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## party affiliation question

Posted by Libertarian Joseph - 2008/01/24 13:01

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Right now I'm a registered Republican. I did so just to vote for Ron Paul. Will I be trapped in the GOP after the primaries? Or will I be able to switch back to Libertarian? I don't want to stick with a big government, pro-war party :p I had decided that principle overrides party when I switched for Ron Paul, but I don't plan on becoming active in a party that advocates for illegal war crimes all over the world, so I do plan to return to affiliation in the LP.

I want to just vote for Ron Paul to give the Republican establishment a slap in the face. It's too bad NJ doesn't have an open primary. I thought about running for office as a GOP, but why run in a party that would boo me off the stage for saying we need to come home from Iraq? It's like running as a Democrat and saying you want to cut some government programs on stage lol. You're going to hear some boos, because the party isn't for you.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by redgar - 2008/01/24 14:52

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You can switch at any time. You may however want to wait until after the June primary. Murray Sabrin is running on a Ron Paul platform and there may be other's running as well.

Some in the LP are upset (perhaps rightfully?) that so many people switched to republican after we fought so hard for the right to register as a Libertarian. But in truth registering as a Libertarian doesn't really do anything more than give us bragging rights.

Perhaps the NJLP should consider making anyone who is registered as a Libertarian an automatic member with NJLP voting rights? The downside is that it would be a pain to verify everyone's registration prior to our convention/state meetings and our budget may be impacted.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by Libertarian Joseph - 2008/01/24 15:18

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I never thought I would have joined the GOP lol. I don't really like the GOP platform all that much. Are they going to take the LP off the ballots?

I'm not sure about that proposal. You're saying that the NJLP should do away with dues? hmm. Well, I guess you could just limit it to donations, but I'm pretty sure the budget will take a hit for that. There are advantages and disadvantages; maybe more members, but less money. How does the GOP do it? Do they charge dues?

Maybe take a survey to see what LP members think of it. Will they donate more than their dues? I don't know.

I would like to stick with the LP. Are we going to lose our ballot access?? I think we need to draw the line somewhere or else the Party will go under as we wait to vote for new "Ron Paul Republicans." I would really love to see the LP become a MAJOR party. Imagine that.

Has Ron Paul become the LP's greatest enemy? Or its best chance? hmm

As I've stated earlier, the message is not the problem with the LP. I believe the LP has the best message. The problem is that most people don't even know about the LP. So shouldn't we divert more resources on getting people signed up? If we have like 122 LP voters in a district, how can we expect to win? You're betting against basic math. 122 voters with 100% turnout wouldn't be able to win on our opponent's worst turnout. That's the problem. If we get the signups, we can get the votes. I have seen Democratic activists canvass my last town to get people registered to vote, they weren't telling people who to vote for.

I think this is something we should do.

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I looked over the njgop. They don't seem to charge any dues, they go on volunteers. This could be more beneficial... maybe fundraiser drives? Straw polls? etc. These things could bring in money, but I still don't know. I'm no expert at this stuff.

Whatever works best! :woohoo:

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by Pat - 2008/01/27 16:29

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I can't figure out the does & don'ts of accessing replies so perhaps my comments are dated, but what the heck: Just because we as a party have not utilized the registration process does not mean it's meaningless or only gives us bragging rights. If nothing else, like election day vote totals, it's a measure of our viability as a party when we go to court asking for equal rights with the GOP & Dems. If asking someone to switch their party registration is asking too much, our cause is doomed. It's not like we're asking a guy to take a bullet or even a whack on the head.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by boba - 2008/01/28 19:01

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Hi, I'm a registered democrat, sadly. I now understand our government (in collusion with corporations) has embezzled, extorted and is laundering, trillions of \$ in slush money from its rightful owners, and is now engaging in the most depraved subterfuge imaginable. I'm supporting Ron Paul.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by big eddie - 2008/05/24 11:08

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Speaking of parties, what is the difference between the LP and the Constitution Party? Most of their leaders supported Ron Paul. Their nominee for president was an early LP supporter. The vice chairman of the NJCP wrote an e-mail asking all LP supporters to support the CP candidate for president. I would like to know the main differences between the two parties. Thank You.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by redgar - 2008/05/24 11:47

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The Constitution Party is to the "right" of the LP when it comes to social issues. See their platform plank on pornography and gambling.

Have you read the blog entry The Party of Ron Paul.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by Kevin Ferrizzi - 2008/05/25 11:24

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The main difference, as I see it is that Libertarians believe in the Constitution and want to impose it on the government so that citizens can live freely. Constitutionalists want to limit the freedom of government as well as impose conservative viewpoints on the citizens. I am personally a conservative, but do not believe I have to get everyone else to live by my rules.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by Derek - 2008/06/04 17:22

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Personally, I am a moderate, I do not lean left or right.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by big eddie - 2008/06/22 00:29

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What good is a message if few people know what it is. I could walk down the street and ask, What do you think of the libertarian party? and I doubt more than 2 out of 100 would have ever heard of it. Very few people that I know would register for a third party. Here in Hudson County you are either a Democrat or you are a nobody. The Republicans barely exist. A third party would have to do a lot of work and have a lot of money to get noticed. The only fights are between different Democrat factions. The GOP just hangs around to pick up a few scraps.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by Kevin Ferrizzi - 2008/11/30 16:42

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Unfortunately it is the same in my area. Republicans aren't even competitive. They are also completely unwilling to work with us to take down the Dems. We have to get our message out. Some think that running candidate is our best way to do this. Others lean more towards the LP being a sort of "educational" organization concentrating on advertising and public advocacy. Personally I think running candidates gives us something to talk about, but our candidates will never be successful unless we really work hard on the civic education aspect.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by Reform Jake - 2008/12/05 13:39

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Hi, this is my first post here by the way, I am actually registered to the Reform Party. I lean to the LP on some issues, but on other lean to the Green Party. I was just looking to see how it is going, make some contacts, and through various events learn about the LP in a whole.

I was a Mike Gravel supporter through out the primaries and donated money to his campaign. Watched the LP convention, the whole thing, on CSPAN, and have talked to a few members of the party.

So if anybody has any questions just ask away.

I am 19 male from Bergen County if you wanted any specifics about me.

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## Re:party affiliation question

Posted by tomwright - 2008/12/06 11:53

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Hello kids, long time no rant.

I too switched my party registration to Republican just so I could vote for Ron Paul. But in my case it was from undeclared. Well, you can't go back again to that.

So within days after the primary, I switched my registration, finally, to Libertarian.

I have no plans on doing this again, even for the rumored run by Murray Sabrin for another office.

I worked for Murray when he ran for Governor against Whitman. I know Murray from that and like and respect him. We could do far worse than having him in office, and in NJ we could probably not do better.

But I want to make sure I vote only for those with clearly defined libertarian positions on the issues. Murray is a bit too conservative for me so far as that goes. I want my vote to be a clear and un-muddied message FOR libertarian principles. I think in the case of RP it was, in the case of Murray I think it would be far less so. I could be wrong, but that

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is how I will procede.

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