

THE LIBERTAS STATEMENT

We, as libertarians, affirm:
That full individual liberty is impossible in any society other than a voluntary one that agresses upon no one;
That men and women require the full and independent use of their own judgement in order to survive at an optimum level, and therefore have a natural right to do their own thing, providing that they do not physically harm or coercively restrict another individual's life, liberty, or property;
That everyone is exclusively sovereign, and a slave to no one;
That the individual is best served by society when he or she is free from the forcefully imposed controls of others, acting alone or in concert (as a government);
That all forms of coercion, aggression and fraud are always immoral;
That the only system consistent with personal freedoms in the economic arena is one that does not interfere with free trade between individuals;
THEREFORE, we, as libertarians, resolve to oppose all forms of aggression by any State, Government, self-appointed savior, individual, or association of individuals. We further resolve to oppose taxation, conscription, eminent domain, laws which create victimless 'crimes,' and all programs forced onto individuals without their consent. It is time that the chains of authoritarianism in economics and morality be broken. Individual rights and coercion cannot coexist. Liberty cannot be compromised, and we will settle for no less than freedom in our time.

SHORT HISTORY OF SLL

Historically, SLL started as a meager operation in early 1973 at the conclusion of an experimental college class at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). The course offered no units, but five students attended the first day of class. The class was conducted by a CSUF commercial art student, Lawrence Samuels, who was SLL's first chair. A small journal entitled "Libertarian New Horizons" was issued by SLL when it was first known on campus as Students for Libertarian Life. In the early years, SLL sponsored two main speeches. Former Progressive Labor Party leader, Phillip Abbott Luce, was SLL's first campus speaker. More than 50 students listened to Luce in front of the CSUF library. The next speech drew almost 100 students to listen to self-proclaimed Libertarian Liz Keathley who captured the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) gubernatorial candidacy (1974). In the 1976 elections, a number of SLL members ran for PFP positions, almost totally capturing the PFP in Orange County.

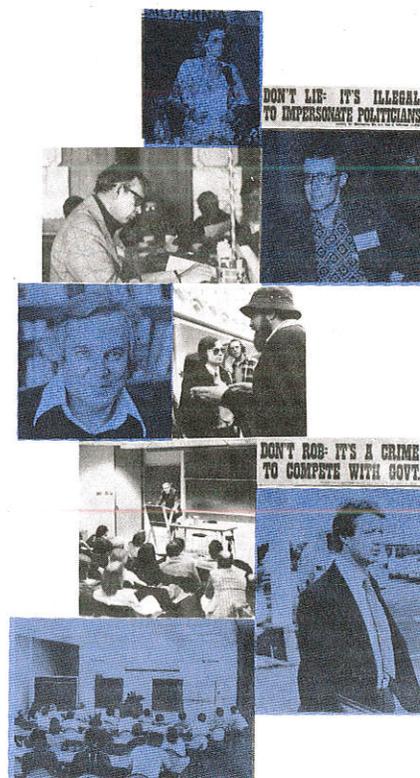
By 1975, SLL partially moved off the campus as many of its original leaders and members graduated. However, the campus remains as SLL's primary focusing point. A new publication entitled "Libertas Review" replaced the old journal, and the "Libertas Statement," which gives the philosophy of SLL in a nutshell, was updated. Also, SLL began to market libertarian materials including large posters, colorful buttons, professional palm-size self-adhesive stickers, impressive position papers, graphic bumper stickers and most recently, new booklets.



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IT'S A FREE COUNTRY, AIN'T IT?

How often have you watched a late night Western movie, and the tall hero with a James Stewart accent says, "It's a free country, ain't it?" Usually, those who are told this never disagree with the statement. They just nod their heads in agreement, lean closer to the saloon's railing and guzzle down another bottle of cactus juice. Today, however, it is a different story altogether.

Something has gone wrong. When was the last time you felt you were controlling your own destiny? When was the last time you felt independent, free living and proud? When was the last time you showed little fear of the thriving power of police, IRS agents, city hall and government in general? It is no wonder why few people today proclaim that America is as free as it once was.

Since the climax of the American Revolution, the United States has slowly lost its dedication to the very principles the colonists had defended — principles which speak of Individual Rights, including those regarding person and property; principles which place the individual ahead of the state; and principles which recognize the equal worth of the individual.

The most amazing part of the American Revolution was that the Continental Congress did not claim the authority to force Americans to finance the war with taxes, nor the authority to force men to fight alongside General Washington. The American Army was voluntarily manned, resulting in the defeat of the mightiest nation in the world at that time. Could the same be said of the last Asian war America became involved in?

It is for these reasons that Society for Libertarian Life (SLL) was founded by a handful of young students at California State University, Fullerton in 1973. The founding leaders of SLL worked to promote the individualism and independence that once flourished in America — basic ideas of "Equal Liberty" which spoke of personal and economic liberties to pursue one's dreams, abilities and wants in peace.

But this has changed. Tales of unlimited and brutal governments clutter newspaper headlines. It is rare indeed to find a city, county or state government chained by its citizens. For the most part, governments are free to do what they want when given the opportunity. Like a Frankenstein



monster, the state has broken its chains and in its rampage threatens to destroy civilization, order and liberty. It is the purpose of SLL to re-chain this monster, and build a philosophical entrapment which will prevent such a monster of initiated physical force and outright coercion from plaguing free men and women again.

It is the purpose of SLL to educate, to lead people toward self-discoveries, and to show that the well-being of every person is related to oneself and one's attitude, and not to politics, government or authority. It is the purpose of SLL to prove that freedom has no distance and is as close as saying, "I will not be a slave to another!"

It is the self-made chains of most men and women which allow rulers to tread on individual rights. We must realize that we rule ourselves, and always have. We must not waive our rights to anyone or any group of individuals. To be free, we must believe that we are free.

In times to come, will we tell our grandchildren that no one spoke up for liberty, that no one dared to resist governmental invasion and tyranny, that we allowed Big Brother to stamp, fold and mutilate our lives and lifestyles? Or will we smile, stand up tall and free, and all agree, "It's sure a free country, ain't it!"

Since the founding of Society for Libertarian Life, it has grown beyond the campus. SLL is now one of the largest libertarian organizations of its kind on the West coast. SLL now provides educational materials, booklets, buttons, stickers, posters and a series of lectures. SLL publishes an annual catalog of its materials and continues to publish its quarterly journal "Libertas Review."

Some of the well-known lecturers sponsored by SLL have been Prof. Nathaniel Branden, Prof. John Hospers, Prof. Tibor Machan, Robert LeFevre, Prof. Murray Rothbard, Prof. Charles Baird, Karl Bray, Sy Leon, Lynn Kinsky, Prof. David Bergland, Liz Keathley, Phillip Abbott Luce, Kenneth Grubbs, Jr. and Samuel Konkin III.



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