



DON'T TREAD ON ANYONE



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Why I Started the UPLP

BY RYAN ROBERTS - UPLP CHAIR

I started this organization with the hopes of bringing real freedom, unity, and love to the UP. In recent years I have seen the mainstream media and the other two major political parties sow hatred and division among our fellow Americans. They propagandize with fear tactics and persuade us that our own neighbors are evil because they voted for Biden or for Trump. What I truly see is common people on all sides, desperate to try what they know, to use the political process to fix this country.

I joined the Libertarian Party because I read the platform and started doing research on what free markets are and how we could build a society that doesn't require welfare coming from a central authority. I thought that taxation was a necessary evil and that it was okay to be part of a civil society, where our hard-earned money is taken and redistributed to help the rest of society.

Now I've realized that this isn't necessary and that we have only been indoctrinated into it. I realize that our lives and welfare aren't getting better. In fact, our lives are getting harder.

The American dollar is not the powerhouse it once used to be. We are fighting in endless wars of aggression and have military bases planted all across the world imposing our will and dominance on other countries.

The long-standing established politicians operating within the two big parties are not interested in changing their plans for the people, and only seek power through corporate bailouts and the robbery of future generations of Americans. They lie and deceive us and give us false hope. Real change will only come to us when we realize that empowering those in Washington will not advance liberty in our country. Instead we should focus on stripping them of their imbalanced power and giving that power back to common citizens.

We are losing sight of what the American experiment was supposed to be. We now live in a society of people who live in fear, and beg our elected officials to give them their rights. Those fear-driven individuals have even advocated for stripping those same

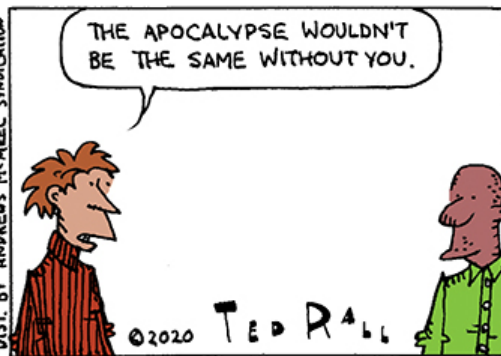
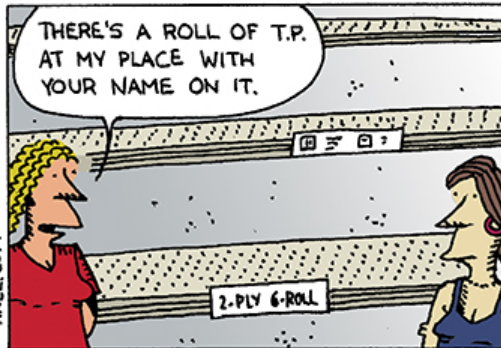
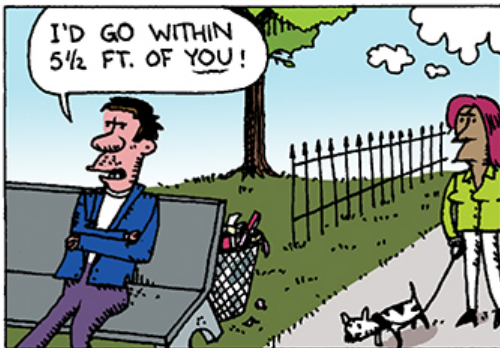
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rights from others, all in the name of security. We should instead be holding our elected officials accountable for passing bad legislation and using authoritarian, executive orders to force an agenda. We are living in a society where we are afraid to let migrants into the country in fear that they will take our jobs, homes and culture from us and advocate locking them up in cages at our southern border because they are assumed to be bad actors and infiltrators. We deny them rights they wish they had in their own country and then lock them up or turned them away.

We can no longer accept the use of government as a tool of force and coercion. Our Bill of Rights have been thrown out the window. Our natural and inalienable rights do not matter to those at the top, and they do not operate within the bounds of the constitution. I came to this party to truly seek a solution, for citizens to have freedom from government coercion. If you have any interest in standing up for our civil liberties and would like to learn more about our philosophy and strategies, contact me and help me further organize this growing movement.

