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12 cruel anti-suffragette cartoons

93 years ago this month, American women won the right to vote. But not before they were ridiculed and vilified.

By [Therese Oneill](#) | August 5, 2013

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Throughout history, there were people who did not want women to vote. Women would work, they would pay taxes, they would technically be considered citizens... but voting was for men. In America, when the right to vote was extended to include all races, all social positions, and all incomes, women were still not included. It didn't matter if a man was illiterate, had been to jail, or if he was the town drunk. He could vote, and a woman, no matter who she was, could not.

Women suffragists (suffragettes) began campaigning in democratic countries all over the world to change this, starting in the mid-19th century. Their campaigns were largely peaceful and dignified... at least by 21st century standards. But by 19th century standards, these women were abhorrent and indecent, making fools of themselves by demanding to be treated like men.

One of the most notable things about the arguments put forth by the anti-suffragette movement was [how weak](#) its [position](#) was. Anti-suffragette arguments relied heavily on [emotional manipulation](#) and [downright hateful nastiness](#). Humor was a much-used weapon against suffragettes. They were easy to depict as embittered old maids, brutal scolds, and cigar-smoking transvestites.

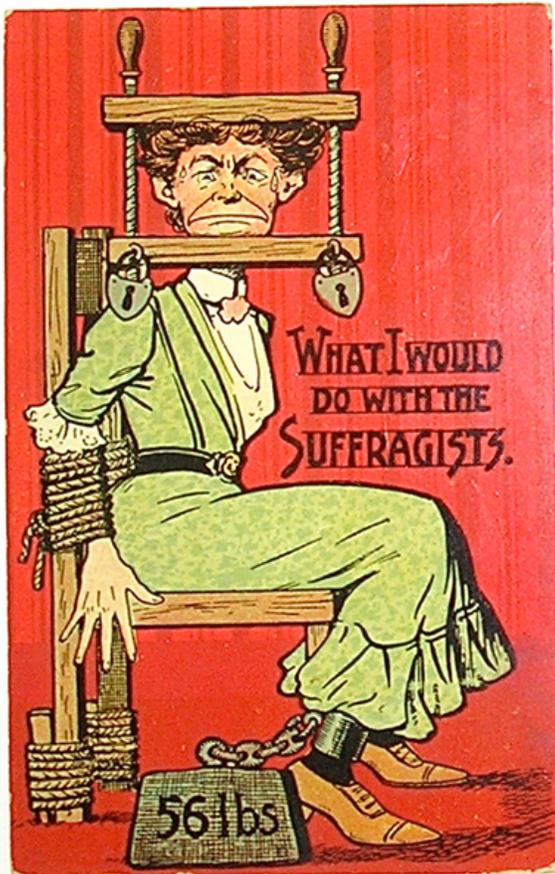
August 18 will mark the 93rd anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed American women the right to vote. In commemoration, we present a selection of anti-suffragette cartoons. And for an even more entertaining look at the fight for women's suffrage, watch the fantastic educational tribute to both suffragettes and Lady Gaga, [Bad Romance](#), by [Soomo Publishing](#).

