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Justice & The 20th Anniversary of 9/11

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Families' of 9/11 victims in Philadelphia wrote an open letter to Joe Biden recently telling him not to visit events to honor the dead at 9/11, unless he first releases all classified information on the event, to reveal the real reason(s) for the deaths of so many Americans that day. Many may be too young or unaware of the contested nature of the collapse of three World Trade Center towers on September 11, 2001, or its continued importance in all of our lives.

On 'Crime and Justice' the LP Platform says, "Government force must be limited to the protection of the rights of individuals to life, liberty, and property, and governments must never be permitted to violate these rights." Platform 3.2 states, "The Constitution and Bill of Rights shall not be suspended even during time of war." A government found violating the rights of its own citizens, is certainly the kind of tyranny that America's founding fathers warned of happening to those who did not carefully mind the midnight oil. Never forget the harm that can be caused by a government with too much power.

Never forget September 11th, 2001, when a great crime occurred to America, for which no real justice has been served, and many important questions remain unanswered.

Emotions overwhelmed reason that day and many went into shock and panic by news clips of a man jumping to his death from a high window, for example. Terrorism was blamed immediately, and while conflicting information surfaced as well, the pieces that appeared convenient to justify war were shown in mass quantity all over the world.

Then-President G. W. Bush went on TV to speak for the nation the next day. With tears in his eyes, he held the badge of a fallen firefighter in his hands, and swore "revenge," for what was claimed to be several thousand deaths. Although we went to war in two countries almost immediately, it took seven years for the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conclude that WTC building 7 was the first steel-framed high-rise ever to have collapsed solely as a result of normal office fires. A request for a reversal of this claim is pending.

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In March of 2020 a final report by the University of Alaska in Fairbanks concluded that fire could not scientifically have caused tower seven to have collapsed, and that the collapse at near free-fall speeds into its own footprint was directly caused by the "near-simultaneous failure of every column in the building."

Much information about that day almost 20 years ago has been hotly contested. However, some details are very clear. What happened afterwards was without question, illegal, immoral, deplorable, and completely failed to achieve any objective promised. In the end various people in many countries of the world were greatly harmed, include our own.

In all the confusion of that day in 2001, Americans bought into the fear and the notion that angry Arabs were around every corner and under every bed. Their opinion of war was manipulated, and they allowed their country to unilaterally imposed a sort of neo-Imperialism across the earth, training and equipping other nations to fight this thing called "terrorism," while changing the leadership of those that refuse our new form of order. They overlooked the Patriot Act 1 & 2, and many other bills which were not reported on in the news, or appeared in the end half of a National Defense Authorization Act.

After 20 years Iraq split in two along the Sykes Picot Line. The weakened Baghdad government has made deals with Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt. The Kurdish leader and his family have made millions from transfers of wealth and oil rights to his administration.

After 20 years, ISIS-K has remained a convenient excuse to stay in Afghanistan to continue drone assassinations, and the Taliban have been given control of the country. Billions of dollars have been transferred from the US taxpayer to Para-Military Corporations.

Revenge is not justice. Attacking people resembling the people who hurt you is the basis of racism and other forms of discrimination, but is not justice. Killing people that may or may not be guilty of a crime that is not well understood or investigated, is not justice.

After 20 years, the victims and the families of 9/11 victims deserve not just the truth, but also justice. Justice should take the form of holding current and past leaders responsible for hiding the truth and if true, for actively taking part in those tragic events 20 years ago. Americans should refuse to die as mercenaries for special and foreign interests. Morality is subjective, but we should oppose new war authorizations, invasions of privacy, and violations of constitutions, laws and human rights.

Homeschooling - A Way for Liberty

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The LP Platform 1.1 on Self-Ownership states, "Individuals own their bodies and have rights over them that other individuals, groups, and governments may not violate. Individuals have the freedom and responsibility to decide what they knowingly and voluntarily consume, and what risks they accept to their own health, finances, safety, or life."

Whether you disagree with a school's policy in one direction or another, every person's child is theirs alone to protect and direct until that child grows to become capable of protecting and directing itself. The child's education is solely the decision of the parent, and not the state.

Our wise government has pushed policies that have in effect been divisive, and have turned common people against each other with cycles of fear mongering on both sides of the aisle. While the situation may seem bleak, many people from all sides have come together for liberty. Libertarians believe in the adaptive potential of the free market to provide a solution for any social issue, from private security and courts, to ending regulatory licensure altogether.

Homeschooling is a libertarian solution for people who may opt to take their children out of public schooling for any

given reason this September. Last spring, the US was reported to have doubled in the number of students home schooled.

Last fall, Michigan public schools were reported to lose over 60,000 students, with numbers continuing to drop. The Upper Peninsula has a number of homeschooling organizations available for those who seek it, both religious and non-religious.

As we continue to spin in this world of uncertainty, what's rather clear is that individuals will care for themselves better than others are willing to care for them, and that parents will care for their children better than any unelected bureaucrat, special or foreign interest group, billionaire, stock owner or investor. Consider homeschooling as an option for your children this year, and remember that where there is a will, there is a way for liberty.

Events Corner

The UPLP will have a booth at the Dickinson County Fair, September 2nd-6th.

The 2nd Annual UPLP Cookout will take place in Lake Mary Park in Vulcan, MI, on September the 25th, from about 11AM-4PM. This will be a family fun event with games, food and drink made available by your kind donations.

A Leader for the Libertarian Party

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Surveyors know the direction to their point of interest. How they transit a path to that point separates the experienced from the inexperienced. The experienced surveyor knows how to read the terrain and transit around problem areas. Whereas the inexperienced, will simply move straight toward their destination, only to get mired in the pitfalls of the area.

In our last two newsletters I presented a realistic challenge for the Libertarian national party to put 2 senators in Congress. With a polarized country and equally divided senate, this single accomplishment will move Libertarian's to major party status. Since both major parties would be moved to minority vote in the senate, passage of any bill towards law, by either major party, would require Libertarian support. To achieve this goal requires national party leadership to select an individual specifically qualified to lead this effort. That leader must be capable of the following:

Like an experienced surveyor, they must know the political landscape and know how to move around it.

They must be focused to the task and detached from the distractions of party officials.

They must be able to pull together a team that can identify those states most

capable of producing 2 Libertarian senators and focus resources there.

They must be capable of identifying those senatorial candidates that can muster the support to win, and the strategy that goes with it.

This leader must know how to manage risks. This includes that of the Libertarian party itself. Managing the political landscape, they would know that our own party's extremism, such as abolishment of the IRS with no plan on how to accomplish or support a government without taxes, would be used against us in the quest to become a major party.

They must be resourceful. This effort will require funding and time is limited. They must have the statesmanship to keep party officials focused on this one task and not divert resources to local efforts that have little payback to party growth.

But why should the Libertarian party pick a leader and divert resources to pursue this sole endeavor in 2022? The answer is really quite simple. It is manifested in the fact that, in our 50 year history, we have not demonstrated to the American people the ability to produce leaders that can solve our country's problems. That is why we must do this.