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# A New Vision for America

## *The* **Libertarian Party**

*America's Better  
Choice in Politics*

Where we stand  
on the issues

How our  
proposals would  
immediately  
improve your  
life – and help our  
nation

Why you should  
join us!





## Imagine an America that is safer, healthier, and more prosperous.

*Imagine* a country where an economy driven by the free market creates prosperity, giving disadvantaged Americans a better opportunity for social mobility through personal achievement.

*Imagine* an America where students have access to a broad spectrum of world-class educational opportunities. Where schools are able to inspire the imagination of America's youth in a manner consistent with your values.

*Imagine* an America where politicians don't subsidize wealthy corporations such as General Motors, AT&T and Halliburton with your hard-earned tax dollars. Imagine a place where the rich are not getting richer at your expense.

## **Does this sound like an America you would be proud of?**

*Imagine* an America where law enforcement officials are on duty to protect you and your family — instead of spending time seeking arrests through invasive policies that violate personal privacy.

*Imagine* an America where government polluters are held accountable for their crimes and forced to clean up the hazardous messes they have created.

*Imagine* an America respected by other nations as a symbol of opportunity, freedom and prosperity, rather than viewed as an arrogant empire.



## Are these your values?

*Imagine* an America where the government cannot dictate your lifestyle or interests, and cannot tell you how you use your own property.

*Imagine* an America where tolerance is a way of life, and where no racial, ethnic or religious group receives preferential treatment from the government.

*Imagine* an America where the federal government performs, at most, only a few basic functions — such as national defense and protecting public safety — with the majority of the nation's power residing with state and local governments and with private citizens.

*Imagine* a political party that can make these core values a reality in the American political system.

## **That party is the Libertarian Party.**

These goals reflect the kind of America we want to restore.

The Libertarian Party is working to build a happier, healthier, freer society for all Americans.

You will notice there is a common theme that is consistent throughout our plan. In every possible scenario, Libertarians want to put freedom and responsibility back into *your* hands.

With every issue, we ask the question: *Who decides?* Should you make personal decisions regarding your own actions? Who should determine how your money is spent? Who should determine what is best for you and your family? Do you trust your intuition or the overbearing government bureaucracy?

The Libertarian answer is evident. *You* should have ownership of the right ... *and* the responsibility to manage your own life.

The reasoning behind these beliefs is simple. Your rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are at stake. These are the principles on which the United States of America was founded. They should remain paramount — and this should be reflected in public policy.

**Put simply, we respect the independence of every American.**

With this in mind, how do Libertarians propose to strike a balance between the rights of the individual and the powers of the government?

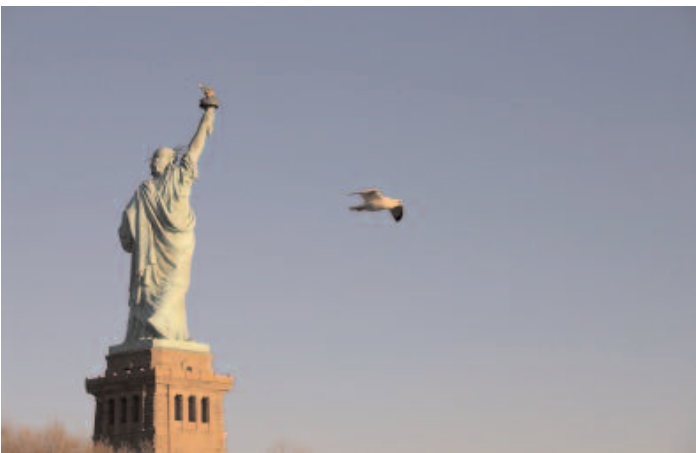
Theoretically, the primary function of the government is to protect our rights and to keep us secure from the threats of assault, theft and foreign attack.

Unfortunately, enlarging the federal government and increasing the number of bureaucratic agencies, programs and regulations has become a higher priority for most elected officials than protecting the “unalienable rights” described by the Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Libertarians are working to fight the ever-growing federal bureaucracy. As you will see, we have some innovative ideas about how to start building a better America.

