

# Libertarian Party of Hawaii

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## Upcoming events:

### Liberty Unleashed PAC - Paul Festival

*When:* 1:00PM, Friday, August 24 – Sunday, August 26, 2012

*Where:* [Florida State Fairgrounds](#)

4802 N U.S. Highway 301  
Tampa, FL 33610

*Who:* Governor **Gary Johnson**  
Judge **Jim Gray**  
**Geoffrey Neale**, LP Chair  
**Carla Howell**, LP Executive Director

*What:* music,  
celebrate the future of liberty

*Cost:* \$35 for 3 days, VIP - \$450

*Contact:* [Paul Festival](#)  
1 (800) 965-9324



### We are the Future Rally

*When:* Sunday, August 26, 2012, 10:15AM – 5:00PM

*Where:* [Sun Dome - University of South Florida](#)

12500 Bull Run Drive  
Tampa, FL 33620

*Who:* Congressman **Ron Paul**  
Senator **Rand Paul**  
Congressman **Justin Amash**  
**Doug Wead**  
**Barry Goldwater, Jr.**  
**Jack Hunter**

*What:* music buy:  
**Jimmie Vaughan**  
**Aimee Allen**  
**Jordan Page**  
**John Popper**  
celebrate the Liberty Movement

*Cost:* \$35 for 3 days, VIP - \$450

*Contact:* <http://ronpaulintampa.eventbrite.com/>



## Upcoming events (cont.):

### Liberty Political Action Conference

**When:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday, September 13-15, 2012  
**Where:** **Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles**  
14750 Conference Center Drive  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
**Who:** Congressman **Ron Paul**  
Senator **Rand Paul**  
Senator **Mike Lee**  
Senator **Jim DeMint**  
Congressman **Justin Amash**  
Congressman **Scott Garrett**  
**Joel Salatin**  
**Mike Church**  
**Jerry Doyle**  
**What:** **Ron Paul** reception, liberty training  
**Cost:** \$50 - \$150 (does not include lodging)  
**Contact:** **Liberty Political Action Conference**  
**Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles**  
1 (877) 212-5752



### Libertarian Party of Hawaii – Liberty Event

**When:** Saturday, September 22, 2012, 9:00AM – 5:00PM  
**Where:** **Harris United Methodist Church**  
20 South Vineyard Blvd.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
**Who:** Presidential candidate **Gary Johnson** or  
Vice Presidential candidate **Jim Gray**  
may attend  
**What:** A public forum for Ron Paul supporters as well  
as Libertarian Party members aimed at  
networking and capacity building for the long  
term improvement in the cause of liberty.  
**Cost:** suggested \$25 donation  
**Contact:** **Tracy Ryan**  
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# Is Libertarian Gary Johnson the Wildcard in the Fall Election?

*By: Erin McPike in Real Clear Politics, June 15, 2012  
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A surprise may be lurking in the presidential campaign that could cause a stir in the coming months, but it has nothing to do with Mitt Romney or Barack Obama.

Gary Johnson, the former two-term Republican governor of New Mexico who ran briefly in this cycle's GOP presidential primary, is the Libertarian Party's standard-bearer, and he is finally getting some attention. In the past few weeks he's appeared on NBC's "The Daily Rundown" with Chuck Todd, as well as "The Colbert Report" and "The Daily Show." Where the president and the presumptive Republican nominee won't go, Gary Johnson will.

He doesn't have a vast campaign account, as the two major-party candidates do, but he does have Roger Stone, a veteran of Republican presidential campaigns who says he's sick of the party and is now consulting for Johnson. Stone believes that with the rise of social media, there are ways to break through the campaign din, and he's cooking up some "provocative" stunts that will get Johnson attention in the months ahead.

To Stone, the effort has nothing to do with being a spoiler in the election. Rather, he says, the Johnson campaign is all about waking up the electorate to the Libertarian movement.

"I'm not concerned about Gary Johnson becoming president in the 2012 election" he says adding that winning electoral votes is not what the campaign is plotting. Stone is trying to help Johnson get enough attention that he registers at least 15 percent in three national polls, thus becoming eligible to participate in the presidential debates this fall. He's also working to get Johnson on the ballot in all 50 states and says that will likely happen, barring a possible hiccup in Oklahoma.

It's all tied to getting matching funds from the Federal Election Commission to compete in future elections, because the Johnson team is certain once more voters are informed of Libertarian positions, large swaths of the electorate will swing their way.

The premise rests on the belief that younger Americans are at a crossroads: They may be socially liberal, but they are fiscally conservative, and they don't know whether to choose the Democratic Party in order to satisfy the former sentiments or the GOP to sate the latter. But in joining the Libertarian Party, they wouldn't have to choose.

