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“The Atlanta controversy”

by Dan Karlan

Regional Representative to the Libertarian National Committee

The sources of the controversy generated by the Atlanta proposal are the two changes suggested for the membership certification and the Platform. I will summarize the arguments on both sides of these two issues. I will also present my own viewpoints. At our March 7 convention, I will ask for feedback, and I will take your comments and suggestions back to the National Committee meeting in April.

Against the certification:

- It is incorrectly referred to both as an oath and as a pledge, and many libertarians are turned off by the idea of a “loyalty oath”.
- If it is a device to protect us from infiltrators, it cannot work and deters some friends from joining instead.
- It is argued that the specific language — betraying an objectivist origin — frequently requires an extensive discussion to explain, which often cannot be done (as in prospecting through the mail) or is counterproductive (as at Operation Politically Homeless booths, where taking the time for this explanation subtracts from such productive efforts as administering the quizzes and explaining the results).
- It is seen by some as elit-

ist, conferring a superior status on “true” libertarians and shaming those who agree on many items and might need only a little soft persuasion to reach the 100,100 “pinnacle”.

For the certification:

- Its purpose is *not* to protect us, but to define us.
- It is supposed to be just the expression of the Non-Aggression Principle. We bill ourselves as the Party of Principle: the certification is just the principle itself.
- Many people who do outreach insist that they do not find it an obstacle, and cite their effectiveness and the growth of their local organization as proof.

My position:

There are serious flaws with the certification, but they are flaws with the specific language of the existing certification, and *some* certification is appropriate. Mike Pierone, the NJLP chair, composed an alternate statement; after several passes through public discussion within the NJLP, among regional affiliate members, and on the LPUS bulletin board, it has been slightly altered but remains a major improvement: its tone is *positive*, it does not use objectivist buzzwords, and it is in fact taken directly from the Statement

of Principles (about which the Atlanta group made no recommendation). I strongly support this alternate, and believe ALL who want some certification will support it. [See Minutes on Page 4.] In addition, several of the supporters of the original Atlanta proposal have gone on record as preferring this form to the current wording, and will go along with the move to *change* the wording while retaining the requirement.

- Given that its purpose is *not* to protect us, limiting its application only to candidates or NatCom members or Convention delegates is misplaced.
- It should remain a requirement for membership in the National Party — and in our affiliate as well.

Against the Platform:

The Atlanta group did *not* recommend eliminating the

Platform, just replacing the current form with one strongly resembling the Program: strictly limited number of planks (10), short time scope (2-4 years), include interim proposals, require only majority approval, and sunset provision (enabling new planks to wholly replace old planks if appropriate).

- The existing Platform is an embarrassment on several issues, making us look silly.
- It is far too long, contains no proposals for how to get from here to there, and does not suggest any weighting of more important issues versus those that are more peripheral.
- What WE call a platform is not what the rest of the political world thinks of when they ask for our

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platform, and some activists, when asked for our platform, respond with the *Program* instead.

- It is so comprehensive that probably only a tiny fraction of the LP membership find themselves in total agreement with every plank.
- It is a hodgepodge assembly of favorite planks, each with a constituency, but the resultant total is a mess.

For the platform:

- It is a permanent repository of *all* libertarian positions on many diverse issues, and considerable open debate and serious thought has gone into its development.
- It truly reflects the combination of diversity, eclecticism, seriousness, and consistency within the LP.
- It can serve as a guide to candidates who might be unsure about the libertarian position on an obscure issue.
- To the extent it is broken, it can be fixed, but it should not be discarded.

My position:

- The existing platform has serious flaws, and they so permeate the document that I don't think they can be fixed easily.
- It rarely serves as a guide for local candidates, because most of the issues it covers only apply to national politics.
- There are many planks where the relation to the Non-Aggression Principle is flimsy, and several where a strong case can be made that the plank conflicts with the Non-Aggression Principle.
- We take ideas seriously, but the short length (relative to the platforms of the Democratic and Re-

publican parties) invites serious examination, which easily reveals the flaws especially to our adversaries.