This publication contains an overview of how we would address some of the major current political issues. Although we cannot cover every issue in the following pages, or go into too much detail on any one question, we hope you will find this outline helpful.

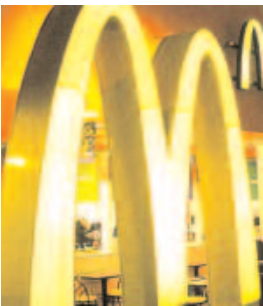
We don't claim to have all the answers, but we submit to you that we have a better vision for America. We invite you to share this vision, and ask that you join us as we campaign to build a freer, more prosperous nation.



# Ending Corporate Welfare and Government Waste

It's time to kick Ronald McDonald off welfare.

Ronald McDonald — America's favorite hamburger clown — represents the fast-food corporation that runs 30,000 restaurants in more than 120 countries and earns at least \$40 billion a year in revenue.



As McDonald's rakes in massive profits, it also cashes welfare checks from the federal government. Not long ago, our friends in Washington gave the McDonald's corporation \$1.6 million to help advertise Big Macs in Europe. This hefty donation was a nice addition to the U.S. Department of agriculture's Market Access Program, which takes taxpayers'

money and donates it to wealthy corporations in the name of "promoting" American products.

Does this sound unreasonable? In recent years, politicians doled out:

- \$300,000 to Campbell's Soup,
- \$1.4 billion to IBM,
- \$4.9 million to Ernest & Julio Gallo,
- \$671 million to General Electric and
- \$3 million to the California Raisin Board.

**This practice is called corporate welfare, and it is the method by which Democratic and Republican politicians enrich their big-business friends — at YOUR expense.**

The cost of this practice is exorbitant. Collectively, there are more than 100 corporate welfare programs on the books, costing taxpayers at least \$87 billion. Unfortunately, the welfare waste does not stop with corporate subsidies. In fact, such wasteful expenditures, though they may seem extreme, represent only a small fraction of the government's "black hole" spending.

Libertarians want to turn off the Washington, D.C. money spigot, which has proven only to enrich multi-billion dollar corporations at the expense of hard-working Americans.

## **It is time to end all federal business handouts, subsidized loans and industry research programs.**

Ending the Export-Import Bank's corporate loan program would save \$800 million per year. Eliminating the Overseas Private Investment Corporation would save \$50 million. Scrapping the Market Access Program would save over \$200 million.

If Ronald McDonald wants to sell Big Macs around the world, he can do so without the financial support of American taxpayers.

## **Return the federal government to its limited, Constitutional functions.**

Limiting the actions of the federal government to the core functions that the Founding Fathers intended for it to perform would allow us to slash the massive conglomerate of government programs and agencies that actually retard progress and growth. As layers of federal administration have proliferated in recent decades, abuse and unaccountability have become the norm, while efficiency and transparency have all but disappeared. Taxpayers should be given the honest facts regarding what they are funding.

## **Delivering World Class Education**

Republicans and Democrats would like to convince you that state-mandated education — driven by public schools — is the only answer for educating America's youth. This notion could not be any more false.

An excellent counter-example is St. Adalbert's School in inner-city Cleveland, Ohio. St. Adalbert's is a private school largely free from many of the



problems that typically hinder progress in inner-city public schools. St. Adalbert's is essentially free of gangs, drugs, pregnancies and violence. There is no need for guards, drug testing or metal detectors.

If you reached the conclusion that St. Adalbert's is able to deliver a world-class level of education only because of monstrous tuition fees, you are incorrect. Tuition at St. Adalbert's is roughly one-seventh the average

cost per student in American public schools, and the school spends less than one-third as much per student as a local government school that is comparable in size.



## The secret? St. Adalbert's School is not run by the government.

Instead, St. Adalbert's is a component of the free market. In other words, it must educate students well, or parents will opt to send their children to another school. The idea is that simple.