In order to meet their goals, the small and volunteer-laden Johnson operation intends to lean heavily on the legions of Ron Paul supporters scattered throughout the country, a following amassed during his most recent presidential runs. Stone says that through the power of social media, disappointed Paul devotees will discover that they don't have to abandon their policy positions; instead, they can find them in Johnson, an anti-war, pro-legalized marijuana former Republican. Stone clarified that one area of difference between Paul and Johnson is abortion: Paul opposes abortion rights, Johnson supports them.

To make a splash and win votes along the way, Stone says Johnson plans to run to the right in some policy areas and pull from Romney, and run to the left in others. He thinks the Libertarian candidate can scare up votes in Oregon specifically on the marijuana issue, whereas in North Carolina he would emphasize his right flank. The team insists it's not in the race to spoil the election for Romney or Obama, even though that possibility exists.

Some Public Policy Polling (CD) surveys show Johnson getting a small chunk of support in several states, because most of the polls are dated, however, his real effect is hard to measure. Still, an Arizona survey in late May showed him taking 9 percent of the vote.

And former Florida congressman Joe Scarborough, who hosts MSNBC's "Morning Joe," penned a column explaining why he cast a "protest vote" in this year's primary for Ron Paul. In such a negative election, where enthusiasm has been dampened on both sides, more protest votes may not be so unlikely come November. And that could give Libertarians the chance to be competitive in the future.

At this juncture, neither the Romney campaign nor the Obama campaign has been willing to comment on Johnson and how he might impact the election. But underestimating that impact on what has proved to be a volatile electorate over the past two years could be a mistake.

[GaryJohnson2012.org](http://GaryJohnson2012.org)



# DEFENDING CITIZENS UNITED

by: Tracy Ryan

There is a lot of controversy circulating about the US Supreme Court Decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. The decision involved a non-profit corporation, Citizens United, and their production and distribution of a film that was hostile to Hillary Clinton during her 2008 bid for the presidency. At issue was the application of United States Code section 441b that prohibits corporations from using funds directly from their treasuries to influence elections. The court ruled broadly that such prohibitions violated the First Amendment.



Some quotes from the majority opinion written by Justice Kennedy follow.

In regards to the complexity of the rules the FEC has created to enforce current law....“the FEC has created a regime that allows it to select what political speech is safe for public consumption by applying ambiguous tests. If parties want to avoid litigation and the possibility of civil and criminal penalties, they must either refrain from speaking or ask the FEC to issue an advisory opinion approving of the political speech in question. Government officials pore over each word of a text to see if, in their judgment, it accords with the 11 – factor test they have promulgated. This is an unprecedented governmental intervention into the realm of speech.”

In regards the potential chilling effects of 441b.....“Thus the following acts would all be felonies under 441b: The Sierra Club runs an ad, within the crucial phase of 60 days before the general election; that exhorts the public to disapprove of a Congressman who favors logging in national forests, the National Rifle Association publishes a book urging the public to vote for the challenger because the incumbent U.S. Senator supports a handgun ban; and the American Civil Liberties Union creates a Web site telling the public to vote for a Presidential candidate in light of that candidate’s defense of free speech. These prohibitions are classic examples of censorship.”

In conclusion...” We find no basis for the proposition that, in the context of political speech, the Government may impose restrictions on certain disfavored speakers. Both history and logic lead us to this conclusion.”

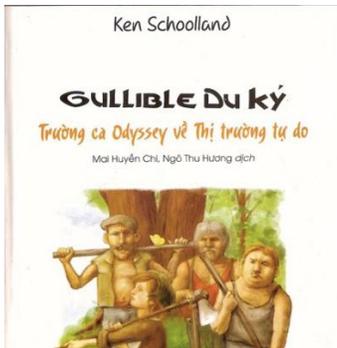
You’d think that the court’s decision wouldn’t be controversial as a matter of law. Yet there are certainly people who are saying that corporations aren’t people and therefore don’t have First Amendment rights. But this is just sophistry. A corporation is a group of people who pool their resources to achieve a common goal. The people have First Amendment rights as individuals and thus as a group acting as one. The same applies to any other group acting collectively as pointed out by Justice Kennedy in his examples of the Sierra Club etc. Whether the people making the decisions to spend money from the corporate treasury in such ways have the full authority of the stockholders is a question between them and the stockholders, not them and the FEC.

However, the deep antipathy many Americans seem to have towards corporations has lead to widespread hostility to the notion that speech by corporations should have the same legal protection as that of other jointly funded organizations. For example an organization calling itself “Public Citizen” argues that we should pass a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United v Federal Election Commission. Quoting the rationales they provide for this proposal is instructive.... “It is becoming harder to advance a public interest agenda on any issue affecting corporations – whether the issue is health care, climate change, reining in Wall Street, protecting worker’s rights, stopping consumer rip-offs, promoting a just trade policy and much more.” The National Organization For Women states “thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court’s notorious Citizens United decision, Super PAC’s controlled by conservative power brokers like Karl Rove, Grover Norquist, and the billionaire Koch brothers can spend unlimited amounts of money to influence the outcome on Election Day.” They go on to describe these individuals as anti-women extremists. Seemingly it is the content of the speech that is being objected to by opponents of this decision. The First Amendment is there to protect exactly the speech that people might find unpopular.

