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## Your alternative in 1980!

America faces problems that grow larger every day. High taxes and inflation. The energy crisis. The growth of Big Government. The loss of individual freedom and responsibility. And now, we appear to be on the brink of a new era of international tension, military buildup, and possible war.

These problems call for a new approach, a whole new way of looking at the issues. We can't depend on traditional politicians or the established political parties to come up with real solutions. For it is their "solutions" that have created the mess we're in today.

It is no wonder that millions of Americans believe — no matter which Republican or Democrat they vote for — they have no real choice.

But in 1980, Americans *will* have that choice: Ed Clark and the Libertarian Party. For once, we don't have to choose between the "lesser of two evils." For once, we can vote *for* a candidate and a party with the new program we so desperately need.

Ed Clark's program is based on common sense and the principle of individual rights. He is calling for the largest tax cut in American history. And it's long overdue — just consider this: Since 1972 federal income taxes have increased by 82% and social security taxes have increased by 142%! And the enormous growth in government spending has caused an inflation that has driven prices up 75% in the last eight years. As a result, for the first time since the Great Depression the average American's standard of living is declining. How much more will we put up with?

Yet, in the face of all this, establishment politicians clamor for an expensive — and dangerous — increase in militarism. Ed Clark opposes the push for increased military spending, more weapons, and

direct intervention in the affairs of other nations. This foreign adventurism can only lead to higher taxes, bigger budget deficits, inflation, and a federal government that is even more swollen and bureaucratic than it is today. And this behavior will lead to something even more ominous — the ever present threat of war.

Ed Clark believes that our present foreign policy could well lead us into another Vietnam, in which young people are drafted to fight and die in some far-off country, in which government cracks down on free speech, and in which taxes, spending, and inflation will actually increase over their present massive levels.

For Ed Clark, the key to peace abroad and prosperity at home is strict adherence to *principle* — the principle of non-intervention. In other words, government should stay out of our businesses, out of our private lives, and out of the internal affairs of other nations. Ed Clark favors a free, productive economy, massive tax reductions, a strict respect for individual rights, and peaceful relations, based on free and open trade, with the rest of the world.

From this principled vision come hard-nosed, practical programs to make the vision a reality. We *can* slash taxes and spending. We *can* free our economy from government restrictions and regulation. We *can* guarantee complete civil liberties to individual Americans. We *can* reduce the threat of war.

In short, we *can* have a free and open society.

Americans who see the need for this new approach are turning to Ed Clark and the Libertarian Party as a new political direction and a real alternative in 1980. You can show your support and join the Clark for President campaign by sending in the attached coupon.

Ed Clark is a Libertarian who combines his principled vision with a thorough understanding of the issues. An honors graduate in International Relations from Dartmouth College, Clark, 49, also holds an LLB degree from Harvard Law School. He surprised political experts in 1978 by receiving nearly 400,000 votes in his race for Governor of California. Ed Clark lives in Los Angeles with his wife Alicia and their five-year-old son Ned.

**Yes! Ed Clark's Libertarian positions on the issues make sense. I want to help him build a new consensus in American politics.**

**Here's my contribution of**  \$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1000

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 hundred handout cards (\$1/100)

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building a new consensus . . .

“For the overtaxed, overregulated, overburdened and underpowered millions of the American middle class, Libertarians are the only people worth voting for.”

*Nicholas von Hoffman*  
Washington Post

“Ed Clark is a soft-spoken man of conviction with ideas that criss-cross Republican-Democratic lines and approach the public mood more directly than anything else in generations.”

Sacramento Union

“I thought Ed Clark ran a terrific campaign [in 1978]. When you think of the entrenchment of the people in public office, both Democrats and Republicans, when you think of the pork barrels and the tax money that they can use to improperly affect their elections, Clark ran a fantastic race. I like many of the things he said.”

*Howard Jarvis*  
American Tax Reduction  
Movement

“The Libertarians) hope in fact to poll several million votes next year, a goal they just might achieve . . . Libertarians may be able to tap a large national constituency made up of disaffected, frustrated, none of the above voters. Libertarian spokesmen are young, brash, intelligent, politically stylish and rhetorically resolute types.”

*Carey McWilliams*  
The Nation

“Where both parties seem becalmed of ideas, the Libertarians send fresh gusts . . . the party is far more creative, diverse in approach, and intellectually stimulating than either the Democrats or Republicans.”

*Nick Timmesch*  
Syndicated Columnist

“Suddenly people were talking about the Libertarians . . . observers agreed that this could be only the tip of a very large political iceberg.”