Even with additional money devoted to education, the government schools can't get the job done. Instead, public schools are, in essence, rewarded for bad behavior. For example, American high school SAT scores fell an average of 50 points between 1970 and 1995. During the same time, federal spending on education nearly doubled — from \$19 billion to \$35 billion.

Libertarians don't believe we are getting a good return on our investment in the case of public schools. Providing more choices in education is a positive step.

## Enact a federal dollar-for-dollar tax credit for any individual (or company) who pays for a child's education.

Such a program in Arizona allows taxpayers to donate up to \$500 for scholarships and get that money back, dollar-for-dollar, at tax-filing time. The program has raised \$32 million since 1997 and has funded more than 19,000 scholarships — 80 percent



of which are for children from financially needy families. Nationally, such programs give parents more choice, allowing them to choose the educational services that are best for their children.

## Get the federal government out of education.

Libertarians believe the decision-making capabilities and money for education should be left to the states, communities and parents. Since 1980, more than \$550 billion has been routed through the federal bureaucrats in the Department of Education. The federal government accounts for about 6 percent of all educational spending, but roughly one-third of all regulations. Regulations do not make education better.

If the federal government wants to ensure that “no child is left behind,” it needs to put more money and more choices in the hands of the *American people*, rather than taking those choices away.

## Defending America against Foreign Threats

After the devastating terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, America declared war on terrorism, launching a retaliatory attack in Afghanistan against the

terrorists responsible. But we have since strayed from the original mission of hunting down terrorists that directly threaten the United States. Our military has become overextended with troop deployments around the world that do not make us safer.

The Libertarian Party proposes a smarter, more effective strategy for defending America against foreign threats. A foreign policy of non-intervention and free trade will lead to a safer, more prosperous America.



To achieve a foreign policy that will enable us to maintain a strong, vigilant defense while significantly reducing our military spending, we will:

■ **Deploy troops only in the case of direct attack.** An immediate step toward ending terrorism is using military deployment as a defensive act only.

Military intervention, and the unprecedented use of preemptive warfare, serve as the instigators for most terrorist attacks, motivating terrorists to attack the United States or our interests. September 11<sup>th</sup>, masterminded by Osama bin Laden, is the perfect example of this scenario as these devastating attacks were a twisted result of our military presence in Saudi Arabia after the first Gulf War.

■ **Withdraw the United States from outdated alliances.** These obsolete military alliances have proven to be expensive, wasteful and unproductive. The United States should first start by withdrawing from NATO and close all U.S. military bases in Europe. Wealthy nations such as Germany and France can easily provide for their own defense.

■ **Remove barriers to trade.** International trade is good for consumers, business, and American workers, with nearly 20 percent of our economy now being fueled by trade with other nations. By contrast, trade restrictions such as tariffs and quotas reduce our standard of living. There's another benefit to trade: Nations that trade with each other rarely go to war — primarily because commerce fosters communication and cooperation. That's why the United States should take the lead in removing barriers to trade.

## Keeping Americans Safe from Crime

In 2005, a 68-year-old Atlanta homeowner answered his door late in the evening to find three men asking for assistance. Two of the men forced their way inside, and one of them produced a shotgun.

The homeowner did not hesitate. He reached for his own firearm and shot one of the intruders two times, once in the chest and once in the arm. The remaining two intruders fled for their lives.

This incident is a vivid illustration of one reason why Libertarians support your right to keep and bear arms. The Bill of Rights guarantees Americans the

right to gun ownership. Private gun ownership is demonstrably a deterrent to violent crime.



Statistics support this point of view. According to a study by John Lott and David Mustard at the University of Chicago, the 31 states with concealed carry laws (which allow law-abiding citizens to carry a weapon), saw their murder rates fall 8.5 percent faster than states without such laws. If such right-to-carry laws were in effect across the USA, there would be 1,600 fewer murders per year.

Tens of millions of Americans (one of every four households) are victimized by criminals each year. Libertarians believe that this number is outrageous and could be reduced dramatically.