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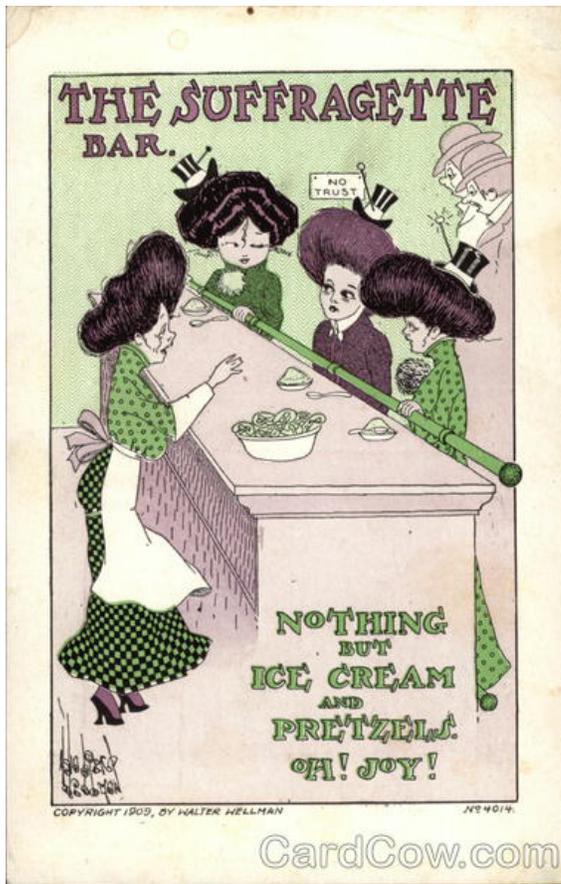
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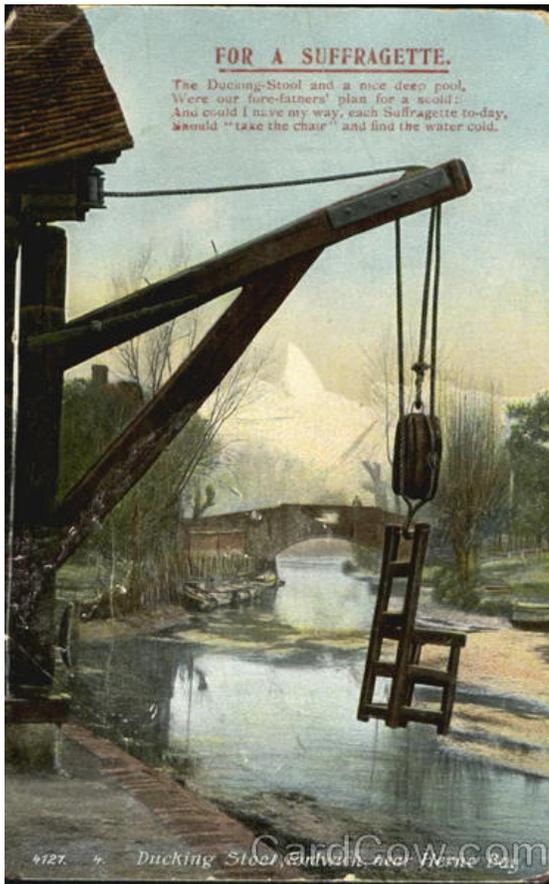
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(To save you the squinting, this reads: "The Ducking — Stool and a nice deep pool were our fore-fathers plan for a scold, and could I have my way, each Suffragette to-day, Should 'take the chair' and find the water cold.")



(Card Cow)



(Library of Congress)

(This political cartoon, *Afternoon Tea*, depicts what life was like for imprisoned suffragettes. One big long party for "martyred" socialites. [Actual prisoners reported that this was not the case.](#))

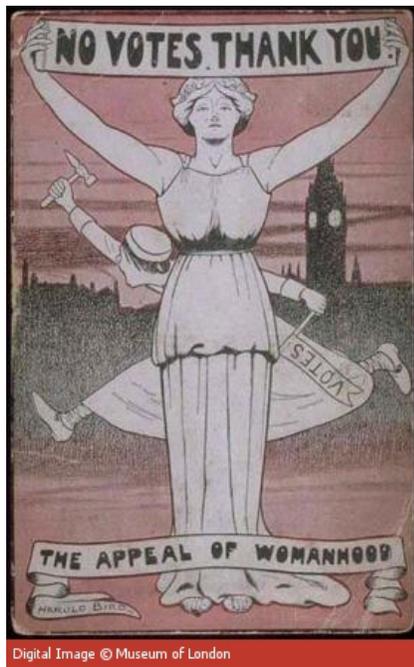


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(Here we see a suffragette assuming another traditionally male duty, much to the erotic delight of the men around her.)



(20th Century London)

(Notice the gawky, frenzied suffragette running behind the poised and graceful pillar of true womanhood. The message being, a *real* woman wants no part of anything as base as politics.)

