Give America a Raise!

“Give America a raise!” These words uttered by president Obama, have been constantly echoed in the current political discourse in one form or another. Whether it is the president’s $10.10, Clinton’s $12.50, or Sanders “fight for 15,” the one thing everyone on the left seems to agree with is the minimum wage needs to be raised.

It would be easy to comment on the more salient economic points against the minimum wage: removing the bottom rung, raising the cost of goods, increasing unemployment, stagnating the labor market, etc... All of these are such boring arguments in the political arena. No one wants to see single mothers with 5 children, or disabled war vets, flipping burgers while greedy CEO’s count humorously large stacks of money. Meanwhile the CEO’s “subjects” squabble over “slave wages.” No one seems to remember that the first minimum wage was instituted in Canada to protect white timber workers from Japanese immigrants, or that the apartheid in South Africa instituted a minimum wage to keep out black workers from the unionized “white” jobs. In the United States Irish unions pressed FDR into the “Fair Labor and Standards Act” to keep southern African-American’s from pricing out white workers in many industrial jobs. Even today unions like SEIU have pushed for the $15/hr wage in California to give workers a “living wage”. What isn’t told nearly as much is that these same unions negotiated for an exemption the “living wage” law. It’s so hypocritical that a lawsuit has been filed against them in California.

This backdoor crony capitalism doesn’t seem to make it to the debate stage, owing to the fact that it might force the left to actually provide some political consistency. And as long as economics continues to bore them, it doesn’t look too good for the future. The real losers of course, will be the low-skilled workers who are pushing these same measures, an irony that will no doubt be blamed on the fiscal conservatives and end only with tragedy for those desperately trying to get into the labor market.

By William Moffat, Volunteer Director, Libertarian Party of Nevada
The Simple Case Against Regulating Encryption

By Seth Martin, Contributor, Libertarian Party of Nevada

The debate surrounding the regulation of one of the internet’s most powerful tools has reached its antithesis this year. Battles between governments/agencies (i.e. NSA, FBI, China, and Russia) and technology companies has reached a fever pitch. Some onlookers in this battle are equally interested in its outcome as its players, but for different reasons. Criminals and terrorists desire easy access to encryption tools in order to hide from the police and military, while regular people want easy access to encryption tools to hide from criminals, terrorists, and government surveillance. I believe the case for whether or not we should regulate encryption has had sufficient attention; instead, I’d like to focus on the simpler question: whether or not we can regulate it. Encryption, at its heart, is one thing: maths. To regulate encryption is to try to regulate math. You probably knew that already, but today I hope you’re going to learn a little bit more about how encryption works, how easy it is to access, and why our government is so miserably bad at attempting to control it.

Many people see encryption the way they see the password on their phone or computer, but this understanding is too simplistic, and overlooks the major difference between those security regimes. Putting a password on a computer or a phone, is tantamount to locking up a book. You put it in a safe, close the door, spin the lock, and it’s protected from being read. The book itself, however, is unaltered. If someone could teleport the book out of the safe (or him/herself into the safe!), it could be read. This holds true for password protection. The contents of your computer or phone (typically) are stored “in the clear” or in plaintext. This means that if I were to hook your phone’s memory or computer’s hard drive up to my computer, I wouldn’t need your password to read the data. This password security regime contrasts with encryption; encryption is a different, far-more powerful tool.

Encryption, to continue the analogy, is to take the book and scramble around the words and letters until it is unreadable by other people. You, however, know the secret to getting the words and letters back in their proper order. When using higher-level encryption, you assume that even if you gave the book to your foe, it would be of no use to them. Therefore, you don’t need the overhead of safes, or locks, or even basic secrecy. The “cryptotext” is theirs for the taking because you’re confident they can’t do anything with it.

The basic concept of encryption goes as far back as 100 BCE. The Caesar Cipher was used by the Roman military to pass messages. Each letter was incremented a certain number of times. That increment is the “key.” Let’s say it was 3, so A becomes D, B becomes E, and so on. Now the message “attack” becomes “dowdnw” it’s simple, but it worked. This is an example of “private key encryption”, where you and your partner keep the key (3) private and can send encrypted messages through vulnerable runners without fear—so long as the key is kept secret!

Now, obviously, this didn’t hold up long. Some Gaul somewhere got a hold of the message, and tried every private key until he was able to make sense of the gibberish, and the encryption system failed to protect the data. This was the first “brute force attack” in recorded history. In order to combat this, modern encryption schemes use complex algorithms and longer keys. To try every private key in a 512-bit encryption scheme would take a modern supercomputer longer than the age of the universe to complete using today’s capabilities. It’s much easier to attack your ally in the bar and beat the key out of him. But if he doesn’t know the key?