- The only purpose of the platform stated in the By-Laws is to provide a point of calibration for the National candidates: both of the latest candidates for President openly espoused views that were in contradiction to the Platform.

We should retain the document, call it a name that reveals its long-term approach, and continue to try to improve it, but we need a Platform that conforms in style to what the rest of the political world has. However, I caution against cavalierly modifying the By-Laws to accommodate the Atlanta proposal. Much thought should go into just what is the best way to *implement* the Atlanta proposal, and then into how to modify the By-Laws to direct the convention for that implementation. The best suggestion I have seen is that the individuals seeking nomination compose platforms as part of their bid for that nomination. Still, no specific wording for the By-Laws amendments to implement this idea have been proposed.

At the April NatCom meeting, we will select the entire Rules and By-Laws Committee, and half the Platform Committee. If you have ideas about the "hot" issues — especially By-Laws, Convention Rules, or Platform amendments — which will improve the condition of the debate, I invite you to present them at our convention. I will listen carefully, and will try to see that they get passed on to the appropriate people on the committee responsible for reporting the issue to the Salt Lake City Convention.

The Bureaucrat We Need

by Ed Wiessmann



It was at a SCALP (Sussex County Area Libertarian Party) meeting last March that Mike Pierone asked me to run for County Clerk. Having no experience in politics, I viewed a run for office as a Libertarian as a masochistic gesture. I assumed that few people paid attention to local politics, and that a Libertarian running for local office would be noticed even less.

However, I thought that a candidacy would be a small donation to awareness of the LP, and I wanted to do *something*, so I agreed to run for Clerk. The resulting campaign — together with Mike, who was running for Congress, and Bill Dundas, who ran for Freeholder — refuted my assumptions and proved to be a priceless education.

As I studied the office I sought, I gradually realized that the Clerk's services are vital to the defense of our rights, and that explaining their role to the public gives us a unique opportunity to promote the practical advantages of liberty.

When discussing private property rights in my stump speech, I would add that "the Clerk's recording of deeds, liens, and other transactions

are essential to the defense of these rights." When personal liberties were the topic, I said that "the Clerk's administration of juries, naturalization, passports, and elections are all crucial to our constitutional liberties, many of which are now routinely trampled by the Republicans and Democrats." Audiences understood exactly what was meant by "property rights" and "liberties" when given these concrete examples. Instead of attacking the programs of the Republicrats, I could define Libertarians positively, as the defenders of freedoms under continual assault from intolerant or misguided people.

Apart from the tactical advantages in campaigning, we need Libertarians as Clerks. Juries assembled by Libertarian Clerks would be more likely to be fully informed, registration of voters as Libertarians may be simplified, and freedom of information could surmount bureaucratic stonewalling and the avalanche of records our justice system generates.

Bill, Mike, and I got more attention than I'd dreamed of: We outnumbered the Democrats on Sussex County

ballots. We were praised by the local press. Bill got 7,788 votes for 16 percent, I got 3,319 votes for 6 percent, and Mike got 2,605 votes. The local paper ran an editorial noting the decline of the local Democratic Party, and one of their politicians thinks we may replace them in this county. Not bad for three unknowns with no money, experience, or connections.

The Libertarian Party needs a grassroots tidal wave, and that can only start at the local level. We need others to run for County Clerk and all other local offices. Believe me, it's not a waste of time, even if you get only 50 votes.

In 1993, Freeholder seats are up for election in every New Jersey county, and this table details some other posts on this year's ballots:

Sheriff County Surrogate Clerk

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Bergen	Hudson	Hunterdon
Cape May	Morris	
Mercer	Ocean	
Cumberland		

The deadline for filing petitions is in early April, so start examining the offices up for election this year and weigh your qualifications against them. Remember, local papers are usually hungry for local news and items

on local candidates.

If you run, you'll confront Republicrats with their failed policies, expand your self-esteem and social skills, and bring the hour of liberty a few seconds closer. You may even win. Wouldn't THAT be a liberating experience!