*Some of these cartoons are courtesy of [the Women's Suffrage Memorabilia](#), curated by author Kenneth Florey, writer of *Women's Suffrage Memorabilia: An Illustrated Historical Study*

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**Scott Cisney** • 8 days ago

Every generation fights a battle, that upon reflection by later generations, seems like such an easy decision. We ALL should have been for the right of women to vote, because it is the right thing. We all should have marched with Martin Luther King, because it was the right thing. And now, we ALL should support the right of everyone to marry whomever they want to, and to be free from discrimination. Because it is the right thing to do. It is the AMERICAN thing to do. I've decided I don't want my great grand kids calling me a bigot, I'm going to get it right this time!

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**xeacons** → Scott Cisney • 8 days ago

I don't care what people call me. Obviously, those who fight for what's right tread the most difficult path. Women didn't have it easy then. Blacks didn't have it easy then. Now, it's Christians. I fight for what's right. Burn me at the stake, but I will not compromise.

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**Montaneer** → xeacons • 8 days ago

Christians?

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**Floate** → xeacons • 8 days ago

Explain please.

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**George Orwell** → Floate • 8 days ago

He doesn't need to. You know exactly what he means. You just participated in it with your snide reply.

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**Floate** → George Orwell • 8 days ago

I'm just trying to peer into the mind of the mentally infirm.

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**hypnosifl** → George Orwell • 7 days ago

Getting a snide reply from a stranger on the internet is not equivalent to being deprived of any of your civil rights. Or did I miss a story where Christians are being deprived of their right to vote, eat at lunch counters, go to the same schools as non-Christians, etc.?

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**kaingo** → hypnosifl • 6 days ago

Ah yes, none of us can forget the countless stories of American Christians having their faces smashed in against a public restroom sinks for going into the "wrong" bathroom, or being castrated or killed for loving Jesus. Surely none of us can forget the incessant bullying many children face just for LOOKING or ACTING "Christian," in this country. The long record of Christians being shot simply for being Christian in America. The lack of Christian role models in the media. The higher rates of rape in the Christian community are all huge problems that need to be addressed, certainly.

Oh, wait, no. That never happened. My bad.

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Damiana Swan → kaingo • 5 days ago

Maybe... just MAYBE, there will come a day when Christians are no longer discriminated against, and they'll be able to do things like wear symbols of their faith in public, attend the church of their choice, not have to worry about being fired for their religious choices, and perhaps even run for public office! Heck, maybe someday we'll even have a Christian PRESIDENT!

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Russell Schiwal → kaingo • 3 days ago

Actually, the incessant bullying does happen. My family fed a kid for a year so he wouldn't have to go through bullying in the school lunchroom. He was VERY born-again. Different than us, but that was OK.

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qusdis → hypnosifl • 5 days ago

Don't forget dog bites and fire hoses, and having milkshakes dumped on you.

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educated snob → hypnosifl • 2 days ago

Lion food!

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JeNeSaisFeh → George Orwell • 5 days ago

What is "snide" about asking for an explanation?

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ThatGuy → Floate • 8 days ago

I'll explain. Right-wing Christian America, most notably the Tea Party and their unthinking followers, like to portray Christian America as somehow downtrodden, the newest victim of discrimination, what they perceive as a "war against religion" by "elitist liberals." What it really is is their self-pitying, desperate response to the pointed criticism of their generally repugnant and nonsensical social policies, i.e. with regards to abortion, stem cell research, welfare, healthcare, etc.

It's above and beyond stupid, pathetic, and laughable. All people ever do in these comment sections is whine about how Obama is "waging war against Christians" via his liberal social policies, despite the fact that Obama IS A CHRISTIAN. Ohhhh, poor white, male, Christians, you're such persecuted minority, aren't you? wahhhhhhhhhh

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Danny LeDuc → ThatGuy • 8 days ago

No, no...he's a muslim, right? I keep hearing that somewhere, lol....

