

AFP'S REVIEW OF THE CANDIDATES 2012

Campaign 2012: Do You Know Your Candidates?

The upcoming national election on Nov. 6, 2012 could be one of the most important in this country's history, coming at a pivotal time when the United States is teetering on the verge of bankruptcy, unemployment is at an all-time high, especially among the younger generation, and our foreign policy is controlled by another nation. Taxpayers waste hundreds of billions of dollars every year maintaining the plutocrats' global empire. The U.S. military is fighting multiple wars and is currently occupying 130 countries.

All of these critical issues need to be addressed in the next few years, because should a vibrant, popular and charismatic president be elected who is pro-Main Street, fiscally conservative and puts America-first, there is a good chance we can turn this country around.

The following special report written by the editors at AMERICAN FREE PRESS presents the presidential candidates of the top political parties in the United States. These include the Republican Party, the Democrat Party, the Green Party, the Constitution Party, the Libertarian Party, the Party for Socialism and Liberation, the Justice Party, the Socialist Party, the American Third Position Party and America's Party.

The mainstream media, which is solely motivated by profits and is totally controlled by wealthy corporations and powerful special interests, would never report on some of these candidates unless they were able to raise millions of dollars in political contributions and poll in the double digits. Ironically, it is nearly impossible for a politician to raise significant contributions and garner support across the country without free publicity from the mainstream media outlets.

And that is what has prompted us to put together this special report for AMERICAN FREE PRESS readers—and other good Americans across the land.

We recognize that not all of these candidates have qual-

ified to be on ballots in every state. We also recognize that we have not highlighted every candidate that is running for president. The candidates we picked to feature have all put forward plans that address the major problems facing the United States. These ideas need to be presented and they deserve to be debated in homes across America.

It should be known that our reporting on these candidates does not mean that we have endorsed them. In fact, we disagree with many of the planks put forth in some of the candidates' platforms. As advocates of small government, individual responsibility, fiscal conservatism, fair trade and putting America first, the editors at AMERICAN FREE PRESS would not back a candidate or a party that advocates more war, more foreign aid, more "free" trade or more big government as solutions to the troubles we face as a nation.

It is doubtful the United States will be able to survive four more years of politics as usual. What this country needs is true leadership that stops meddling in the affairs of foreign nations, brings the troops home, closes the borders and supports policies that return good-paying jobs to American workers.

As readers will see in this report, there are candidates out there who advocate this. But they need your help. There are many different ways to get the word out. You can order extra copies of this special *CAMPAIGN 2012* report and hand them out to friends, family and co-workers. You can contact your local newspaper and inquire about having it inserted into an upcoming issue. You can also purchase copies at bulk pricing and hand them out at rallies, festivals and local political events.

The election is a bit more than three months away; it's important that Americans act now before it's too late. ★

—CHRISTOPHER J. PETHERICK
AFP EXECUTIVE EDITOR



Barack Hussein Obama

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

On ballot in 50 states

President Barack Obama will be the Democratic nominee for president. He served as an Illinois state senator and, very briefly, as a U.S. senator, before his election as president in 2008.

Under Obama, the American economy has continued the decline that began with the economic crash that occurred under President George W. Bush, and Obama has been largely unable to make meaningful changes in this situation. Further, Obama has used controversial issues such as border control to impose communist-style “Homeland Security” measures on the United States, including internal roadblocks on major American highways and traffic camera banks which photograph and monitor as many as 160 drivers a minute on American interstates. Rather than back off of the policies of his predecessor and disavow torture, warrantless detentions of political dissidents and the fabrication of terror plots by U.S. law enforcement agencies, Obama has intensified efforts to control political dissent by converting angry words into “violent crimes.”

On the plus side, Obama has ended the American oc-

PERTINENT FACTS:

- Has thus far resisted war against Iran
- Passed universal mandatory healthcare
- Believes in expansion of welfare state
- Supports globalist free-trade policies
- Programs have created few jobs
- Supports open borders policies
- Supports back-door amnesty for illegals
- Has sponsored racial divisiveness
- Has dodged questions about his past
- Has greatly increased federal deficit
- Supports wider war on terror abroad
- Supports wider war on terror domestically
- Green energy program has flopped



cupation of Iraq, a military action which was bankrupting the United States, and has reduced the American presence in Afghanistan. He has also, so far, avoided pressure from Jewish groups and Israel to attack Iran. Part of this has been forced on him by economic necessity—his effort to implement universal healthcare was doomed to failure from conception in part because the U.S. economy could not support it, and the weakness of the U.S. economy is largely due to overspending on military operations.

