



Want more choices?

Could your wish come true?

## We respect YOUR CHOICES

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**The power of choice makes all the difference.** Yet, as you are well aware, this ability to choose is disappearing at an alarming rate in the land of the free. What can be more valuable than the power to choose? “Liberty” is just another word for “Choice”.

## The others demand YOU OBEY THEIR CHOICES

- Why must you do things you don't like? It's because you have **no choice**.
- Why must you accept things you don't want? You have **no choice**.
- Why are schools bad, taxes high, and satisfaction low? Yes, you've got it ...

### **What do you have if you have no choice?**

Was it meant to be this way?

They say we are a “nation of laws.” But whose laws do they mean?

- If you think that powerful politically organized factions force their beliefs and values on you, then it may be so.
- If you agree that social engineering has never worked as intended because people refuse to be engineered by other people, then you are not alone.
- If you feel laws make you do things you would not want to do if you were free, you have a lot of company.
- If you question the meaning of “The Common Good”, you have good reason.
- If you doubt government really is accountable to “We, the People,” there must be cause.
- If you wonder what happened to that fundamental founding concept of limited government powers, you have lots of company.
- If you agree that “power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely,” and ask if so much power has ever been so concentrated in so few, it may be true.
- If you feel increasingly powerless and object to many things that have been forced upon you, join the crowd.
- If you resent having to follow other people's choices instead of your own, you're only human.

How are other people's beliefs and values forced on you? **Laws make you do things you would not want to do if you were free.** They prohibit, mandate, control, restrict. It's not only about abortion choices or school choices or the many other choices that some value but others don't. It's about a way of life. The **founding principles** were all about people limiting government, **not** government limiting people. The “social contract” is founded on agreement, not obedience. History shows that the worst oppressions are done in the name of The Law.

Legislation removes choices. Regulations force people to adjust to the values of those who make them. If it were otherwise, laws would have no purpose. Even when people attend public hearings, plead with officials, send political contributions to elect a different politician, and vote, they don't get satisfaction.

Other political parties make laws in the name of "The Common Interest." The Common Interest is a myth. Interests conflict. Political parties exist because there are competing interests. Why can't many interests be respected? Why must one be legal and the others outlawed? Why have Prohibitions overtaken the land? Why do we let others tell us what to do in so many ways?

The "Public Good" is a myth. There is no public. Can the public read this message? Does the public smoke or drink? Does the public pay or benefit from taxes or regulation? Of course not. Only individuals can read and pay and benefit. Laws simply decide which individuals get to benefit and which individuals must pay the cost. Thus, government is simply a tool of some individuals to take choices away from other individuals. Laws can only limit your choices. Your effort cannot be legislated nor your caring decreed. These qualities must be inspired – not required. That is no myth. Obedience is not inspirational.

Some think libertarians a little crazy. But who is crazier? Is it those of us who want people to make their own choices? Is it those who force choices on others? Or could it be those who simply accept choices that are forced on them? You've noticed this relentless loss of choices. Why waste your vote? Isn't it time to think of an alternative to no alternative? What do you have to lose except your power to choose?

*Free people, not obedient people, make a better society.*

**A free market more accurately reflects the wishes of free people than government decrees.** Many choices are possible. The free market adjusts to the desires of free people. People need not attend board meetings, plead with management, or send political contributions to elect a different CEO to get satisfaction. All they have to do is choose.

The Libertarian Party accepts your interests and respects your choices. As long as your choice does not harm or defraud another person, we think it should be yours. We invite you to help reclaim the power of choice. Our first objective is to become an "official" party by getting 50,000 votes in the next election for Governor. That would be a good start. But we need your help. **So join up! Make a generous contribution! Get active! Make it happen!** This choice is yours.

Still hesitating? Want to hedge your bets? No problem. Half the support you give others will get you twice the satisfaction with us.

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