Footnote:

From Camden - two candidates for Gloucester County Freeholder — **Mike Herner** and **David Zarzycki** — both announced last month.

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Minute by minute

These are the minutes of the NJLP (Informal) State Committee for Earthdate February 7, 1993,
Secretary Emerson Ellett recording...

The meeting was held in the lobby of the Holiday Inn in Jamesburg. Present were: Pierone, Flynn, Ellett, Stefanelli, Grindlinger, Layman, Paff, Karlan, Peters and Stoxen. Also present were Weissmann and White.

The secretary read the minutes of the Jan. 9 Steering Committee meeting; the treasurer reported that we have 423 members as of Jan. 31. **Convention.** Stefanelli went over the schedule of events. Pierone will prepare the agenda for the business session. Grindlinger is in charge of contacting pro-freedom groups; and Lyden is handling publicity. **Forfeiture Reform Bill (A. 1536/S. 1226).** The Assembly Judiciary Committee is scheduled to vote on the reform bill March 4. Paff and others plan to leaflet in selected towns in hopes of getting press coverage that will persuade the legislators to

vote for reform. As most US currency has traces of cocaine, and therefore is subject to seizure under the forfeiture statute, discussion focused on obtaining cocaine test kits and demonstrating to the press the unfairness of the law. Even better — a substance that gives false positives; it could be demonstrated to the lawmakers themselves. Noted, that the police deposit the forfeited cocaine-tainted currency in the bank where it contaminates other currency, which goes right back into circulation, ready to be forfeited again.

Member Survey. Referred to the Steering Committee. **Liability insurance.** Karlan reported that the national party has no policy that would cover events such as running an OPH booth at a fair. **Fundraising.** Paff volunteered to call Edelman to determine if he will continue as Development Coordinator.

Stefanelli's initiatives. Grindlinger and Karlan, volunteered for the Book 'n Buddy program. There was no known response to the other six proposals outlined in the December newsletter.

Maryland LP meeting. Pierone, Karlan, Stefanelli and Grindlinger met with our sister party and discussed at length both the rewording of the membership certification statement and the reforms to the national platform proposed by the Atlanta committee. These topics will also be brought before the NJLP convention. Delegates to the Salt Lake convention must be well aware of these issues. Karlan, as NATCOM rep, needs to know the sense of the NJLP membership as to how he should vote — the State Committee members present voted to accept Pierone's proposed membership certification statement:

"I believe in and support the right of all individuals to live their life in any manner they choose so long as they do not use force or fraud to interfere with the equal right of others to do the same."

This wording has also been accepted by all but one state party in our NATCOM region.

Announcements:

Paff reported that FEAR members in California are working to require counties to return forfeited property to the victims, or, barring that, to make forfeiture the lowest priority in law enforcement.

Cumberland County has scheduled a high tea on February 28 in Cape May.

Monmouth County has scheduled a meeting February 28 at Claudia Montelione's house, where petitions will be available for the upcoming state assembly and senate elections.

More Thoughts on LP Election Strategy and Non-Violent Change

In the December 1992 *New Jersey Libertarian*, NJLP Chair Mike Pierone presented a good review of the recent election and his recommendations for future efforts. Based on our past experience and observations, we would like to expand on his ideas.

Local does *not* mean only

Mike's article recommends that Libertarians pay attention to local elections in an effort to get Libertarian Party candidates elected. If the only goal of the Libertar-

ian Party were to elect candidates, this would seem logical, since the resources for a local campaign are far less than those required to win state or federal office. However, the success of the Libertarian *movement* requires a much broader approach. We cannot be so sure that the best and most successful way toward liberty is concentrating on local political office. Devoting the LP's efforts only to a few local races may neglect the key to long term success in libertarianism. We believe support-

ing local candidates and trying to get elected is a fine idea, but not to the exclusion of other avenues. We need all Libertarian activists to do whatever they can to advance the freedom movement. Activism will be dampened if we discourage dedicated Libertarians willing to run for *any* office. There is not likely to be a "magic bullet" to smash statism, but action by *many* freedom advocates as a broad-based movement should be a far more effective means of restoring and protecting liberty.

