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“If everyone who agrees with me votes for me, I’ll be the next Governor!”

Are you afraid to vote for anyone who isn’t a Democrat or Republican? If I were you, I’d be afraid to vote for anyone who is a Democrat or Republican. All I have ever seen in my lifetime are Democratic and Republican Governors. All they have ever given us is bigger government, less freedom, and massive corruption. It’s time for a change!

Libertarians believe strongly in individual liberty. Government’s only legitimate purpose is to enforce your rights, rights which are guaranteed by the state and federal constitutions. The state government is ill-equipped to make decisions about your children’s education, health care, auto insurance, how to construct your home, your working conditions and salary, your sex life, ad infinitum. These matters should be returned to individual control so that you will be able to make the best decisions for you and your family without government interference.

Here are some specifics:

TAXES

New Jersey’s broad-based taxes are out of control. We are drowning in a sea of property taxes, income taxes, and sales taxes. We need to move away from these broad-based taxes in favor of user fees. A user fee is simply a fee paid for a service that is actually used. Funding services in that manner will result in some services being performed by the private sector rather than by government. That will make government smaller, and enable us to cut those taxes. It will also give individuals the power to save money by not paying for services they don’t want or don’t need. The rate of the income tax can be stepped down in tandem with each reduction in the size of government until that tax vanishes. Then we can get to work reducing the sales tax.

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

This is an issue of personal freedom. Whether or not marijuana is good for anyone is irrelevant. Every adult should have the right to make his or her own choices as to what to ingest—be it alcohol, marijuana, nicotine, or cherry pie. Let our drug laws continue to protect children, but let adults have freedom of choice.

GAY RIGHTS

New Jersey needs a marriage equality law which would allow same sex couples to marry. This is a civil rights issue. All New Jersey citizens should enjoy the same rights.

EDUCATION

Public education is failing in many districts, and is unfair to taxpayers who have no children or who home school or send their children to private or religious schools. Privatization of education, whereby diverse schools supported by tuition payments instead of taxes would compete for students, will force schools to improve their quality and efficiency or lose enrollment to those that do. Vouchers can be a useful transitional tool to give parents more choices immediately.

More information about Ken Kaplan at www.kaplanforgovernor.com

Also see www.njlp.org

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You may discover that you have been a Libertarian all along!