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ThatGuy → ThatGuy • 8 days ago

All of this, of course, despite the hilarious, painfully obvious irony that white Christian men have always been (and still are) behind most systemic discrimination in the U.S. since its founding. Anyone who wields the "war on Christianity" trope is living in their own little self-deluded reality and have absolutely no idea what the faces of true discrimination and oppression look like.

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Squirrelneck → ThatGuy • 8 days ago

You got that right. Any time a white Christian goes into a

convenience store, the cashier is watching him like a hawk, with one hand on the .45 pistol under the counter.

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Art Salmons → Squirrelneck • 5 days ago

Obviously the clerks don't have to do that, because white Christians aren't useless thugs that are a drain on society.

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qusdis → Art Salmons • 5 days ago

Genocidal much?

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Sam → ThatGuy • 8 days ago

Jesus said his followers would be hated because of Him. The prophecy has come true and it looks like you are a hater as well.

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blankcheck890 → Sam • 6 days ago

People who follow Jesus are not hated. People who misinterpret the bible, take things literally that were based on 2000 year old science and use old testament scripture to oppress people while ignoring huge swathes of other biblical rules, they are hated and rightly so. Take Christmas for example. There is no biblical documentation of Dec. 25th being Christ's birthday, it was put on the 25th to coincide with a popular Roman holiday. The loonies would have you believe there is a conspiracy to steal X-mas from them....in reality there is nothing Christian to steal from X-mas. It's a nice cultural holiday and another thing for the loonies to form a conspiracy theory about their imagined oppression. Poor things.

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Mike Haubrich → Sam • 4 days ago

Payback is hell, isn't it?

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kazikian → Sam • 2 days ago

No one hates Christians. People hate "Christians." And sadly most Christians these days have earned their quotes.

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educated snob → Sam • 2 days ago

We don't hate Christians because of Jesus.

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fish1552 → ThatGuy • 8 days ago

Don't lump anyone and everyone into the same group. Not all Tea Party people are die-hard Christians. Not all Tea Party fans are of one mind - just like not every Democrat is of like mind. I follow the Tea Party but feel homosexual should be allowed to marry. But I want the smaller government and Libertarian type policies the party backs.

So you're as bigoted for saying that as the people who made the cartoons above.

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David Wojciechowski → fish1552 • 6 days ago

You can say "don't lump us all together," but political parties have platforms. Of course you personally may not agree with everything on that platform, but if you still support that party regardless, you implicitly support that platform. It's not "bigotry" to hate someone

based on their choices, bucko. You choose to support a platform that's homophobic. The End.

Not to mention that libertarian policies are inherently racist, sexist, and homophobic, but you wouldn't know about that because you're really fucking small minded.

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

Libertarians are absolutely not racist, sexist, or homophobic. We're the ones who want to open the borders (not racist), are pushing as hard as liberals for equality for women (not sexist), and absolutely want to get the government out of our bedrooms, private life choices, etc.

If someone is any of those things and tells you he's a Libertarian, he's either a liar, or has no idea what Libertarianism is.

We are NOT the Tea Party, and frankly, we resent the intrusion on our political lawn by them.

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David Wojciechowski → Danny LeDuc • 5 days ago

Yeah, and there are plenty of libertarians who are for private patrolling of the borders. You'll have to show me where Libertarians "are pushing as hard as liberals for equality for women" because I've never seen it.

Libertarians are also against government spending on education, healthcare, nutritional supplement programs, and a myriad of other social safety nets that mostly support minority and LGBT folks (and more women than men). Tax cuts for the wealthy that go to largely white men? You can bet that's on the libertarian agenda. Libertarian economic policy supports the status quo that is generally unfair to minorities, women, and LGBT people and keeps white men at the top of the economic ladder.

Any time you talk to a libertarian about anti-discrimination legislation, the prevailing opinion is the government has no place in "criminalizing thoughts" or some bullshit like that.

And frankly, libertarian social policy is not based on helping people who are discriminated against, it's about getting rid of the government. Your economic policies prove you don't actually care about the downtrodden. A few inherently "not racist/sexist" policies doesn't make up for the whole.