The Not-So-Funnies

CORONAVIRUS-ERA PICKUP LINES



Events Corner

The UPLP will have booths at the following county fairs:

- Schoolcraft** - July 30-31
- Baraga** - Aug 6-8
- Gogebic** - Aug 12-16
- Dickinson** - Sept 1-6

An Opportunity to Propel the LP to Major Party Status

BY DAVE CROCKETT - NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE CHAIR

Our country is deeply polarized between the Democratic and Republican parties. It is evident in our political landscape. The Senate is equally divided with 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans. Of the 435 members of the House, there are only 11 more Democrats than Republicans. A 2% difference.

The extremism on both sides of the aisle has given cause for Americans to no longer view either party as competent. In the 2016 election, Americans dubbed Hillary Clinton vs Donald Trump as the “lesser of two evils”. It remained so in the 2020 election. With the large negative outlook on the two major parties, an opportunity exists for the Libertarian Party to move into major party status.

The idea is not farfetched, and is well within the Libertarian’s grasp. When a society is near equally divided by two polarized factions, the incursion of a third party will destroy the balance, no matter how small that party is. To illustrate this: Imagine, if in the next election, the Libertarian party were to get 2 senators elected into Congress where one Democrat and one Republican are removed. With this single accomplishment the Libertarians have removed both major parties from

majority status. Since all bills coming out of Congress must pass through the Senate, the outcome of this event is a coup d’état on extremist policies from either major party.

Think of it: The Democrats could no longer push through a costly social program that is paid for by a growing national debt, a burden to future generations. Neither the Republicans or Libertarians would allow it. The Republicans could no longer push through legislation outlawing abortion or gay rights. Neither the Democrats or Libertarians would allow it.

The removal of both major parties from majority rule would be an historic political upheaval of our current political landscape. It would put the Libertarian Party on the map as a major party that must now be dealt with. It would be a huge victory. And with victory comes a large following. The party will grow. And with growth, comes power, and the ability to move to the party’s own agenda. Think of it.

The opportunity is clearly here. The question is; can the Libertarian Party pull this off? Can it muster the leadership needed to accomplish the simple task of getting 2 senators in congress? We will address this in detail next month.

July 4th is Independence Day

BY JOSHUA JONGEMA - SECRETARY, UPLP

The Declaration of Independence became the basis of the US Constitution, and enshrined the radical notions of equality, liberty, self-government, individual rights, and lawful power. Government itself is based on the concept of a social contract, which protects people from theft, murder, and other ill acts. Unfortunately today, the government has amassed the power to become that which it is meant to protect against.

In the time before our country's founding, a group of people who opposed the new idea of a federation argued that its power would be too strong, and would threaten the self-governance of states and the liberty of the people. A leader of the Anti-Federalists, Patrick Henry, was most famous for yelling "Give me liberty or give me death," during the 2nd Virginia Convention. He believed that the seat of the President would one day transform into the seat of a Monarchy. The Bill of Rights was offered as appeasement for people like Henry to accept a Federalism.

In response to the worries of many, Federalists like Hamilton and Madison argued in favor of the federation. They promised that the government would be the greatest guarantor of civil rights, and would protect all American life, liberty,

and pursuit of happiness. Madison specifically argued that the power of the federal government could never eclipse that of the combined number of armed citizens and states, but today that is no longer the reality. The federal government has decided to pay states that implement its policies and withhold pay to all who oppose their dictates, which is in effect a sanctions and divestment campaign against liberty itself.

We live in a realm of uncertainty. Strong claims to the contrary require strong evidence. It is natural to be afraid, but do not be ruled by fear or use it as justification for doing unwarranted harm to others. We all value life, liberty, and justice for everyone, when we aren't forced to act in desperation. When the government becomes a tool of oppression, rather than a vehicle for protection of life and liberty, it becomes the responsibility of all to protect themselves and each other, and to resist tyranny in all of its forms. Totalitarianism in any shape or size is not American, and has no place in America. So remember that this July 4th, and boldly live your life, because nobody can live it for you.