

# WHO IS A LIBERTARIAN?

A list of Libertarians and those who have  
Expressed Libertarian Views:

- David Barry
- Clint Eastwood
- PJ O'Rourke
- Walter Williams
- Camille Paglia
- John Stossel
- Henry David Thoreau
- Ethan Allen
- Hugh Downs
- Mary Ruwart
- Drew Carey
- Dennis Miller
- Bill Maher
- Rose Wilder Lane
- John Popper
- Penn & Teller

# LEARN MORE TODAY!

The Libertarian Party was born in the 1970s  
and has **grown steadily** in every state in  
America.

Nationally, the Libertarian Party is the  
**largest third party** in the country with well  
over 28,000 "dues-paying" members.  
Across the country, we ran the biggest slate  
of third-party candidates since before World  
War II. In 2002, **1,645 candidates** made the  
ballot for the Libertarian Party -- more than  
twice as many candidates as all other  
nationally organized third parties combined  
-- and 200 more candidates than we ran in  
2000. Nationwide, the Libertarian Party  
elected at least **43 Libertarians in the fall  
elections, and 55 for the year.**

The Vermont Libertarian Party is a state  
chapter of the National Party. **We elected  
three members to office in 2002,  
surveyed 1,500 voters on Town Meeting  
Day, and reviewed 300 bills presented in  
the legislature!**

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political party by visiting us on the web at  
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## Vermont Libertarian Party

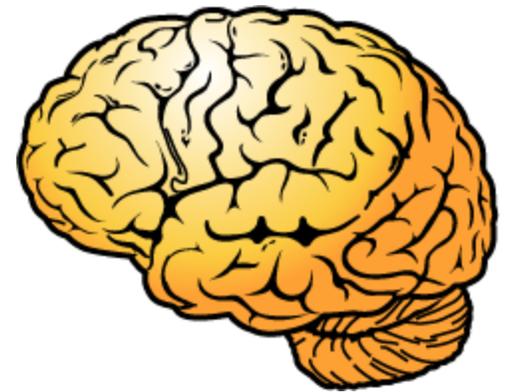
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# WHO DOES YOUR THINKING FOR YOU?

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*...or do you do it for yourself?*



**An invitation to discover the  
Vermont Libertarian Party!**

# WHAT IS THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY?

The Libertarian Party is dedicated to the idea, set forth by the founders of our nation, that there are **certain aspects of our personal and economic lives that must be forever beyond the reach of government.**

But over the years, the growth of big government has **eroded our nation's libertarian foundations.** The War on Poverty has actually **generated greater poverty.** Government mandated affirmative action has **increased racial tension.** The War on Drugs has **generated more crime, overly empowered police, and weakened our basic freedoms.** Government regulation of business **has stifled growth and opportunity.** The Libertarian Party seeks to reverse these trends.

In the area of civil liberties, traditional liberals will agree with us. In the area of economic freedom, traditional conservatives will agree with us. **But Libertarians are NOT liberal or conservative!**

We believe that greater freedom and liberty, **no matter the issue,** is always a better alternative than less freedom and liberty.

# LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES?

You can learn from the mistakes of others or else you can make them again yourself!

## What have the Democrats and Republicans given us?

- **Enslavement** to the national debt
- A **failed** War on Drugs
- A **failed** War on Poverty
- **Declining** public schools
- **Mandatory** public service
- Military **interventions** across the globe
- **Curfews** and drinking ages
- Income **taxes,** sales **taxes,** social security **taxes,** sin **taxes** . . .
- Mandatory **draft** registration (for males)
- Encroachment on **civil liberties** via the War on Terrorism

**And LESS OPPORTUNITY  
for your future!**

# DOES IT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY?

## No Way!

The Libertarian Party offers **fresh solutions** to today's problems. Libertarians believe that each of us has the right to live our lives as we choose, **so long as we do not infringe on the rights of others.**

We see the primary role of government as **protecting citizens from coercion and guaranteeing their inherent rights and liberties.** We want a government that is strong and effective in this regard, but we also reject the initiation of force or coercion on anyone, including the government!

Today our government **uses force or the threat of force to achieve its goals** – most of which we believe falls outside of its primary role. Repeated failures by government to **“fix” everything** from poverty to the price of milk prove that there has to be another way.

There is! The Libertarian Party has identified **several important issues** that are currently in the spotlight such as crime, drugs, taxes, healthcare and education. In each case, we have formulated a **libertarian approach** to alleviate the problem, reduce government coercion, and restore freedom and liberty!

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