New West Magazine

“The convention's motto, Toward A Three Party System, was taken seriously by both the delegates and a good deal of the large media contingent that attended. And with good reason . . . The soft-spoken but articulate Clark already has established himself as a proven campaigner and vote getter.”

Santa Ana Register

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# "Government is the source of most of society's problems. I think the American people realize this and want a new direction in politics: lower taxes, more personal freedom, and an end to U. S. intervention in the internal affairs of other nations."

— Ed Clark

## Liberty vs. Power

The goal of a libertarian is, as the name suggests, liberty—meaning that we intend to use every chance we can to get government out of our pocketbooks, out of our bedrooms, and out of our lives.

Republicans are not the party of freedom—they support government subsidies to big business, government spying and crackdowns on civil liberties. And the Democrats are no better—they support more government spending and greater control over the economy.

I would like to communicate a sense of the tragic injustice of government and the politicians' attempts to pit us against each other. As the power of government has grown like a cancer, intruding more and more into our lives, I have seen taxpayers pitted against the poor, the young pitted against the elderly, whites pitted against blacks, gays pitted against straights. All in a heartless game of political manipulation. As far as I can see, the only purpose to this game is to buy enough votes to keep some unprincipled politician in office at our expense. I think that Americans have had enough.

As a libertarian, I believe that people, not the government, know best how to solve their own problems, in an intelligent, responsible, and voluntary manner. Government is responsible for most of the problems facing America today: high taxes, inflation, unemployment, crime, shortages, racial discrimination, schools that do not educate, harassment of innocent citizens, and a stagnating economy. To solve these problems we need innovative, voluntary alternatives and not more taxes, or more regulation, or more controls.

## Energy

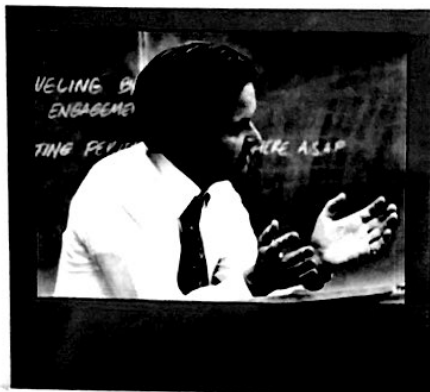
In the field of energy, as in every other field, that government is best which governs least. I advocate the abolition of the Department of Energy—whose annual budget is greater than the after-tax profits of all the major oil companies combined—and an immediate end to energy subsidies, price controls, and all government allocation programs. If we ended price controls and allocation programs, allowing prices to reflect real conditions of scarcity in the world today, there would be no shortages of oil and natural gas, and individuals would be free to conserve energy in ways that they—not an authoritarian government—find agreeable. For decades now, government involvement in energy has led to a boom and bust, progressive, worsening of our energy problems. Only a sharp move away from government domination and toward a truly free market in energy can solve our energy crisis—a crisis made in Washington.

## Unemployment

When we stop inflation and the economic distortion it causes, we'll help solve our unemployment problem as well. Business will be able to create plenty of jobs in a stable and productive business climate. Our cruel policy of boom and bust, inflation and unemployment, must be stopped. Only a return to sound money will do it, no matter how many presidential advisors and court economists say otherwise.

The ultimate solution must be to deregulate and de-tax the economy so that businesses can expand and create jobs. Other politicians want to shift the tax burden to businesses instead of cutting taxes for everybody, as I propose. Less taxation and regulation will create new jobs.

I also advocate eliminating the minimum wage. Every increase in the minimum wage has led to a direct, visible increase in teenage unemployment. Even worse, most of the unemployment resulting from minimum wage hikes has been concentrated on minority teenagers—the people who need the jobs the most. It is not an exaggeration to say that the minimum wage is a racist law. It may not have been racist in intent, but as the black economist, Walter Williams, points out, it has been disproportionately harmful to minority youth.



## Inflation

Inflation is caused by the printing of worthless paper money by the Treasury and by the Federal Reserve Board's manipulation of money and credit through our government-cartelized banking system. Politicians, though they will never admit it, love inflation. It allows them to pay for a wide range of government programs without having to raise taxes. The new paper money will erode the earnings and savings of every productive worker in America. But the politicians don't care. They—and their favored special interests—get to spend the money before it has spread through the economy and diluted the dollar's purchasing power.

Inflation is legalized counterfeiting. We can stop it—not by blaming and scapegoating businessmen or workers and asking them to sacrifice, but by putting an end to the only fundamental cause of inflation: deficit spending and expansion of the money supply.