Enter “public key cryptography.” A pair of genius mathematicians named Diffie and Hellman developed a scheme in 1976 to do just this. This invention is heralded the start of the modern cryptography war. In public key cryptography, I have a public key— and a private key that are mathematically related, usually through factoring large, semiprime numbers into their large prime factors. I give you—and the whole world, for all I care—my public key. You can use this key to perform some math, and encrypt messages you want to send to me. Here’s the big bonus. You cannot use this public key to decrypt them! Only the private key, which obviously I tell no one, can decrypt messages sent to me. You also have a pair of numbers (public key, private key) so I can encrypt messages I send to you using your public key and you can decrypt messages I send to you using your private key. This is how companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft, WhatsApp, and Facebook can get away with saying they don’t possess the keys to your data on your device. They only have the public key! Sound simple? It is! Although it took us centuries to discover this mathematical trick, it only took me about two hours as a first-year Computer Engineering student to implement one of the world’s most advanced public key cryptography algorithm (RSA) in code.

So now we get back to the regulation question. The Senate is currently debating a bill that requires tech companies to build weaknesses into their encryption algorithms. This means governments/agencies could get into your data, with proper warrants of course. This is currently impossible when using online services with strong public key cryptography systems. To accomplish this, we’d have to go back to basic encryption technology on our devices. Worse yet, it would no longer stop the Russians, Chinese, or whoever from having access to all of your online accounts. You can bet that the best cyber criminals and international...
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impossible for me to believe.  The principles are so simple that to not know these are the principles of your life is impossible for me to believe.  The principles are: we don’t harm one another, we

the other is the IRS and I am proposing eliminating the IRS because it wouldn’t be needed anymore, because we would eliminate income tax and corporate tax.  I also think that you've got a lot of aggression exercised by the government in jailing people who haven’t paid their taxes.

Johnson vs. John McAfee

Johnson scored some one-on-one time with two Libertarian founder of McAfee Associates John McAfee.

ZF: Assuming Bernie Sanders and Ted Cruz do not win their party's nomination, how will you help their supporters see the light of our message?

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with regard to businesses, I think that's the absolute wrong path to take.  Something that's not being understood right now is that businesses are required to take a certain number of documents—A, B, C, D, and E—to be able to hire someone from out-

ZF: Why are you running for President?  GJ: At the end of the day I think I'd actu-

all of the hands of the mentally ill—Zach, we should be open to that discussion on keeping fire-

GJ: Well, I think that's the opportunity that exists right now; the opportunity that exists right now is that I think most people in this country are libertarian and they just don't know it.  And I do believe that Donald Trump is going to be the [Republican] nominee and I do believe that Hillary is going to be the [Democr
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patibility—the government?  Me?  Who?  This is the problem with “we can't give it to the criminally insane.”  But who defines sane?  If we take someone off the streets because they're derelict and we start giving them drugs to make them passive, and they turn kind of crazy… Why is that?  I don't know?  I don't want to restrict guns to anyone.  Now, if someone does get a gun and does something violent with it, then they go to prison like everybody else.  But we cannot be the moral judge, as a govern-

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ZF: That's horrible.  Anyway, we've got some really fantastic questions for you from differ-

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As all of you know, the Libertarian Party of Nevada is doing very well. Throughout the country there are some states that are doing well and others that need some serious assistance. Despite this, the National Libertarian Party is NOT doing well at getting these states up and running. Honestly, I have been concerned with the direction the National Party is heading for a while. Since the 2014 National Convention our membership numbers are down (over 20%), our fundraising efforts are failing, our messaging isn’t working, our branding is horrible and unappealing, our membership data is basically worthless, and most important—our national leadership lacks vision. Furthermore, I believe the National Party does more harm than good for most states with their negative messaging and their “urgent grams.” When you have a state party that is doing well and gaining members and has really exciting things going on, it is confusing to members of these states when they receive communications from the National Party painting such a dark and gloomy picture. In some cases, members have showed up to our office with these letters and have expressed their concerns about whether or not we will have a National Libertarian Party in a year. This hurts the active states’ volunteer and fundraising efforts. This must stop and I think that I can do a better job at fundraising without resorting to scare tactics.

Additionally, too many National leaders are stuck in the “good enough” category and do the absolute bare minimum to keep the party ticking over. This is unacceptable. We have an amazing opportunity to GROW the LP, but we have to work together! Nevada was in a tough spot back in 2013; since that time, we came together as a team and arguably have the most effective and active (fun!) affiliate in the country! I attribute some of this success to constantly striving to be better; thank you everyone else in politics for raising our bar. Take our newsletter, we could easily publish a basic word document with a few articles but we want to have the best newsletter in Nevada and beyond. We push ourselves to be the absolute best in everything we do and it has resulted in new members, volunteers, donors, legislation, and recruiting efforts!