Overall, Obama has been an inferior president except for the fact that he has rejected Israeli pressure to attack Iran. He has failed to unite or lead America, and comes into the 2012 election with diminished popularity. ★

“America and Islam are not exclusive and need not be in competition. Instead, they overlap, and share common principles of justice and progress, tolerance and the dignity of human beings.”

Willard Mitt Romney

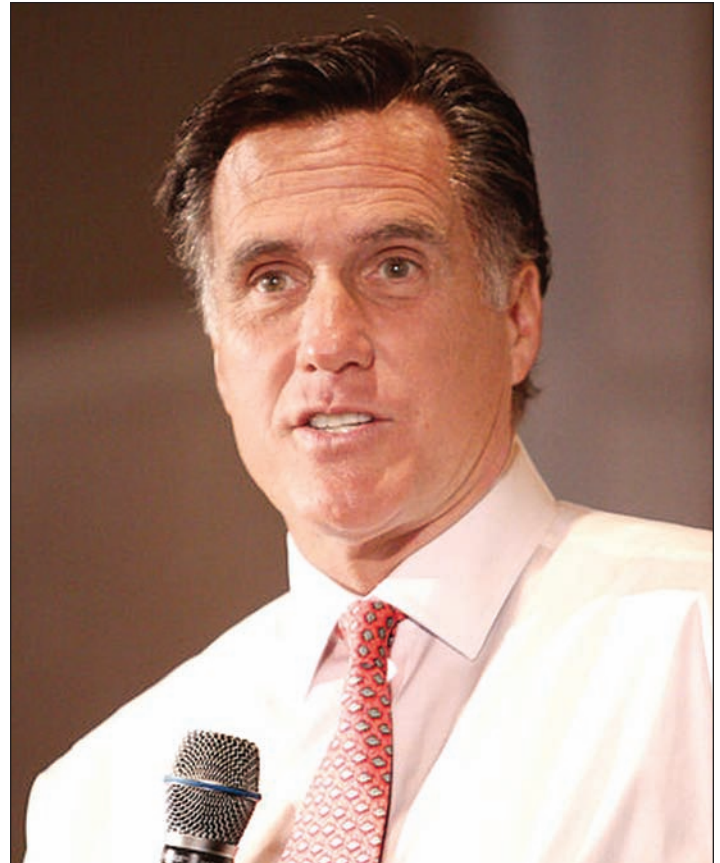
REPUBLICAN PARTY

On ballot in 50 states

Mitt Romney is a Mormon and mainstream, relatively liberal Republican and former governor of Massachusetts, who has performed well in Republican primaries and caucuses.

It remains unclear how Romney would govern, as he seems to hold no definite political positions, but is willing to deal and compromise his principles for any momentary political advantage. Given how similar Republicans have governed in the past, one can expect Romney to reduce border security and work to further open American borders to international trade—probably to a greater degree than has occurred under the Obama administration. One can also expect the continuance of relatively liberal social policies and a continuation of the policies of warfare and “war on terror” that have characterized the encroaching police state of the past two decades. Wall Street reform is off the table, and Romney has probably no idea that there even is a problem with the Federal Reserve.

The Republican Party is very aware that it lost the 2008 elections because it managed to choose the one politician in perhaps all of the United States who was obviously and demonstrably worse than Barack Obama—lunatic warmonger and rabid Zionist John McCain. Romney is not part of the Republican Party's extreme Trotskyist-communist neo-conservative wing. On the other hand, the liberal-capitalist wing that he is part of is much like the Democratic Party, only milder and



structured to be more appealing to so-called “conservative” voters.

As far as foreign policy is concerned, Romney has called for more intervention in the Middle East. In addition, he has surrounded himself by pro-Israel, pro-war neo-conservatives, who believe the U.S. military should police the world—a notion contrary to true conservatism, American tradition and common sense. ★

PERTINENT FACTS:

- Supports making war against Iran
- Supports universal mandatory healthcare
- Surrounds himself with hardline neocons
- Believes in strengthening the American family
- Supports globalist free-trade policies
- Supports open borders policy with Mexico
- Says he wants energy independence for America

“Dependency is death to initiative, to risk-taking and opportunity. It’s time to stop the spread of government dependency and fight it like the poison that it truly is.”

GREEN PARTY

Jill Stein

GREEN PARTY

Expected on ballot in a majority of states

Jill Stein is a Green Party activist and medical doctor who became involved in environmental issues out of concern for children's health and the impact of chemical additives and genetic modifications to the food supply. Stein has held local political office in the town of Lexington, Mass., and has run for state-wide office there as well. Stein's economic platform is built around a "Green New Deal," including massive government investment in environmentally friendly technologies as part of a plan for rebuilding America and revitalizing the American economy. She is considered to have the strongest political and fundraising organization within the Green Party, and was thus able to beat back a strong challenge from outspoken political activist and comedienne Roseanne Cherrie Barr.



