

Petition to the LP to Stop Anti-Jewish Behavior

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****NOTE**** *This article was sent to a reader of Freedom's Phoenix:*

Dear Libertarian National Committee Members,

Over the last several years the Libertarian Party has alienated Jewish donors and voters by affiliating with anti-Israel and anti-Semitic individuals and promoting them and their ideas while representing them as 'libertarian'. Today we write to explain that this is unacceptable to us as individuals and as Libertarians.

The Libertarian Party is supposed to be a party of inclusion and social tolerance, and if individual members choose to affiliate with a particular religion, they should be free to do so without scrutiny from the "party of peace". Today we write to ask the Libertarian Party to address our concerns.

The Jewish people are extremely strong, having survived the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, and six wars against Israel by Arab terrorists. Your party should make some effort to acknowledge the existence of libertarians in the Jewish community. Some examples of the problems we've encountered include:

1) Your party continues to promote an anti-Israel image on Facebook. Singling out Israel is not libertarian. In fact, you are targeting particular religious and ethnic groups and alienating a huge base of potential supporters in doing so. The LP party's platform plank on foreign policy is also violated by this image singling out Israel. The platform states, "The best form of anti-terrorism insurance is to remove all troops from the Middle East, stop attempts to either preserve or change their current governments, and end all government-to-government aid." Your specific target of Israel via your Facebook page image at www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151580374587726 is unacceptable on libertarian grounds. Ayn Rand, Milton Friedman, Barry Goldwater, Robert Taft, and past LP candidates John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Andre Marrou, Bob Barr, and Gary Johnson were all supporters of Israel. Your antagonism to Israel is simply going to alienate any Jewish individual from supporting your party financially or through membership or activism.

2) The LP's association with known anti-Semite Ron Paul continues to tarnish your party's image. Ron Paul has not only been the most anti-Israel member of Congress for decades, but he is also known to be wholly anti-Jewish. Congressman Paul has appeared at "white power" meetings in Arlington, Virginia and has also done radio appearances on "white power" talk radio. His newsletters, distributed for more than 20 years, blamed various minority groups, including Jews, for America's problems. In fact, his newsletters even blamed Israel for the 1993 World Trade Center attack. Ron Paul claims to oppose all foreign aid, but he and Congressman Justin Amash voted to

continue U.S. payments of billions of dollars to the Palestinian Authority and refused to condemn a Hamas-led Palestinian state in a July 2011 vote on HR 268. It violates the LP's principles to promote the non-Libertarian Ron Paul.

3) Your party has several close ties to CAIR, the Council on Islamic Relations, which is widely known to be associated with the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish terrorist group Hamas. CAIR representatives have spoken at Libertarian Party events in Ohio and Texas over just the last two years. Promoting terrorists is a violation of the Non-Aggression Principle (NAP). Further, during these same years your party has never once asked a Jewish group to speak to your party. Things like this do not go unnoticed.

4) When Jewish Libertarians gathered on the Libertarian Party's Facebook page in 2012, an election year, to criticize anti-Jewish U.S. Senate candidate John Jay Myers, five Jewish libertarians were banned from your Facebook page by Mr. Myers himself in a single action. At the time, Mr. Meyers was (apparently) in charge of your Facebook page. Mr. Myers has a long history of bashing Jews and Israel, and does not mind doing so openly. But when Jews tried to stand up for their own liberty, they were silenced by the Libertarian Party bureaucracy.

5) A vile anti-Semite named Ernest Hancock has been treated with respect for decades by your party. At Mr. Hancock's "Freedom's Phoenix" website, one can be directed to any number of vile anti-Jewish articles. Hancock redirects to an article called "The Ship Wreckers" by George Lincoln Rockwell, the founder of the American Nazi Party. He also links to articles asserting that "Communism was Jewish" and "a whole, secret world – the world of the Jews". A search of this website shows that the term "Jewish" shows up on page after page at the site. In another article at "Freedom's Phoenix", you can discover that Israel is going to "Judaiz" East Jerusalem and that "Jesus was a Palestinian". Mr. Hancock's website is filled with lies, yet he is treated with respect and given a platform by the Libertarian Party. Why?