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

Unfortunately, you have gotten Libertarians confused with the Tea Party. The reason is that the Tea Party has lots of members claiming to be Libertarian, or espousing "Libertarian-like policies". We've gotten somewhat of a bad rap with non-conservatives as a result. If they are Libertarians why are they calling themselves the Tea Party? We already have a party, therefore, they must not fit into it.

At its core, Libertarianism is about reducing governmental interference in your day-to-day life, by reducing the amount of policies designed to make your choices for you. This includes things like restrictions on birth control and abortion, and same-sex marriage (in fact, this has been a key point in the party since its founding in '71).

Libertarians are not against government spending, but rather against government waste. Yes, we would like to see the federal budget go

wayyy down, but that's not because government spending is bad, but rather the way our government has spent tax dollars is bad. Both

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David Wojciechowski → Danny LeDuc • 5 days ago

Yeah, I just have a difference of opinion on the first part. But regarding hate crimes - what are your thoughts on first-degree vs. second degree murder vs. manslaughter, then? The only different between them is criminalizing intention & thought process. Unless you're advocating getting rid of those distinctions, I call bullshit on your hate crime diatribe.

Frankly, that you can look at the fact that hate crime affects minorities more than white people and still offer that line of thinking means you're racist, perhaps unintentionally, but still racist.

And I really can't deal with your views on "African-Americans getting extra benefits" - NO ONE gets extra benefits based on race, it's based on income bracket. It just so happens that a larger portion of minority populations fit in said brackets. You clearly do not understand anything I said about institutional oppression.

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

Oh, just so damn wrong on every account. We currently do have distinctions on degrees of murder, but in order to deliberate about which degree a murder actually is, the jury must take all available evidence and make that assumption based on a strict set of guidelines. Those guidelines actually run to things like emotional states, outside influences and responses and a host of other things besides "person A doesn't traditionally like the type of person that person B is".

You keep throwing around racism as if it's the only problem our nation faces. I get that it's important to you, and it is to me as well. It's not the biggest issue, and we have laws in place to deal with it. When have you ever seen a law that can change a person's mind on what is right and wrong? The fight against racism has to come from you and me, and every other intelligent person out there. But acting as if I'm racist because I'm Libertarian is ignorant and prejudiced. My party was out there on the front lines of the civil rights movement, before it was even an official party. My party has a

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David Wojciechowski → Danny LeDuc • 5 days ago

Seriously, stop pretending I don't know about libertarian philosophy. I know about it. My problem with libertarianism is that it's a highly idealistic philosophy; the ideas spouted by libertarians about "equality" only work if everyone truly had equal opportunity from the start. That's just simply not the case.

You can moan all day about how your philosophy is better, but in the end, the reality of the situation is that libertarian ideals are only good at maintaining the status quo of a white male supremacist country. We have a LOT more work to do before we're at a point where this philosophy can work and truly be about "equality."

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

I'm pretending nothing. You have been extremely rude and

antagonistic, and have been wrong in every case. I've explained to you HOW you were wrong, but you accuse me of moaning about my philosophy. You've slandered my philosophy, and instead of accepting the facts, you wish to go on with your pre-conceived, highly illogical, and plainly wrong notions.

My rebutting your idiocy with facts is not "moaning".

And how could you POSSIBLY know how Libertarian ideas work in reality? We've never had them, dumbass.

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kazikian → Danny LeDuc • 2 days ago

Nicely put. True libertarianism has (mostly) a very sensible agenda.

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

Homophobic? Not since the inception of the Libertarian party in 1971. That's when the Libertarian party declared its support of gay marriage...at inception. How long has the Democratic party supported same-sex marriage rights? According to US News, not until recently: "The Democratic National Committee recently announced that gay marriage will be included in the party platform for the first time ever. The party embrace of same-sex marriage comes after President Barack Obama officially announced his support in May."

Nice of you BIGOTS to finally catch up.

Tell you what. Since you don't want to take the time to research the facts, I'll do it for you. The following are points taken directly from the Libertarian party platform, from their website. Try to follow along, mmkay?

