

# Libertarian Party of California

**Free Minds, Free Markets**

*Vote Libertarian – Win a Free Country*



**Liberals** say: don't legislate personal morality.

**Conservatives** say: don't legislate economic equality.

If you agree, you're a **Libertarian**.



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## Pocket Constitution

### Federal Powers

Art I Sec 8: The Congress shall have power to

- lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises; but taxes apportioned by state population;
- borrow money;
- regulate interstate commerce and foreign trade;
- regulate naturalization and bankruptcy;
- coin money;
- define weights and measures;
- regulate patents and copyright;
- establish post offices & roads;
- declare war, raise armies, and maintain a navy.

**10. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.**

16. Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes

### Your Constitutional Rights

1. Freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, petition
2. Right to keep and bear arms
3. No peacetime quartering of troops
4. No unreasonable searches and seizures
5. No double jeopardy or self-incrimination. No depriving of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. No private property taken without just compensation.
6. Right to speedy public trial by impartial jury, to confront and subpoena witnesses, and to assistance of counsel.
7. Right to jury trial in lawsuits
8. No cruel and unusual punishments, no excessive bail or fines
9. **The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.**
13. No slavery or involuntary servitude
14. States cannot take life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; all persons enjoy the equal protection of the laws.
15. Right to vote regardless of race
19. Right to vote regardless of sex
24. Right to vote without paying poll tax
26. Right to vote at age 18

## Pocket Economist

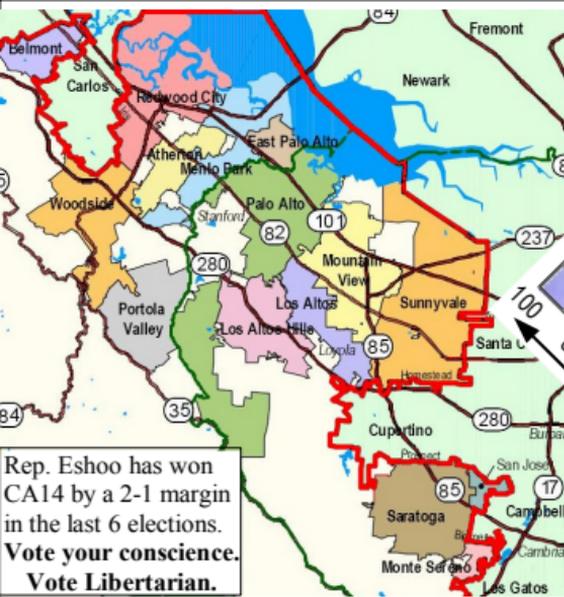
Measure the actions of government against the textbook economic theory of what goods and services should be produced or regulated by government instead of by markets. The Nobel-Prize-winning theory was formalized only in the 1950s, and says government should manage just three special kinds of goods:

Can multiple consumers consume the same good?

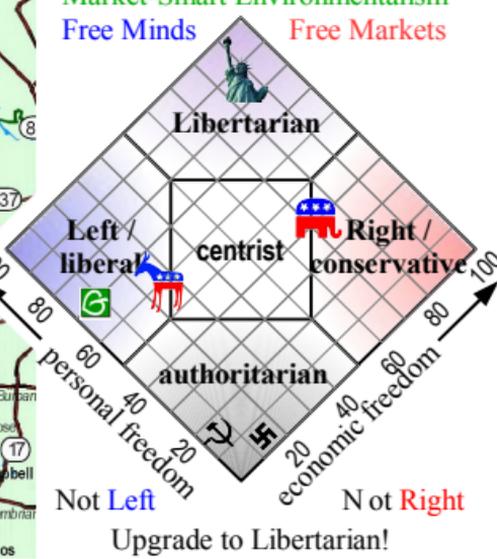
No (**Rival**)

Yes (**Non-Rival**)

