

## [rad-i-kuh l]

*adj.* -- Arising from or going to a root or source; basic.  
*n.* -- One who advocates fundamental or revolutionary changes in current practices, conditions, or institutions.

### MISSION OF THE RADICAL CAUCUS

The LPRC seeks to support the re-radicalization of the U.S. Libertarian Party (LP); and further to promote a clear, radical vision of libertarianism through education and electoral advocacy both within the LP and outside of it.

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“Now is not the time to tone down our inspiring and beautiful message of liberty and the hope it brings for all of humanity... So spread the word. Embrace your principles. If you believe in liberty, don't be afraid of confronting its implications and condemning aggression wherever you see it. In a world as torn asunder by the state as ours is, where the benefits of freedom wherever it is allowed to flower are nevertheless as beautifully clear as ever, I do contend that holding tight onto principle is the only sensible strategy.”

-- Anthony Gregory, Libertarian activist and Research Fellow at the Independent Institute



## Libertarian Party Radical Caucus

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RADICAL  
WITH US

We seek a world set free in our lifetimes; no more, no less. Radical Libertarians seek a time of advancing liberty and retreating government; we seek a growing, successful Libertarian Party that is capable of winning the hearts and minds of millions of people over to liberty and justice.

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# The Libertarian Wing of the Libertarian Party

## Why a Caucus?

The Libertarian Party early on developed a lively tradition of caucuses to advocate for certain positions within the Party. One of the strongest and most important of these was the Radical Caucus. In recent years radicals have continued to play an important part in the Libertarian Party, but have perhaps not spent as much time and energy as needed to keep the Party focused on the prize: Freedom.

## Become an LPRC Member

Any person who acknowledges their agreement with the Radical Caucus Key Points is eligible for non-voting membership under the Caucus Bylaws. The Caucus additionally offers voting memberships to those who contribute time and/or funds to our work. For details on joining, see our website: [lpradicalcaucus.org](http://lpradicalcaucus.org)

## LPRC Key Principles

The Radical Caucus believes these four points are key strategic principles in furthering the work of the Libertarian Party toward, as our platform describes it, "a world set free in our lifetime".

**Natural Rights Are Utilitarian** - The central commitment of the Libertarian Party should be to individual liberty. Our goal should be to illustrate convincingly that there is no essential separation between natural rights and utilitarianism - that is, the morally correct choice yields the most benefit for the greatest number of people.

**Radical Abolitionism** - As the word radical means "going to the root" of something, radical Libertarians should not merely propose small changes to the status quo and debate the fine points of government policy with the opponents of freedom. Instead, Libertarians must always make clear that the outright removal of the injustice and interference of the State is our ultimate goal. Speaking from our basic principles avoids the quagmire of self-imposed, obligatory gradualism. Rather than offering compromise, we should demand what we really seek -- a free society -- and let our opponents offer the compromises.

**Principled Populism** - The Libertarian Party should be a mass-participation party operating in the electoral arena and elsewhere, devoted to consistent libertarian principle, and committed to liberty and justice for all. The Libertarian Party should trust in and rely on individuals to welcome a program of liberty and justice and should always aim to convince people of the soundness of libertarian principles. Simply repeating our basic principles and not proposing transition measures is ineffective in the short run because only a small part of the populace is interested in liberty in the abstract, and hiding or abandoning our principled positions is ineffective in the long run because it fails to sustain us as a movement and attract and retain new Libertarians.

**No Particular Order** - The removal of one harmful government policy should never be held hostage for the removal of another, as this throws self-imposed barriers in the path of liberty and removes potential pressures for change. For example, saying that borders may be opened only after welfare is eliminated is unacceptable; the proper position is to push for both changes. Should we succeed in achieving open borders only to find that welfare burdens are increased, this should be used as an additional argument to abolish welfare.