

*--Samuel Adams (1722-1803), Delegate to the First Continental Congress, 1774, Elected Governor of Massachusetts, 1794-'97*



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## Libertarians want more jobs, less government

WASHINGTON - As unemployment in the United States remains stuck above 9 percent, Libertarian Party Executive Director Wes Benedict released the following statement:

"Every time politicians say they're going to create jobs, they end up destroying more jobs than they create.

"Here's the Libertarian approach to unemployment: cut taxes and spending, and let the free market work.

"Government intervention in the free market is what causes unemployment. There are many examples of this, well known to many economists. Minimum wage laws cause unemployment. Government-mandated unemployment insurance causes unemployment. Welfare and food stamps cause unemployment. Occupational licensing laws cause unemployment.

"One especially destructive factor is government prohibition of at-will employment. Because the government won't let employers hire, maintain, and fire employees on a truly at-will basis, it makes employment much riskier. Employers are scared to hire people because it can be so difficult to fire them if they don't work out, and employers are sometimes even scared to interview people because they might be forced to hire them. The result? More unemployment.

"What about all the 'stimulus spending' we've seen during the last two administrations?

"Stimulus spending doesn't create jobs, it destroys them. The government spends money by extracting it out of the productive private sector, which causes a net loss of jobs.

"Stimulus spending makes our future less secure, without doing any good in the present. It destroys jobs today, as well as down the road.

"Back in 2009, the Obama administration was worried that unemployment might reach 8 percent. So they pushed through a massive stimulus program, and employment went up even higher, to 10 percent. The stimulus program made our problems worse.

"And in 2008, George W. Bush championed a counterproductive plan to send \$300-\$600 stimulus checks to millions of people.

"Republicans and Democrats in the federal and state governments need to stop trying to help, because they're only making things worse. Instead, they need to get out of the way and let us free Americans solve the problem ourselves."

For more information, or to arrange an interview, call LP Executive Director Wes Benedict at [202-333-0008 ext. 222](tel:202-333-0008).

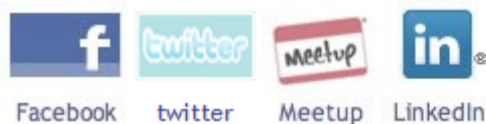
The LP is America's third-largest political party, founded in 1971. The Libertarian Party stands for free markets, civil liberties, and peace. You can find more information on the Libertarian Party [at our website](#).

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P.S. If you have not already done so, please [join the Libertarian Party](#). We are the only political party dedicated to free markets, civil liberties, and peace. You can also [renew your membership](#). Or, you can [make a contribution separate from membership](#).

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