"1.3 Personal Relationships

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David Wojciechowski → Danny LeDuc • 5 days ago

Firstly, I never said I supported the Democratic party or identified with liberalism, so you can get off that horse right now.

Secondly, you're still sticking with the social issues, without addressing what I've said about economic issues. Frankly, most of my disdain for libertarianism has come from their economic policies rather than social policies.

And lastly, you can blabber on all day about what your party platform says, but all those nice words in your charter do not address the fact that libertarianism as a philosophy either fails recognize or purposefully ignores the reality of institutional oppression. You can say that government should back off and let people do whatever they want, not infringe on anyone's rights, blah blah blah - which is great! - but it's only the first step on a ladder towards social equality. Government is not the only entity perpetuating years of bigotry; the private citizenry is RIFE with it. The fact is that white men hold a majority of the power both inside and

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

It sounds from your prior stances that you very much support the Democratic party. That was my assumption based on reading them

...conservative party, that was my assumption based on reading them. However, whichever party you DO support likely has a much poorer equality stance/record than my party. You were the one ignorantly bashing my party's platform, so I thought I'd go ahead and set you straight, right from the actual platform of the party.

Who says I'm not recognizing the issues? You? based on my espousal of my Libertarianism? Perhaps you should peruse my comment history, and you'd see that I have a very keen grasp on the economic injustices present in today's society. It's not conservatives alone who shoulder the blame for our economic issues, it's both major parties. Their policies, over the last several decades, have served to send our jobs overseas, all to boost profits. No matter your feelings about white men (hello, who are you again?), one cannot seriously argue that it is a good thing for America, in any gender/race/other identity group. What good is it for rich people to have tons of money that is nearly worthless due to inflation? If the

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paulstrait → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

David, you are out of line big time.

First you say "You can say "don't lump us all together," but political parties have platforms.... if you still support that party regardless, you implicitly support that platform.... You choose to support a platform that's homophobic."

Then it is pointed out to you that the libertarian party had the most progressive platform when it comes to discrimination against people based on sexual preference 40 years before the supposedly progressive democratic party came around.

And then you have the nerve to say: "you can blabber on all day about what your party platform says, but all those nice words in your charter do not address"

Seriously, dude. And libertarians don't get institutional oppression? Have you heard of a libertarian named Noam Chomsky? How about Glenn Greenwald? No? You really want to tell me they don't get institutional oppression?

Grow up.

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David Wojciechowski → paulstrait • 5 days ago

Wow, you guys are getting really angry over a difference of opinion. And somehow I'm the one who needs to grow up. Ha.

I don't agree with your assessment that Libertarianism is progressive. Being against gay marriage is not the bellwether of one's status as a homophobe. I don't see any Libertarians clamoring to support LGBT anti-discrimination legislation, do you? You guys already admitted you're against hate crimes. You don't want to legislate in any way to protect LGBT from the pervasive homelessness, poverty, and employment discrimination that LGBT people face day-to-day, because that would infringe on the rights of other people to discriminate against them. Equality!

You clearly have no idea what "institutional oppression" is. It means that there are political, social, and economic systems in place that prevent people from having access to resources and opportunity based on things outside of their control (sex, race, class). Last time I checked, both Noam Chomsky and Glenn Greenwald are doing just

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 4 days ago

I'm going to say one more thing, and then I'm done with you. You are blind to anything other than your own misconceptions, no matter how you are shown the facts.

Libertarians are so against discrimination of any kind they pretty much built the party platform around the ideals in the Constitution that all are created equal and deserve equal protection under the law. Just because you may personally know a handful of racist a-holes who claim to be Libertarian, or whatever your impetus is for ignoring fact and reality, has no bearing on the truth: Libertarians stand for Liberty, Equality and Justice. You seem to view any political stance that does not make racist thought a crime to be racist itself. This is what you don't get about the whole "hate crime" debate. In the end, if you make certain thoughts illegal, however horrid they may be, your laws devolve into thought control. That's not only ridiculously stupid, but also against the whole point of this nation. Free speech allows people to say what they will, and as long as it doesn't defame a person and hurt their reputation through false

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doop1 → Danny LeDuc • 2 days ago

If you can't understand how simply turning everything over to free market forces only furthers discrimination, I feel sorry for you.

