

## The REALISTIC vision for three-party governance

Libertarian (includes Freedom-minded Republicans and Democrats)

Corporatist (Democrats and Republicans who use big business)

Socialist (includes "Progressives" and "Greens").

What of the social conservatives? They are a Freedom-minded addition to the Libertarians. Even the most ardent Christian zealots do not seek to foist their values on others through government. That should make them especially comfortable in the Libertarian Party, especially if the Republican Party is breaking up.

The Republicans SHOULD break up. They've had an uneasy alliance for 80 years as somehow "anti-FDR". Reagan and the good economy kept them together in the 1980s. But a party can't be a party of one man, especially if there are no successors on the horizon. There are no "young Ronald Reagans" in the Republican party.

Until there is a formal Republican break-up, Libertarians can get a lot done. Until Democrat officials start moving to the LP in mass, Libertarians can influence their legislation. Indeed, a salient block of liberty voters means Republicans and Democrats have to woo them on close issues. Once Libertarians are an identifiably large block of voters, our legislation (in most cases we will be removing bad legislation) will influence Republican and Democrat agendas.\*

Libertarians need to POUNCE on this electoral opportunity. The next four years are ripe for a Republican break-up. The ascent of Donald Trump showed everyone how Republicans don't have a unified message. A blatant non-conservative is their top vote-getter. The LP needs strong, media-genic Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. It needs equally strong candidates for Congress. The LP can and should accept liberty-minded candidates running as Ds and Rs; for now, that's where the media is. But The LP can be their "back office" for strategy. Once elected these officials can caucus together. There is a "Congressional Black Caucus"; we can inaugurate a "Congressional Liberty Caucus".

I am the first Democrat presidential candidate to move to the Libertarian Party. I hope it will inaugurate a swell of Democrat voters to accept Libertarian principles, and join us.

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\* In terms of legislation, the most successful political group in American history were the progressives. From 1890-1930 they engendered more federal legislation than in the prior 100 years, and got four Constitutional Amendments passed. Progressives then successfully had most of their agenda taken on by "New Deal" Democrats. Without electing a president, the Progressives got a lot done; over the next two decades, we can get a lot UN-done.