Activism means *You*

Activism means *you* must work. How you help and what you do is your choice. You can work with the LP as a candidate or a campaign supporter on the local, state, or national level. You can help staff an Operation Politically Homeless booth and help educate the public about libertarianism. You can work with various allies like NORML, the NRA, tax rebels, or the ACLU to show the compatibility of libertarianism with their primary efforts. You

can start your own political action group, like John Paff's FEAR (Forfeiture Endangers American Rights), then work for libertarian victories. You can even try to reform Republicans and Democrats by turning them from their evil ways to the Libertarian Party. Finally, you can convert activists into Libertarians, usually far easier than converting Libertarians to activists!

Change not Conservatism

Mike suggests Libertarians must assure voters that the move toward freedom will avoid "blood in the streets." Reassuring voters that change will be slow enough to prevent "violence and chaos" is a false promise. Libertarians are unlikely to be the primary instruments of change and change may be inevitably destructive and chaotic. The economic and social maladjustments caused by decades of statist interventions can lead to catastrophe all by themselves. We cannot guarantee change will be peaceful and particularly not *slow*. Supporting "gradual" change means a commitment to maintaining injustice and oppression. Libertarians cannot pretend we can dismantle statism without disruption, *nor should we*. We should not join ranks with communists and fascists in maintaining unjust social institutions out of our own fear of change, even "cataclysmic change." Delay in the march for freedom is not for us to advocate. Let the Republicans and Democrats fight to maintain tyranny and statism, not us. The public's fear of change can be moderated, if we logically present our views and educate people about them. Clearly there is much to be done. Your help is needed. Let's get to work!

—Len and Ginny Flynn

Intellectual Ammunition: A Review

The Heartland Institute sent us an issue of their newsletter, with 3 pre-set ads and a request for insertion in 3 issues. Part of the contract was that our newsletter carry a review of their newsletter, *Intellectual Ammunition*. This review fulfills that part of the contract.

Heartland Institute touts itself as "a nonprofit, nonpartisan research and educational organization. ... [it] conducts and disseminates research on state and local public policy issues." Robert W. Poole, Jr. is a contributing editor. Kent Jeffreys is another. For what it's worth.

IA is for state legislators and people interested in state public policy, "to bring to the attention of state legislators the best available research on the entire range of public policy issues..." It claims to be distributed to all 8,000 governors, state legislators and state constitutional officers in the U.S.

IA reprints research "produced by over 70 think tanks from around the country," to provide officials with anecdotes for speeches, short articles that can be reprinted in newsletters to constituents, reviews of new research on state issues. And it's all indexed. Some think tanks quoted are American Legislative Exchange Council, Cato Institute, Center for Independent Thought, Consumer Alert, Free Market Foundation, The Heritage Foundation, National Taxpayers Union, Reason Foundation, Rockford Institute.

The issue of *IA* provided for review, September, 1992, has 32 pages packed with editorial material and some advertisements from the usual conservative and libertari-

an suspects.

The lead article is Five Myths About The Environment. Under a Health Care heading is another: Learning From the Mistakes of Others, by Ross C. Korves, chief economist and a policy advisor to The Heartland Institute. (Most articles are by HI names.) "People around the world have celebrated the fall of the centrally planned economies of the old Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The great debate — central planning done by government bureaucrats vs. individual decision making in a market economy — has ended. Individuals and free markets have emerged the undisputed winners. The good news apparently has not reached certain members of the Illinois legislature, however. They dream of using the failed central planning approach to provide health care for the citizens of Illinois. They would create a government-run system funded by a new employer payroll tax and increases in the income, tobacco, and alcohol taxes. And they would have us believe that their plan would control costs without sacrificing quality, resulting in 'appropriate' health care services for all citizens" ... "The proposal introduced in Springfield is not much dif-

ferent from universal health care bills introduced in state legislatures across the country. While the authors of these bills are chasing failed economic policies, valuable time is being lost. Policy makers are being consumed by proposals that do nothing to address the very substantive problems faced by the health care delivery system."