## **Libertarians will protect your right to self-defense.**

Americans use guns approximately 2.5 million times a year to stop crime — in most cases without firing a shot. It works. For example, law-abiding citizens in Florida have been able to carry concealed weapons since 1987. During that time, the murder rate in Florida declined more than 20 percent faster than the national rate.

## **Get tough on real crime.**

We support swift and certain justice for those guilty of committing crimes of violence, theft or fraud against others. Unfortunately, police spend billions of dollars a year to arrest people for victimless crimes. As a result, our prisons are filled beyond their capacity, which often forces the early release of violent felons. Police resources should be redirected to focus on criminals who prey on innocent Americans — not people who commit “crimes” that harm no one but themselves.



# Protecting the Environment

Preventing pollution and increasing environmental awareness are priorities for most Libertarians.

A single criminal polluter continues to leak radioactive waste into drinking water, dump sewage into national parks, pour toxins into rivers and contaminate more than 1,000 sites around the United States.

## Are major corporations responsible for this pollution?

Absolutely not. The federal government is the villain described above. According to the *Boston Globe*, the federal government has become “the worst polluter in the land.”

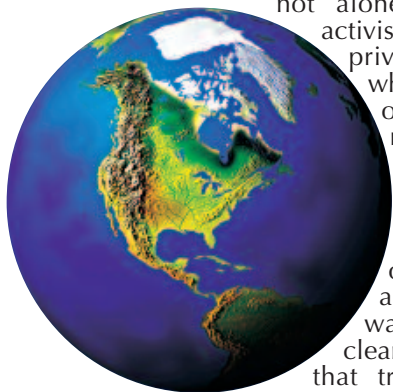


Experts say the cost of cleaning up the damage done by federal agencies and the military could exceed \$300 billion. That’s five times the cost of repairing the environmental harm done by all private businesses *combined*.

Shockingly, many federal agencies are exempt from environmental laws, individual bureaucrats are immune from criminal prosecution, and Congress even passed a law that protects the military from having to pay environmental fines.

## **Under the current structure, government officials are above the law.**

If you are unaware of the hazardous environmental violations caused by the government and the government's exemptions from prosecution, you are



not alone. Environmental activists like to criticize private companies, while pretending that only government can rescue us from polluters.

Libertarians know the truth. We want our families to be able to drink clean water and breathe clean air. We also know that trusting the federal government to protect the environment is like trusting a fox to guard the hen house.

## **Libertarians will hold government officials responsible for the environmental damage they do.**

We can no longer afford to turn a blind eye as the government poisons America's lakes, lands and skies. Government officials should pay a price if they endanger our health with radiation, chemicals and other toxins.

## **Libertarians will work to repeal taxes and regulations that undercut free market environmentalism.**

Individuals and community groups have made enormous progress in protecting endangered species. For example, the American Bison Association helped increase the number of bison from only 25 a century ago to more than 100,000 today — with 90 percent of them living on private land. By reducing taxes and regulations, America can encourage more entrepreneurial environmentalism.

## **Make polluters pay for their crimes.**

When corporations, individuals, and government entities act irresponsibly — by dumping poisons on others' property or by risking people's health with toxins — they should face strict civil liability. This is already the case in some other countries, where common-law statutes protect not only private property, but also rivers and streams. In the United Kingdom, the English Anglers Cooperative Association defends fishing rights by suing upstream polluters who damage fish stocks. It's a more efficient solution than "one size fits all" government regulations.

## **Come to Sense on the War on Drugs**

In 1997, Charles Manson, arguably the most notorious and high-profile mass murderer in American history, was caught dealing drugs in California's Corcoran State Prison.

Locked in a steel cage, watched by armed guards, and subject to random drug testing and strip searches, Manson was still able to build a flourishing narcotics business.

If the government can't keep drugs out of the most secure prisons, how can it keep them off the street?

## **It can't, although it tries desperately.**

In 2004, the government spent approximately \$50 billion on the War on Drugs. This money has paid for more than 20,000 law enforcement officers to work full-time on drug cases. Despite all this increased money and fire power, the drug trade is surprisingly resilient. A government study reports that 51.1% of high school seniors have used drugs.