True libertarianism means you can't have laws against businesses refusing to serve people based on their race. It means allowing an employer to make sexual advances at an employee in the workplace. It means allowing property owners to evict tenants if they're gay.

One major role of government is to ensure equal treatment of all citizens in the face of prejudices. Libertarians disagree with that, which is why most people simply laugh them off.

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paulstrait → David Wojciechowski • 3 days ago

The thing about freedom is that not everyone is going to do what you want them to do. The authoritarian impulse, as you've expressed it, is ever present. But in a completely free market, the kinds of behaviors you've described would be ruinous in the long run because when you have genuine freedom, people can enforce their norms and values by refusing to do business with bigots.

The suggestion that one has to be the victim of a particular form of oppression in order to understand it is ridiculous. The suggestion that Noam Chomsky doesn't understand the meaning of 'institutional oppression' is simply risible.

That said, I'm not really against hate crime legislation. Libertarians, by our very nature, aren't going to just agree on every issue. I'm not particularly interested in hate crime legislation one way or the other but I certainly wouldn't oppose it. My focus is on our imperial militarism and on the unhealthy alliance between the investment banking industry and the federal government.

But if you are incapable of seeing how such concerns might be consonant with those of the wider political left, then whatever, you certainly have the right to be completely unreasonable if you prefer.

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David Wojciechowski → Danny LeDuc • 5 days ago

Also, how does section 3.5 address what I said about anti-discrimination legislation? Section 3.5 talks about the government not discriminating against anyone's political preference. That means that the government shouldn't get involved if someone's political preference is "black people are inferior to white people."

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Danny LeDuc → David Wojciechowski • 5 days ago

That's a few things:

A, it's retarded. Who would infer that is what 3.5 means?

B. It's ignorant. In the Preamble for the platform, there is this: "We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose." That implies that any action one may take that interferes with the equal rights of another are unlawful.

C. It's inflammatory, and made up by you. But in the event that someone chooses to be racist, which is what you're describing, there is no provision in the law currently or even in the ideal Libertarian system to prevent it. The only laws or stipulations that exist now or would exist are that if someone treats someone else in a discriminatory manner, whether it's racism, sexism, or any other -ism, THEN they can be punished. You cannot outlaw racism, no matter how badly you or I wish it could be done.

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CalvinballPro → Danny LeDuc • 5 days ago

I get your point, but that platform plank is anything but an endorsement of state-sanctioned gay marriage. In fact, that's pretty much still saying that the government should have no right to marry gay people, since it wouldn't have the right to marry anyone.

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Danny LeDuc → CalvinballPro • 5 days ago

I don't know that I agree with that analysis. Technically, you're correct....but here's the text: "Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships." It doesn't say 'recognize', because it doesn't need to do so. It's not aiming to abolish marriage, it just says the government should not be allowed to restrict it or control it The second sentence gives it the intent..

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eruditechick → fish1552 • 6 days ago

Uh, no they're not, and what you just tried to do is the same thing ThatGuy pointed out. You cannot take the stance that saying means things about a group that has a history of oppressing others and crying discrimination when anyone speaks up to challenge their

behavior is AS BAD AS the oppressive, discriminating behavior. 70% of the USA self identifies as Christian. Christmas is more visible in the 3 month long season it enjoys than any other event that occurs on US soil including elections and wars. Christianity is not being threatened by anyone, but self proclaimed Christian Conservatives are leading the attacks on voter's rights and women's health. No one is arguing for religious suppression, but people are arguing more loudly and fervently than ever for a genuine separation of religion and government.

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Maybe he means in Muslim-dominated countries, or in North Korea, where Christians are routinely persecuted and murdered. I assume that must be it, otherwise it doesn't make a lot of sense.

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