Sample Research Report on Taxes: "Lessons from New Jersey Tax Revolt. *One*: Public pressure to check government spending works better at the state level than the federal level. *Two*: 'Surprise' attempts to pass tax increases are not likely to succeed. *Three*: Once-sacrosanct programs — such as welfare — can be challenged by state politicians without negative election results." quoted from *Policy Review*, The Heritage Foundation.

All in all, a well-sampled digest of conservative and libertarian thought, neatly packaged for busy people. For a "free sample," (\$1.50) see the paid ad in this issue.

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To Be (or To Not Be) Reciprocal— That is the Question!

Quick, grab the bottle of No-Doz and an extra cup of coffee: it's "by-laws changes" time again. (Kind of sends a chill down the spine, doesn't it?) What prodigious pearls of pomposity are we in store for now?

I'll make this as painless as possible. You recall the announcement in last month's newsletter of my proposal to amend our by-laws so that rather than spelling out the membership requirement right then and there, we instead refer to the National LP by-laws for what it takes to be an LPer? You don't? I'm crushed. Well, go take another look at January's newsletter, page 4, columns 2 and 3...Go ahead, I'll wait.

You're back? Good. Now, why would I want to do this?

Well, we just amended this section of the by-laws so as to make it identical to National's. And wouldn't you know it, now there is talk about changing National's. If that happens, and it could, that means changing our membership requirement at some point in the future to get consistent again...or worse, going on with two different requirements in order to be a member of National and State.

We're just one big happy Libertarian family, aren't we? There is no real need to have more than one membership requirement, is there? Good, then we should be able

to make this change quickly and go on to more important matters.

Oh, there will be those who say "What if the National Party is taken over by Martians, or Neo-Nazis, or National Public Radio, and they change the membership requirement to something antithetical to Liberty...maybe not this year...but twenty years from now...what do we do then?"

If that happened we would have a lot more to contend with than a mere by-laws change. We'd have to seriously consider abandoning the Party and starting over, or at least changing our name and affiliation. (There are some of us who've always wanted to change the Party's name anyway!) Anyway, not changing our by-laws won't prevent this from happening. We'll just have to trust that we, or those who succeed us in "Libertarian Party — the Next Generation", will have the brains to recognize that something's afoot and take steps to stop it.

The advantages to changing our by-laws now in the manner I suggest is that we shouldn't have to ever do it again, and we'll never have any period of incompatibility where our requirements will differ from National's (meaning asking members to sign two different statements in order to join).

If the improbable should happen and we come back from Utah distressed with what the Convention hath wrought, we will still have the option of pulling the record and reversing this change at the November General Meeting. But if that scenario plays out, I'll start playing the Lottery!

— Lou Stefanelli

A Libertarian Education on Education

Try asking an educator why the United States of America has a third-rate primary and secondary school system and at the same time the best system of higher education in the world. The educator will mumble that colleges have a higher quality of student and more resources to spend on them, but when really pressed, will be unable to explain this apparent paradox. The contrast is glaring.

Grammar, middle and high schools are plagued by rising numbers of students who either drop out or, if they graduate, can't read their diplomas, make change or find Europe on a globe. Colleges and universities, while they have problems too, provide each student with such opportunity for advancement that education has become a significant U.S. export. Tens of thousands of foreign students come here for their sheepskins. U.S. students with college degrees will earn much more over their lifetimes than those without the diploma.

So what's the answer? **Financing.** One system is financed by taxes; the other, primarily by tuitions. That may sound too simple, so let me explain. The way a system is financed affects the behavior of the people in the system in this way:

When a school is financed by tuition, the people who put up the money are also the people who receive the service. They have an incentive to pick their institution wisely and to study, in order to get their money's worth. The

people who run the school have an incentive to attract and keep students. They make sure their school provides value, especially compared to other schools, or risk losing the tuition money. It is in everyone's interest in this system to make it work for everyone else.