## **The War on Drugs fails to discriminate between violent drug dealers and the private actions of individuals in their own homes.**

In 2003, 755,000 Americans were arrested on marijuana-related charges. In the same year, this number eclipsed the number of all those arrested for murder, rape, robbery, and assault combined. In other words, the War on Drugs is making your

family less safe because police are preoccupied arresting non-violent marijuana users rather than apprehending violent criminals.

Libertarians don't claim that ending the War on Drugs will solve every problem. Some people will always make bad choices about drugs, whether legal or illegal. The fact remains that the War on Drugs isn't working. It has failed, and in effect, become another government program where failure is rewarded with additional taxpayer support.

## **The Libertarian Party is working to end the federal prosecution of marijuana patients.**

Seven states have made it legal to use marijuana (recommended by a doctor) to treat glaucoma, curb the nausea associated with chemotherapy and improve AIDS patients' appetites. Unfortunately, the federal government continues to arrest AIDS and cancer victims for the crime of pursuing the most effective medical treatment recommended by their physicians. Arresting sick and dying people is inhumane. It must stop.

## **Reform federal drug laws, beginning with those against marijuana.**

States should be able to adopt alternatives to today's punitive drug laws without encountering heavy-handed interference from Washington. The War on Drugs has failed. It's time to reform federal drug laws and take the problem out of the hands of federal politicians. It's not a perfect solution to America's drug problem—but it's a step in the right direction.

## **Ensuring Retirement Security**

You would have the opportunity to retire a millionaire—we all would—if you were allowed to opt out of the Social Security system and invest your money in a private retirement account.

Currently, you don't have that choice. By law, the government collects Social Security taxes—12.4 percent from every employee and employer combined — and pours it into a system headed for economic collapse.



Even the Social Security Board of Trustees admits that this is the case. According to this board, the Social Security system will start running a deficit by 2016. By 2032, the so-called Social Security Trust Fund will be depleted, and the system will be insolvent.

Fortunately, there's a better way. Instead of relying on a bankrupt government system, we could allow individual Americans to control their own retirement accounts. Under such a system, average wage-earners could retire with security and comfort, with more than \$1 million in the bank.

## **Does this sound unbelievable? The Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, crunched the numbers.**

Over the past 70 years, Wall Street investments have returned an average of 7 percent a year (adjusted for inflation). By contrast, Social Security pays an average family a 1.2 percent annual return. Over the years, thanks to compound interest, the difference between those two numbers adds up to staggering amounts of money.

For example, a typical single wage-earner with an income of \$36,000 could accumulate \$1.2 million in a stock-invested pension fund by retirement, according to the Cato Institute. That would pay an annual retirement income of \$124,000. Under Social Security, such a wage-earner would get one-fifth as much, or approximately \$24,000 per year.



## **Give Americans the ability and the responsibility to plan their own retirements.**

Offering a private account option would not only solve the problem of a sputtering Social Security system, but it would also help create a nation of millionaires. Most importantly, it would mean your family would no longer have to depend on the government's promise for a secure retirement.

## **Lifting Americans Out of Poverty**

New London is a community in Connecticut that has found a unique way to fight the War on Poverty. Through eminent domain laws, the city council has given an entire neighborhood to a private developer.

### **Is this counter-productive? The neighborhood thinks so.**

The policy of eminent domain is kicking an entire neighborhood of people out of their homes for the benefit of private corporations. The overall objective of seizing these private homes is to replace them with high-end condominiums for the rich. The city council believes that this will cause more economic development in addition to beautifying an area. The people losing their homes find that hard to swallow.

Eminent domain has been sold to the American people as a way to alleviate the problem of poverty. Can we really expect to help the poor by kicking them out of their homes and on to the curb? The Libertarian Party stands firm against these laws and wants to slam the door shut on eminent domain.