# Where in the World is Ken Schoolland?

July 19, 2012

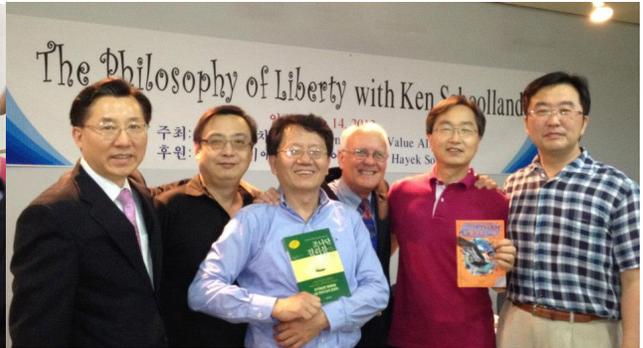
I'm now back in Shanghai working on my speech on migration for the Austrian Economic Summit. Previously I gave talks in Korea, Vietnam, Nepal, and Shenyang...about 25 speeches in all. Next I head to Lithuania for 3 more lectures at a summer economics camp and home by the end of August. IG is now published in all of these places! A new edition in Chinese coming out this weekend. Whew! Then back to school for a rest.



Jonathan Gullible  
in Vietnamese



June 25 – Hanoi, Vietnam



June 30 – Seoul, Korea



July 6 - Kathmandu, Nepal



July 30 – Li River, China



August 12 – Trakai, Lithuania

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## Recommended Links:

[Advocates for Self-Government](#)  
[American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii](#)  
[Ayn Rand](#)  
[David D. Friedman](#)  
[Freedom Library](#)  
[Foolish Things Salon](#)  
[Future of Freedom Foundation](#)  
[Harry Browne](#)  
[Institute for Justice](#)  
[John Locke](#)  
[Jonathan Gullible - Ken Schoolland](#)  
[Lew Rockwell](#)  
[Libertarian Anarchism – Roderick T. Long](#)  
[Libertarian Party of Hawaii](#)  
[Libertarian Party \(UK\)](#)  
[Libertarische Partij \(Netherlands\)](#)  
[Milton Friedman](#)  
[Murray Rothbard](#)  
[Reason](#)  
[Smart Business Hawaii](#)  
[Tom Mullen](#)  
[Young Americans for Liberty](#)

[Alternate Solutions Institute \(Pakistan\)](#)  
[Antiwar](#)  
[Cato Institute](#)  
[Federalist Society](#)  
[Freeman Online](#)  
[Friedrich Hayek](#)  
[Grassroot Institute of Hawaii](#)  
[Independent Institute](#)  
[International Society for Individual Liberty](#)  
[John Stossel](#)  
[Law Enforcement Against Prohibition](#)  
[Liberal Democratic Party \(Australia\)](#)  
[Libertarian Party of America](#)  
[Libertarian Party of Hawaii - Discuss](#)  
[Libertarianism](#)  
[Liberty Unbound](#)  
[Mises Institute](#)  
[Partei der Vernunft \(Germany\)](#)  
[Scottish Libertarians](#)  
[Tibor Machan](#)  
[Walter E. Williams](#)

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1 (808) 534-1846 or [tracyar@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:tracyar@hawaiiantel.net)

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*The more numerous public instrumentalities become, the more is there generated in citizens the notion that everything is to be done for them, and nothing by them.*

*Every generation is made less familiar with the attainment of desired ends by individual actions or private agencies; until, eventually, governmental agencies come to be thought of as the only available agencies.*

~ Herbert Spencer (1820-1903)



# We invite you to join The Libertarian Party

Believing in and understanding of the pledge is central to Libertarianism.  
You may join by signing below:

*"I certify that I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Salutation: Mr. Miss Mrs. Ms. Dr.

First Name: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Apt./Suite No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \* \_\_\_\_\_

State: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \* \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership in the national Libertarian Party: \$25 per year

Make check out to: **Libertarian National Committee**

Mail form & check to: 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20037

Or click: [www.lp.org/membership](http://www.lp.org/membership)

Your dues includes: **The quarterly LPNews newspaper**  
**The Monday email bulletin**

### Membership in the Libertarian Party of Hawaii: \$20 per year

Make check out to: **Libertarian Party of Hawaii**

Mail form & check to: 1658 Liholiho Street, #205  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Or click: [www.LibertarianPartyofHawaii.org/membership](http://www.LibertarianPartyofHawaii.org/membership)

Your dues includes: **The monthly Libertarian Hawaii News**

### Contributions welcome.

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