When a school is financed by taxes, the people who put up the money may or may not be the people receiving the service. They are *told* they are performing some kind of civic duty, but because they are *compelled* to perform it, many resent it, vote down budgets, dispute their taxes and, if they are really upset, move.

The people who receive the service, perceive it as being "free" (without value) or, worse, see themselves as prisoners of the system. The students rebel and their parents view this misbehavior as something over which they have no control. The people who provide the service get paid whether or not they deliver the goods. Since they have no way to measure real success (increasing enrollment and tuitions), they concentrate on spending more than last year and on growing the institution. To ensure what they think is "quality", they create numerous rules that everyone must follow. In the end, they become a bloated, inefficient and inflexible bureaucracy, not accountable to the taxpayers or the students.

As you may have guessed, Libertarians favor tuitions over taxes. With that method, the job gets done and people are happier doing it. Until a real marketplace for education develops, we favor a school choice (voucher) plan, which lets school tax dollars follow the students.

— Lou Stefanelli

**Continued from
January: Ostrowski's
Talk in NYC**

The last part of Ostrowski's talk was about the the importance of the New York Governor's race in 1994, and some possible strategies for the Libertarian campaign. New York Libertarians are keenly aware of the importance of this race; if they can get 50,000 votes, they will finally obtain status as a legally recognized party. Benefits include the right to register to vote as a Libertarian (and hence the word "Libertarian" appear-

ing on every voter registration form; like bumper stickers, such publicity does not change minds, but rather contributes to the name-familiarity that for many people is a prerequisite to changing their mind), no more onerous signature-gathering chores, and better ballot positions. Another benefit, Ostrowski claims: better media attention because New York is "the media and cultural capitol of the nation" and the national LP will not be taken seriously until we establish a foothold in New York politics.

On the issues, he stressed

the need to choose a minimal number, which can be fit into a 30-second or one-minute sound bite, and repeated over and over. His suggestions were:

1. **Procedural** issues:
 - a. the need for a third party
 - b. citizen initiative
 - c. term limits
 2. **Substantive** issues:
 - a. economic decline of New York—cut income tax and spending
 - b. crime—end drug war and roll back the welfare state
 - c. education—school choice
- His strategies included targeting taxpayer's groups, small

business owners, and members of single issue groups such as gun owners and drug legalizers. He also suggested stirring up some controversy with the Conservative Party; he has debated Michael Long, whom he describes as a "real hothead", and feels Long would probably counterattack and get us some free publicity.

I suspect Ostrowski hopes to run for governor himself; afterwards when someone praised him for the quality of his talk and said he should run for governor, his answer was a gracious "Thank you very much".

—Laura Stewart

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Notice of NJLP Convention

Date: March 7, 1993

Time: 9:30 am to noon
Place: Holiday Inn, 109 9th Ave., Rummene, NJ, 08078

By-Laws Amendment:
See *Minutes from January Steering Committee Meeting* for text of amendment. Change would make NJLP certification requirement consistent with National requirement, without need for further modification of State By-Laws. If National does not change its requirement, amendment would have no effect.
Elections: Officers, At-Large Steering Committee Members, National Convention Delegates, Trustee, and Candidates for State and Local Offices.

Cumberland-Cape May Counties meet, Feb. 28, 6 pm, at The Alexander, 653 Washington St., Cape May. Guest speaker: Mike Pierone. For info: 825-0510.

The Steering Committee will meet on Feb. 27 at John Paff's house, 1605 Amwell Road, Franklin.

Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee votes on A-1536, March 4.

New Jersey State Convention: March 7 at Rummene Holiday Inn.

Delaware State Convention, March 13. For further info: 302-427-2664

New York State Convention, on May 22 at White Plains Hotel. For more info: 212-966-5772.

Pennsylvania State Convention, "The Rebirth Of Liberty". March 26-28. POB 4451, Allentown, PA 18105. 215-264-1921.



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