### **Small businesses have a small chance.**

The Small Business Administration claims that starting a business is a way to alleviate the crushing problem of poverty in America. According to the SBA, however, thousands of small businesses fail every year leading the individuals to incur massive debt.

A myriad of regulations, licensing requirements, taxes and fees keep

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thousands of poor Americans from starting small businesses and lifting themselves and their families out of poverty.

Since Lyndon Johnson declared a “War on Poverty” in the mid-1960s, the U.S. government has spent \$5.4 trillion on programs to help the poor. Despite this outpouring of cash, the official poverty rate has been stubbornly stuck at about 14 percent for the last 40 years. However well-intentioned these programs may have been, they failed in their most fundamental task: to lift Americans out of poverty.

## **The Libertarian Party is working to tear down barriers to work and job creation.**

A job is always better than a welfare program. Yet, to start a business, you need a conglomerate of lawyers to deal with the regulations imposed by an alphabet soup of government agencies such as OSHA, EPA and FTC. Government hindrances to small business development are generated at federal, state, and local levels. Zoning and licensing laws also throw up barriers to starting a business. It's time to repeal any government regulation or tax that cuts the bottom rungs off the economic ladder and makes it more difficult for poor people to find jobs and start businesses.

## **Establish a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions to a private charity.**

Americans are the most generous people on earth, contributing more than \$25 billion annually to charity. We'd give even more if the government offered dollar-for-dollar tax credits for contributions to charities that provide social-welfare services. For every dollar that you contributed to voluntary groups like Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army, you would be able to deduct a dollar from your tax bill.



## End failed federal welfare programs.

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Vibrant, compassionate private charity works better than clunky, ineffective government bureaucracies. Private charities are more likely to offer useful counseling and one-on-one follow-up rather than simply mailing a check. Private charities also tend to provide short-term emergency assistance, rather than long-term dependence. Thus, private charity provides a safety net, but not a way of life — and helps break the cycle of welfare dependency and hopelessness.

## Making Healthcare Safe and Affordable

A Canadian citizen traveled to the United States to get hip surgery, despite his national entitlement to universal healthcare in his home country.

Like thousands of Canadians every year—some estimate *tens* of thousands—this Canadian crossed the border to get the prompt, high-quality healthcare he could only find in the United States.



In Canada, he explained, he would have to wait months (or even years) for the “non-critical” surgery that would allow him to walk again without pain. Many Canadian hospitals don’t have the state-of-the-art equipment that their U.S. counterparts do. As a result, this patient chose to pay for his surgery, rather than settle for slow, questionable care in Canada.

Unfortunately, Republican and Democratic politicians don't seem to have the same grasp of medicine and economics that this single Canadian citizen does. Through regulations and mandates, these politicians are trying to mimic Canada's failed system. In doing so, they are damaging what was once the best healthcare system in the world.

As recently as the 1960s, low-cost health insurance was available to virtually everyone in America — including people with existing medical problems. Doctors made house calls. A hospital stay cost only a few days' pay. Charity hospitals were available to take care of families who could not afford to pay for healthcare.

The healthcare situation was apparently running too smoothly. The federal government intervened—with Medicare, Medicaid, the HMO Act, and tens of thousands of regulations on doctors, hospitals and health-insurance companies.

## **Today, more than 50 percent of all healthcare dollars are spent by the government.**

Health insurance costs are skyrocketing. Government health programs are heading for bankruptcy. Politicians continue to pile on the regulations.

The Libertarian Party knows the only healthcare reforms will make a *real* difference are those that draw on the strength of the free market.

## **The Libertarian Party will work to establish Medical Savings Accounts.**


Under this program, you could deposit tax-free money into a Medical Savings Account (MSA), in the same way that you currently save money in an IRA. Whenever you need the money to pay medical bills, you will be able to withdraw it. For individuals without an MSA, the Libertarian Party will work to make all health care expenditures 100 percent tax deductible.