Can consumption be detected and prevented? Yes ( <b>Excludable</b> )	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Private Goods</u></p> <p>Efficiently produced by markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufactured goods; services</li> <li>• Food, minerals</li> </ul> <p><b>Govt should not produce private goods</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Natural Monopoly</u></p> <p>High fixed / low marginal costs =&gt; undercompetition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networks of roads, pipes or wires</li> <li>• Police &amp; courts; fire protection</li> </ul> <p><b>Govt should regulate natural monopoly</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Natural Resources</u></p> <p>Tragedy of the commons, negative externalities =&gt; overconsumption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atmosphere, water, fish, game</li> <li>• Airspace, spectrum</li> </ul> <p><b>Govt should police over-consumption via taxes, auctions</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Public Goods</u></p> <p>Free riders, positive externalities =&gt; underproduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National defense, scientific research</li> <li>• Prevention of contagion, flood</li> <li>• Fighting poverty</li> </ul> <p><b>Govt should finance pure public goods</b></p>
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Market-Smart Environmentalism  
Free Minds Free Markets



## Map Your Views – Where Do You Stand?

Answer each question on a scale from 0 (security) to 10 (freedom with responsibility). Plot your sum for personal issues on the chart's lower left axis, and for economic issues on its lower right axis. The Libertarian Party favors more freedom and responsibility on every issue. The bar graphs below indicate the positions of the Green, Democrat, and Republican parties.

Personal Issues



Economic Issues

### How free should adults be:

- From government religious observance?
- From compulsory national service?
- From government limits on media, political expression, and "hate"?
- From police questioning about crimes they allegedly committed or witnessed?
- From government monitoring?
- To choose what substances to ingest?
- To choose any amorous or reproductive behavior or relationship with other consenting adults?
- To keep and bear arms?
- To expose themselves (but not others) to financial, physical, or health risks?
- To assist or commit voluntary suicide?

### How free should adults be:

- To buy products – and face job competition – from abroad?
- To decide as consenting employers, employees, buyers, or sellers to transact (or not) as they see fit?
- From government seizure of private property for economic "development"?

### How responsible should the non-poor be to:

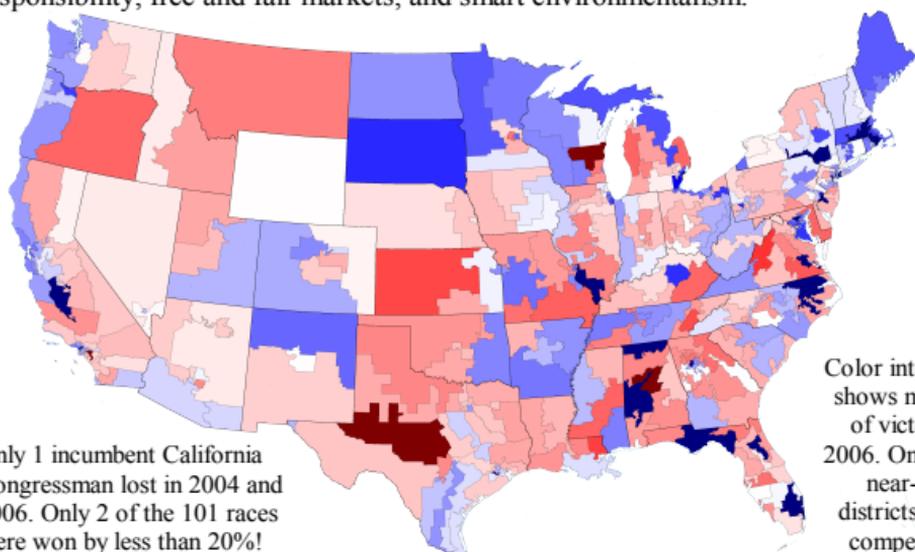
- Choose and pay for health insurance?
- Choose and pay for their children's schooling?
- Save and plan for their retirement?

### How much should society:

- Refrain from subsidizing exporters, farmers, corporations, etc?
- Replace the government's tax-financed guarantees to the poor with local voluntary charity?
- Use taxes or fines instead of regulations and bans to fight pollution?
- Allow firms not to share company control with employees?

## Don't Let Them Take Your Vote For Granted

The entrenched parties map out safe seats so 98% of incumbents in Congress get re-elected. Your one vote will never tip a federal election, so use it to stand up for what you believe. Vote Libertarian to stand up for personal freedom and responsibility, free and fair markets, and smart environmentalism.



Only 1 incumbent California Congressman lost in 2004 and 2006. Only 2 of the 101 races were won by less than 20%!

Color intensity shows margin of victory in 2006. Only the near-white districts were competitive.