When I served two terms on the Libertarian National Committee I suggested many ideas to grow the party. I spent countless hours drafting plans, projecting financials, and determining the ROI (return on investment) on each plan. The disappointing part—after dozens of hours invested in developing each plan, I would have ten minutes to present it to the National Committee. They would have one minute to vote NO. Needless to say that after two terms I was completely fed up with their unwillingness to consider and try new things. Some suggested I try my ideas out on the local level—it works out, present them again to the Libertarian National Committee. Guess what, the same ideas I suggested to the National Party have been wildly successful and I am bringing them back, this time with a full plan to grow the LP!

My game plan to lead the National Libertarian Party is listed on my Facebook Page: www.fb.com/BrettHPojunis.

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Meet Our Candidates

Dennis Hoff
Assembly District 36
www.DennisHoff.com

Dennis is a Nevada business owner with a passion for helping people. Dennis has fought sex trafficking in Nevada and the United States for decades and is uniquely qualified to work with the legislature and law enforcement to prosecute the criminals and provide a safe haven for their victims. Dennis is committed to repealing the commerce tax that is burdening local, small businesses. His opposition voted for the tax and continues to defend his decision. Dennis knows that increasing the size of government and raising taxes is never the answer.

Dennis is also dedicated to realizing a brighter future for our state’s youth. The incumbent candidate had his chance and FAILED. Dennis will not waste an opportunity to enrich the educational opportunities for our children. Dennis believes our veterans and seniors deserve the best quality care possible, and Dennis is devoted to making sure that those who have sacrificed so much for future generations have localized resources that are both modern and convenient. Our children, parents, and grandparents will have a tireless advocate in Dennis as a State Assembyman.

David Colborne
Senate District 15
www.ElectDavid.com

In Senate District 15, the Establishment Party candidates are a professional politician (Heidi Gansert), a small business owner (Eugene Hoover), and a professional labor lobbyist (Devon Reese). What’s missing? How about the rest of us? How about those of us with jobs, who only have one customer for our labor, and if that customer decides they don’t derive sufficient profit from our labor anymore, we lose our house, our power, our food, and everything else we need to survive? How about those of us with children in Nevada’s schools, who witness firsthand the effects of our state’s legislation on education whenever we attend a parent-teacher conference? How about those of us that aren’t independently wealthy?

In short, how about the vast majority of Nevadans? Who represents them?

My name is David Colborne, and I look forward to earning the support of the vast majority of Nevadans in Senate District 15.

Kimberly Schjang
Senate District 7
www.Schjang.com

As a native of Las Vegas for 33 years and a student at UNLV, Kim has seen plenty of changes to Las Vegas as a whole, and most notably, to District 7 where she has lived for most of her life. She wants to know - where will this district be in another ten years? Not just for herself, but for her young nephews, for her mother that just turned 57, for her neighbors playing basketball on Saturday evenings, and even the “Corn Man” baseball team to announce that he has, come to serve the neighborhood a treat. Will things be improved, or stagnant like the past ten years?

The future is why Kim is running for Senate District 7. She is determined to make sure that each and every man, woman and child has a bright future. Whether it is improving the public transportation system, offering more choices for education to parents, or lowering taxes so the things you buy are cheaper, Kim has a plan to improve the lives of everyone in District 7. A vote for Kimberly A. Schjang for State Senate District 7 is a vote for a certain future.

The Trump Machine; A Public Affair

When it comes to the billionaire with the combover hair, there are only two camps: those who love the man and those who despise him. But there’s not a soul in the country who doesn’t know the name: Donald Trump, the rogue, self-funded, mega-businessman and reality star running for election in this year’s race for the White House.

Donald Trump is something of an unprecedented sensation. In many lights, he’s become an election superstars we all love to hate, and his increasing success has as much to do with his loud defiance of those who would accuse him of impropriety as with any of his particular platforms or positions. It’s nothing of an exaggeration to say that his entire campaign has been one middle finger after another to today’s progressive movement of broad cultural sensitivity and modern mores of politically correct middle finger after another to today’s progressive movement of.

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And yet, week after week, somehow he keeps winning. Whether by strategic intent, or pure dumb luck, all of the controversy and sensation has generally played to his favor. But should we really be all that dumbfounded when the man living in the spotlight ends up at center stage? If we hope to derail the Trump Train from heading engine-first into the White House, we must do something different. Screaming and vitriol do little to garner votes. Spitting heading engine-first into the White House, we must do something different. Screaming and vitriol do little to garner votes. Spitting

By Jay Layman, Communications Director, Libertarian Party of Nevada

John Moore
Assembly District 8
www.ReelectJohn.com

In 2014, John was elected to the State Legislature representing Nevada Assembly District 8. During his first term, John provided a fresh and strong libertarian voice to represent his constituents, and to ensure that our voice is heard. John will continue to work to bring a consensus to the Nevada State Assembly, and to create a brighter future for Nevada. John knows it is extremely important to be able to work with both sides of the aisle.