## **Deregulate the healthcare industry.**

We should repeal all government policies that increase health costs and decrease the availability of medical services. For example, every state has laws

that mandate coverage of specific disabilities and diseases. These laws reduce consumer choice and increase the cost of health insurance. Surveys show that the high price of health insurance is the major reason why small businesses don't offer health benefits to employees. By making insurance more expensive, mandated benefits increase the number of uninsured American workers.

## Remove barriers to safe, affordable medicines.



We should replace harmful government agencies like the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) with more agile, free-market alternatives. The mission of the FDA is to protect us from unsafe medicines. In fact, the FDA has driven up healthcare costs and deprived millions of Americans of much-needed treatments. For example, during a 10-year delay in approving Propranolol (a heart medication for treating angina and hypertension), approximately 100,000 people died who could have been treated with this lifesaving drug. Bureaucratic roadblocks kill sick Americans.

## Reducing Americans' Tax Burden

How would you like to purchase a new \$23,000 vehicle for only \$12,650?

That's the price you *would* pay, if the government didn't tax every product you buy, at every stage of its production, reports Americans for Tax Reform (ATR).

According to an ATR study, hidden taxes significantly boost — by anywhere from 26 percent to 75 percent — the price of every consumer product you buy.

This heavy taxation occurs because federal, state, county and local governments don't just slap a sales tax on a product when you buy it. They also tax that product during every step of its production and distribution.

The accumulated tax burden is staggering. For example, the government hits manufacturers with at least 20 different taxes when it builds a new car. This

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includes federal, state, and local income taxes for employees, workmen's compensation and unemployment taxes, state and local property taxes, and energy taxes as well as gas, tire, truck, and highway taxes to get the car to the dealer's showroom.

The bottom line is simple. It costs only \$12,650 to manufacture a car, including the dealer's profit. However, you pay \$23,000. The difference, \$10,350, is pocketed by the government.

The same idea applies to products other than cars. Taxes account for 28 percent of the price of a restaurant meal, 75 percent of the cost of a pack of cigarettes, 43 percent of the cost of a beer, 40 percent of the cost of an airline ticket, 31 percent of the cost of a loaf of bread, and 54 percent of the cost of gasoline.

These "hidden" taxes—along with state and federal income taxes—are the reason why the average American family now pays 43 percent of their income to the government. That's more than they pay for food, clothing, shelter and transportation *combined*.

**Most Americans realize that taxes are too high, but only the Libertarian Party is prepared to reduce your family's tax burden.**

■ **Libertarians will work to return the federal government to its limited, Constitutional functions.**

If the government's role were limited to protecting our lives, rights and property, then it would be small and effective — instead of the unwieldy, inefficient, bloated mass it has become. Instead of relying on distant Washington, D.C. politicians and bureaucrats to try to solve every problem, we would return power to states, local communities, and individuals.

■ **Libertarians will work to repeal the income tax and abolish the IRS.**

As we implement Libertarian reforms, the federal government will become smaller and much less expensive. Think of the possibilities associated with keeping all of your income. In a Libertarian America, the choice would be all yours.



## Working for a Better America

Earlier, we asked you to *imagine* a better America.

You've just read a brief outline of how Libertarians would start to build that better America. Perhaps you share our vision. Maybe yours is a little different.

But do you generally agree that government has gotten too big, too costly and too intrusive? Would you say that government's role should be limited to securing our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Shouldn't the government be "bound by the chains of the Constitution," as Thomas Jefferson eloquently stated?

There isn't a single path toward our goals for a freer, more prosperous America. Of course, the government has spent decades growing in size, power, cost and intrusiveness. That growth can't be reversed overnight. However, it is critical that we begin the process without further delay.

Libertarian Party members are working to elect candidates who are committed to moving public policy in the direction of *liberty*.

We need your help. The more we spread our vision to individuals, the faster we can work to build a nation that respects American traditions of limited government, individual freedom, and personal responsibility.



We invite you to join us.  
Become a Libertarian Party member.

**Consider making a monthly donation to help us as we work toward our goal of building a freer, more prosperous America.**

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Work to help elect a Libertarian candidate.

Together, we can turn our vision of for a better  
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