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LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Gary Earl Johnson

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Expected on ballot in 50 states

Gary Johnson, the nominee of the Libertarian Party, is the former governor of New Mexico. Johnson has been described as “the most fiscally conservative” governor in America and is focusing his campaign on the need for the United States to balance its budget through major cuts in U.S. agencies, departments and social services. He also advocates abolition of the Internal Revenue Service and across the board tax cuts for the American middle class.

From a populist perspective, the Libertarian Party is a mixed bag. It draws its ideologies from the ideas of free-trading economists like Ludwig von Mises, and its free-market capitalism has attracted the support of big bankers like former head of the privately owned and operated Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan.

However, the Libertarian Party is known for its com-



“Balance the federal budget now, not 15 years from now, not 20 years from now, but now. And throw out the entire federal tax system.”

mitment to open borders and for extreme liberalism on social issues. On the other hand, this same ideological firmness has made the Libertarian Party a consistent opponent of the excesses of the federal government, including the American war policy and the civil rights violations that have gone hand in hand with the so-called “war on terror.” ★

CONSTITUTION PARTY

Virgil Hamlin Goode Jr.

CONSTITUTION PARTY

Expected on ballot in a majority of states

Virgil Goode is a former U.S. congressman from Virginia who is polling at 5 percent as the Constitution Party nominee in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Goode is a former Republican who went both Democratic and Independent before being defeated in 2008. He was known as one of the few “extreme” constitutionalists in Congress, though without Ron Paul’s Libertarian social bent. Goode’s campaign is focused upon economic reform and the rebuilding of the American economy to service the mostly poor and mostly white working class whom he represented in Congress and the Virginia State Legislature. Goode’s voting record is mixed, and his statements about U.S. intervention in Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran are not exactly calculated to establish his “peace” credentials. Goode also takes a hard line on the so-called “war on terror,” and would be unlikely to curb U.S. abuses of civil liberties and detainees, both foreign and domestic. His com-

“If the massive invasion is not stopped, we are going to be flooded to the extent that we will drift into third world status.”



mitment to freedom of speech *vis-a-vis* U.S. anti-terror legislation is also questionable.

The Constitution Party is one of the largest third party organizations in the United States, and has been well known, like the much smaller America’s Party, for its dedication to Christian religious principles and its opposition to homosexuality and abortion. It is one of four organizations in the United States capable of gaining access to a majority of the state ballots, and is, as its name suggests, a thoroughly constitutionalist political organization. ★

Ross Carl 'Rocky' Anderson

JUSTICE PARTY

Expected on ballot in at least 10 states

Rocky Anderson is the former mayor of Salt Lake City who has formed a left-wing-oriented democratic socialist political group which he calls the Justice Party in support of his election bid. His platform centers around rebuilding and restoring power to American labor unions. Like most of the left wing and socialist parties, Anderson is also calling for "fair trade," as opposed to free trade, but generally adheres to an "open borders" philosophy, calling for a loosening of restrictions on the U.S.-Mexican border.

The Justice Party has been formed specifically to support Anderson's bid, and is expected to qualify for the ballot in nine to 12 states. Its main issue is wealth redistribution, followed by the elimination of corporate contributions from American political campaigns. It seeks

"How far have we drifted away from what we once were? And how do we attain greater freedom, more opportunity and security for all?"



to arrest corporate bosses who were responsible for the 2008 economic meltdown, and, while it opposes the current American security effort that has followed the war on terror, it also wishes to "end racism," a goal that requires similar totalitarian methods. Otherwise, its platform is largely a derivative of the Green Party's, with a particular emphasis on rebuilding the American economy through investment in green jobs. ★

PARTY FOR SOCIALISM & LIBERATION

Peta Lindsay

PARTY FOR SOCIALISM & LIBERATION

Expected on ballot in at least 15 states

Peta Lindsay—born in 1984 and thus not eligible to be president—is the nominee of the Party of Socialism and Liberation. She's a longtime communist activist, having had a lead role in the ANSWER organization since 2001, and having previously been involved in communist organizing at Howard University, which she attended in the 1990s. She has led trips to Cuba and Venezuela, met with Hugo Chavez, and considers herself an activist against racism and police brutality and for lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender rights.