## Taxes

During the course of this campaign I will detail a tax program which if implemented, would amount to the greatest tax reduction in the history of this nation. The prosperity that results from allowing people to keep the money they earn—to save and to spend as they choose—is an economic fact of life, regardless of what self-serving politicians would have us believe.

## Civil Liberties

In the area of personal and political freedoms, I pledge to end government harassment of peaceful citizens and to work to end our vicious and unnecessary victimless crime laws. Americans are still being wiretapped and spied on by their government. The infringement of the fundamental rights of political dissidents and those of peaceful alternative lifestyles must be ended, once and for all.

## The Draft

I pledge a firm and unwavering opposition to any reimposition of the military draft or any program for national service. Conscription—for military or civilian purposes—is nothing but short-term slavery. It is completely alien to the American tradition, it is a violation of individual rights, and it is tremendously costly. I would veto any law imposing any form of draft or national service.

## Education

People have lost faith in the government-run school system. And with good reason. Public education is a disgrace. You have more bureaucrats accomplishing less—at higher salaries. You have test scores going down while costs go up. And the schools are not only ineffective and wasteful, they are authoritarian, compulsory places. In many cases they breed crime and vandalism. Every parent who can afford to is deserting the public system for alternative schools. Most people are not aware that in California while Proposition 13 was passing by a 65% to 35% majority, Proposition 1, a \$350 million school bond issue, was defeated by the same whopping margin. I think that expresses the voters' feelings about the public schools all across the nation.

The solution to the problem can be summed up in one word: choice. We've got to give the people the power to choose the kind of education they want. And the way to give them this choice is to eliminate forced attendance and provide tax credits for tuition costs.

Right now, people who attend alternative schools have to pay for education twice: they pay for government schools through taxes, and they pay for the tuition of the alternative school. Only people with a lot of money can afford that. The rest of us are stuck with the incompetent public system. But a tax credit would make decent schools available to everyone. It would give people a choice. And it would improve the public system by subjecting it to competition.

## Foreign Affairs

Our current bipartisan foreign policy is such a shambles, one hardly knows where to begin. The United States supplies arms and aid to the world's worst military despots. Indeed, in this century, we have supplied arms to both sides in seventeen different wars. Carter denies human-rights violations in the Soviet Union and threatens the Russians around the world, while he embraces the dictator of the People's Republic of China.

The consequences and costs of this bankrupt foreign policy are becoming increasingly apparent, both at home and abroad. Our years of support for the despotic shah of Iran against the will of the Iranian people caused the Iranians to react violently against the United States. It is just one of many examples, from Vietnam to Nicaragua, of the failure of foreign adventurism. We must resolve now to avoid foreign crises in the future by staying out of the affairs of other countries.

I will pursue a policy of neutrality, nonintervention, free trade, and friendly relations with all countries.

## Crime

There has been an inordinate amount of hype and posturing associated with the issue of crime, but very little thought. Every election year, the politicians strut about like gladiators in an old Hollywood Western trying to show how tough they are on crime, but nothing ever changes. I think that crime is a very serious matter, and requires a good deal more than public relations plays.

The first thing we can do to control crime is to put top priority on stopping violent crime, and stop wasting time and money on vice squads, drug busts, and political spying. The American Bar Association estimated that nearly 50% of the cop-on-the-beat's time is spent on victimless crimes. This squandering of our protection services on relatively harmless activities has got to stop.

In the case of drug laws, there's more involved than mere waste. Narcotics prohibition actually creates crime, just as alcohol prohibition created the gangster problem. If narcotics were legal, they would be a relatively inexpensive habit like cigarettes. Making them illegal pushes the price up so high that the only way to sustain a habit is to rob the people in your neighborhood. The prohibition of narcotics is thus responsible for a large percentage of the robberies and killings in poor neighborhoods. A study in Detroit showed that whenever police crack down on drugs, the price goes up—leading to an increase in crime. That is why urban mayors—such as Gary, Indiana, Mayor Richard Hatcher—have called for decriminalization of drugs.

## Military Spending

The root of our foreign policy problems is the same: the United States government's attempt to be the world's policeman. We have meddled in the internal affairs of countless countries around the world in an attempt to create client states on every continent. We have 300 major and 2000 minor military bases around the globe.

I pledge a national defense adequate to defend the United States. We must make sure that no potential aggressor will ever doubt our preparedness to defend ourselves. But I or imperial power—and pursue a policy of strategic disengagement from foreign commitments, a policy of noninterventionism. We must let other nations solve their own internal problems in their own way. We cannot and should not try to impose our ideas by force.

I believe we can reduce our military expenditures without putting our defenses in any danger. We don't need a global military force, stationed around the world to serve as a trip wire for American involvement.

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