As a combat Veteran himself, John knows the value of making sure that our nation’s Veterans get the kind of care and treatment that they deserve. He will fight for our Veterans at every opportunity. Every year, we are asked to pay “just a little bit more,” and John knows this is not the answer to the issues that face our state. Instead government agencies must be held accountable for how our tax dollars are being spent. For years, we’ve been paying more and getting less. We deserve better. John understands that less government involvement in our daily lives and less government spending of our money is the best way to ensure a free and prosperous future for Nevada.

Troy Warren
Assembly District 12

Troy is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada and Assembly District 12. He is a husband, son, uncle, and a father of two daughters. He is a mechanic and has been in this career for over thirty years. Troy is determined to win Assembly District 12 - for you! Are you fed up with the current state of bickering politics? Are you tired of our school system constantly making excuses as to why they are unable to educate our children? Are you tired of being told “no more taxes” and then getting billions of dollars in taxes shoveled down your throat? If you answered yes to any of those, Troy Warren is your guy! He is NOT a politician; instead, he is a hard-working, tax-paying, blue-collar American who is fed up. Troy is throwing his hat in the ring to change things for the better. Please vote Troy Ethan Warren for Nevada State Assembly District 12.
Regulating Encryption (Continued)

terrorists in the world have someone with a working knowledge of Java or C and would be able to hack into your information in a matter of hours, maybe an hour, and I'd be dead by thousands of other people out there who are better at it than I am. They don’t have to work at Apple, or Google, or Microsoft. They can be college students, high school hackers, or self-taught foreigners. It can be. Done. It’s time to stop arguing about whether it’s the right thing to do because those questions are moot. It’s time to face facts—regulating encryption is the impossible thing to do.

Dear Republicans

By Jason Weiman, Political Director, Libertarian Party of Nevada

No, we will not change everything we believe to appeal to you. You’re sick of the GOP. That’s great. We don’t like them either. But please don’t helpfully inform us that you would be Libertarian if only we were more bigoted. We welcome Republican refugees into our party the same way we welcome refugees from all over the world into the United States. We are not abandoning our principles to appease regressive social conservatives, just as we would not expect refugees to turn the US Government into a Syrian style dictatorship.

People join the Libertarian Party for all sorts of reasons. Our members are former Democrats who became independent, and sometimes even Republicans. Our members come from all walks of life. We don’t even all share the same political philosophy. Some of us are libertarians because we believe that free markets are the best way to raise living standards across the board and to lift people out of poverty. Some of us are concerned about restoring our rights to privacy and other civil freedoms. While we generally agree on policy, we believe that the government spends too much of our money, regulates too much of our business, and imposes too much in our private lives. Strangely, although there is no indication Syrian refugees dying pointlessly on waiting lists want America to adopt the very policies they’re fleeing, fed-up Republicans often seem to want the Libertarian Party to adopt more regressive policy, not less. Like Republican stockholm Syndrome, they complain about the GOP’s infringement of our basic rights (from passing the largest tax and spending hikes in Nevada history, to their trampling of due process) in the same breath as they would impose the same kinds of infringements or worse on gays, transgendered Americans, immigrants, and on the people who would violate the arbitrary prohibition on marijuana use. It is not an “offense” to your religion, to your culture, to your traditions, or to you personally, for other people to decide how they want to live their lives. According to the U.S. Department of Justice (2013), there are an average of 293,066 sexual assault victim reports every year. That’s 85 per day. Despite all this, there is not one reliable instance of a transgender person harassing a non-transgender person in a public restroom. And yet, Republicans claim, without a hint of irony, that their anti-trans bathroom bill will somehow protect us, or our children, from sexual assault. The spouse of a prominent Republican Assembly person claimed that opposition to the bathroom bill “and support for marriage equality” is “born out of hatred for Christians.” Wow!

This same Republican told me that “this whole thing has nothing to do with rights and is your own personal way to slap Christians in the face.” Never mind that the overwhelming majority of Democrats and Libertarians are Christians. Never mind that there is no commandment to use gender segregated bathrooms in any religious text I’m familiar with—and certainly not the Bible. He wanted to use gender segregated bathrooms in his home, and then move on to a bathroom issue. How to live.

The Libertarian Party of Nevada prides itself on its political efficacy, which is a break from the way the party has operated in the past. We welcome Republicans who don’t agree with us on every issue, just like we welcome ex-Democrats who don’t agree with us on every issue. We are willing to compromise to move the ball in the right direction. We are willing to make concessions that will be effective. But we will always be the Party of Principle. We are no more social conservatives than we are fiscal liberals, and our members, no matter who they were born, or what their religion, are not fighting to tell everyone else where or how to live.
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