

Trickle UP politics: using The Resistance well.

By January 2021 (at latest), I would like to hear my president inaugurate his term with words like: "we are ALL libertarians, we are ALL democrats, we are ALL republicans". Thomas Jefferson was able to utter similar words when his newly-ascendant party peacefully toppled the old order in 1801 ("we are all Republicans; we are all Federalists"). The "Revolution of 1801" was the first time the Western world had ever seen power peacefully transferred. Blood, force, or threat of force accompanied every prior transfer of ruler.

We can peacefully topple the current order in the next five years.

This is a realistic scenario:

- 1) Resistance candidates gain footholds as realistic choices for state assembly seats and U.S. congress.
- 2) At least three Resistance candidates gain the votes to thwart an incumbent or insurgent major party candidate for Congress.
- 3) These three or more candidates announce that they will campaign in two or four years as Libertarians. They are unceasing. Two months off is the most they take; by early January, they are "at work" again.
- 4) January 2017 also inaugurates municipal campaigns by Resistance members. School Board seats, Zoning Board seats, and Mayoral offices are "low hanging fruit" for Resistance Candidates. Party is less relevant here; big media is less of an obstacle here. If elected in 2017, our municipal folks are now actually governing.
- 5) Over the course of 2017 they are joined by a new crop of Resistance candidates who see opportunities whenever a major party incumbent dis-serves their district. "Eye on '18" gives them a choice to campaign in major party primaries or as Libertarians. Those who lose in primaries very publicly switch to Libertarian.
- 6) Prominent Libertarians run in the Democrat and Republican Primaries for 2018 governorships. So long as these "major" parties stay open to outsider candidates, the liberty-minded among us invade them.
- 7) Repeat in 2019/20, armed with some 2018 successes and now "realism" that even the obtuse media can't ignore.

We should NOT count on decrepit Democrat and Republican nominees. "Corrupt Clinton" and "Tricky Trump" ("or "crazy Bernie" and "Lying Ted") might spur a trickle of voters our way, but the prescription for electoral success in the next five years is "trickle up".