Anti-Jewish activists like Carol Moore and David Macko are known commodities in Libertarian Party circles, and we do not expect that you will silence their right to speak against Jews and Israel or deny the facts of the Holocaust. But we also don't think it is wise for the future of your party -- or for strict adherence to libertarian principles -- to adopt their ideas as your own. Doing so will cost you in terms of donations, membership, and votes. Do you think the five Jews who were banned from the Libertarian Party's Facebook page voted for a Libertarian Party candidate in 2012? No.

Until these issues are resolved, we will continue to alert the Jewish community to the anti-Semitic activity in the Libertarian Party. This letter is a great incentive for you to change things for the better.

Signed,

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Delegate, 1972 LP Convention

Jeremy Kareken
Past LP National Convention Delegate

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Former LP candidate, Pennsylvania

Andrew Ian Dodge
Former LP candidate, Maine

Bruce D. Cohen
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MACKO'S RESPONSE TO “Petition to the LP to Stop Anti-Jewish Behavior”

It is a very high honor to be connected with the greatest living American statesman, Dr. Ron Paul, and other L/libertarian patriots such as Ernest Hancock, whom I supported for Libertarian Party National Chairman in 2010, and activist for liberty, justice and peace, Carol Moore, who is highly praiseworthy despite our differences regarding the right to life.

However, I have a responsibility to bring the libels, falsehoods and other factual errors in this petition to the attention of as many people as possible. Other than Bruce Cohen, Aaron Bitterman and Josh Weitzman, I am not really familiar with the petitioners. The fact that they are willing to libel Ron Paul as an anti-Semite is certainly as strong reflection on their total lack of judgment. As to Cohen and Bitterman, I do not know them personally.

Regarding Josh Weitzman, he was an activist in the Libertarian Party of Ohio from the early 2000s until after 2004. Among other bad advice which Weitzman tried to give me was not to discuss the Federal Reserve System since the American people were not smart enough to understand it. Dr. Paul exposed the falsity of that contention a few years later. Weitzman also tried to sabotage Michael Badnarik's brilliant outreach and educational effort to hold a vote recount in Ohio after the 2004 election. He also opposed me consistently regarding many other issues including those having nothing to do with Zionism. I did not consider it a great loss to the cause of liberty when he left the LPO and became a Republican.

I checked the sources to which the petitioners allude and I could not find anything erroneous in any of them other than the late George Lincoln Rockwell's adherence to national socialism. However, even that commentary did have illustrative material which could be used to advance the cause of liberty.

I have seen no evidence that Carol Moore is an “Anti-Jewish activist...” She, like myself, opposes the crimes of the Zionist state of Israel against the people of Palestine and brutal attacks such as that on the U.S.S. Liberty. <http://www.lewrockwell.com/2001/05/eric-margolis/the-uss-liberty-americas-most-shameful-secret/>. That can only be defined as anti-Jewish if you define anti-Jewish as failure to kowtow totally to the Zionist state of Israel.

I am not anti-Jewish. I have no hatred of any Jews except those such as Karl Marx who created the horrible theory of so-called “modern” Communism, those such as the Jew Jacob Schiff who financed the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia and the Jews who made it a totally-Jew controlled operation and murdered 60 million Orthodox Christians, the Zionist Jews who control “our” government, the establishment media and the entertainment industry for the benefit of Israel, and totalitarian Jews such as Chucky Schumer. Ben Shalom Bernanke, Barbara Boxer, Diane Feinstein and Michael Blumberg, who are trying to enslave our country.

I do not deny the facts of The Holocaust or any of the two dozen other holocausts of the twentieth century, some of which were much larger than the official and unproven six million figure or the gas chamber myth, which is scientifically impossible.

Regarding CAIR, the Council on American Islamic Relations, it is important that the LP should invite persons who have a diversity of opinions, especially regarding vital issues such as freedom of religion, speech and the right to travel freely. Mrs. Julia Shearson, a natural born American and officer of CAIR Ohio, had previously reported her harassment for over five hours when she tried to reenter the United States from Canada, based on false information at US Customs. These civil liberty issues, as well as the threat of World War III, should be of issue to all L/libertarians as well as all Americans.

Perhaps that is why the attendance at that meeting was the best in over two years.

Finally, as for the Libertarian Party attracting much Jewish money, for the foreseeable future, unless we become leftist or neocon whores, such as the Democrats and the Republicans, I do not see much of an opportunity for such an outcome. We already have two such parties to betray principles of liberty, justice and peace.