The Party for Socialism and Liberation is a "revolutionary" Marxist-Leninist organization which seeks to impose a Soviet-style dictatorship upon the United States. The group has called for nationalization of the American banking system and most large corporations and the forceful seizure and redistribution of the private wealth held by American citizens and companies in American bank accounts. It also demands open-borders immigration and free national healthcare, as well as an



"I think it's a very undemocratic rule . . . there are so many people in this country [who] are not eligible to run for public office."

end to the American occupation of Afghanistan, an end to imperialist warfare, and a restoration of the rights of the American people which have been lost during the war on terror. Due to the nature of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, its degree of commitment to what most Americans would consider to be civil liberties is questionable. This review, like those throughout this report, is based upon its stated platform as its candidates have never held office and have no voting record against which to judge their commitment. ★

SOCIALIST PARTY

Stewart Alexis Alexander

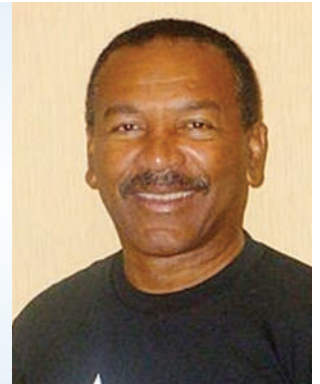
SOCIALIST PARTY

Expected on ballot in at least five states

Stewart Alexander is a black political activist, former Los Angeles radio host and used car salesman who has been nominated by the Socialist Party, USA, as its 2012 nominee. Despite having been an activist with the NAACP and other organizations with a questionable devotion to liberty, he describes himself as “liberty loving” and has made a “democratic reorganization” of the U.S. banking system his key plank. His political experience includes campaigning for mayor of Los Angeles and lieutenant governor of California as the nominee of the Peace and Freedom Party.

The Socialist Party, USA is the only third party to have a sitting member of the U.S. Congress, Bernie Sanders, though it is also one of the smallest of the third parties organized in the United States. According to Richard Winger of *Ballot Access News*, their petition

“I intend to put the vast wealth of this society to work to finally satisfy human needs instead of feeding the profit hungry 1%.”



drive has largely faltered this year, and the group is only expected to qualify for five to seven state ballots, though Winger stressed that it is still early in the ballot access season and that anything is possible for any of the third parties. The group adheres to a standard democratic-socialist platform, but notably is opposed to the Federal Reserve System and has called for structural reforms in U.S. banking and U.S. currency terrorism. ★

AMERICAN THIRD POSITION PARTY

Merlin Lloyd Miller

AMERICAN THIRD POSITION PARTY

Expected on ballot in three or four states

Merlin Miller is an independent filmmaker who worked in Hollywood before turning to political activism and founding Americana Pictures, a studio designed to produce pro-white films, and which recently issued the production *Arminius: The Liberator of Europe*. Calling his platform “Liberty. Sovereignty. Identity,” Miller has forged an alliance with a group of former activists around the website Stormfront and other elements of the white nationalist movement—many of whom have also worked for candidates such as Ron Paul—to promote his vision of an America that serves the interests of the founding race of America—the white race.

The American Third Position Party is a group of white-oriented political activists, many coming from Stormfront and the former National Alliance, who are working to organize a white alternative to the two major political parties. Their name comes from a desire to find



“Organizations abound for every racial or cultural group in America save one—the white race. It is time for the descendants of the people who created America and our political institutions to reclaim them.”

a “third position” outside that of the Democratic and Republican parties, and not from the political ideology of “Third Positionism,” though many are longtime racial activists. Most of their members are known to be sincere members of the pro-white movement. ★

Thomas Conrad Hoefling

AMERICA'S PARTY

Expected on Florida ballot, possibly others

Thomas Hoefling is the national policy director for black former GOP activist Alan Keyes and the presidential nominee of America's Party, running on a ticket with longtime constitutional activist J.D. Ellis. Hoefling's campaign centers around the religious issues of America's Party, including opposition to abortion and homosexuality, and his key-stone policy is the formation of a National Citizens Constitutional Review Board—a group of American citizens who will review the entire structure of the American government to determine its constitutionality and recommend either its retention or abolition.

America's Party was founded in 2008 and is a religiously based political party whose primary planks are the promotion of Christianity and opposition to abortion. The group was able to make it onto two state presidential ballots in 2008, and their 2012 ballot access



“All officers of government in this country, in every branch, at every level, have as the first obligation of their sacred oath the protection of all innocent lives within their jurisdiction.”

effort has largely faltered. It remains questionable whether the candidates will appear on the Florida ballot due to a paperwork issue, or any ballots at all. However, the group hopes to continue to organize, and seems to fill a niche similar to that of the Constitution Party. ★

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