

A Real Alternative in 1980!

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Libertarian presidential candidate Ed Clark

	Ed Clark	Carter	Reagan	Anderson
Draft registration	NO	YES	NO	NO
Military expansion	NO	YES	YES	YES
MX missile	NO	YES	YES	NO
Subsidies for nuclear power	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bailouts to big business	NO	YES	YES	YES
Tax cuts	YES	NO*	NO*	NO
Marijuana legalization	YES	NO	NO	NO
ERA	YES	YES	NO	YES
Abortion freedom of choice	YES	YES	NO	YES
Repeal of anti-gay laws	YES	NO	NO	YES

(*Carter and Reagan favor only cuts in the rate at which taxes increase.)

Consider the Libertarian Alternative

According to a recent New York Times/CBS News poll, 41 percent of the American people are dissatisfied with a choice between Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and John Anderson. Dissatisfaction among students is even greater, because they see the three conventional candidates as hopelessly tied to the failed policies of the past.

Jimmy Carter, against even the advice of the Selective Service System, has re-instituted military draft registration as part of a new, politically motivated belligerence in American foreign policy. Meanwhile, his economic program, which has led to 15 percent inflation and 8 percent unemployment, consists of the fruitless application of outdated New Deal economic nostrums.

Ronald Reagan, who calls the Vietnam War "a noble cause," claims to oppose the draft at the same time that he favors the foreign adventurism which

makes it "necessary." Similarly, he promises tax cuts even as he advocates an escalation of the arms race fueled by enormous new military expenditures.

The "Anderson Difference," once thought to represent an alternative to politics-as-usual, turns out to be merely a blend of the dangerous conservative foreign policy and the discredited liberal economics of the major party candidates. John Anderson's advocacy of more militarism and more government manipulation of the economy is less a creative approach to today's problems than a compilation of positions said to be politically useful to his election campaign.

The Politics of Principle

There is, however, a real alternative to the tired politics of Carter, Reagan and Anderson. This year the new Libertarian Party has placed its presidential candidate, Ed Clark, on the ballot of

every state. Clark and more than 500 Libertarian candidates for other offices practice the politics of principle. They believe that a complex, changing society can only be governed by freedom; that the failures of our centralized economy, the erosion of our civil liberties and the heightened risk of nuclear war are largely traceable to the growing power of government and the destruction of freedom it produces. Ed Clark is unafraid to directly confront these issues --even in a campaign year notable for its lack of political directness.

Ed Clark advocates a policy of non-interference in the affairs of other nations, both as a step toward peace and as essential to reducing the size and power of the government; he recognizes that the only way to cut taxes is to cut spending--including military spending. He proposes a tax reduction of \$180 billion as well as government disengagement from the economy--first steps toward creating jobs for the unemployed, revitalizing the economy and letting consumers, rather than the government, decide how to allocate economic resources. Finally, Ed Clark believes in ending government intervention in our personal

lives; he unequivocally opposes the draft and registration as well as laws governing sexual conduct and drug use.

Don't Waste Your Vote

At a time when conventional politics offers only more of the same old unworkable "solutions," a vote for a conventional politician amounts to an endorsement of the status quo; in the words of columnist Nicholas von Hoffman, "the signal you're sending is, 'I like it, I love it, I want more of the same.'" But a vote for Ed Clark, von Hoffman continues, "is something else again. It carries a message...."

A vote for Ed Clark is not only a vote against the politics of the past, a rejection of the human suffering caused by government's failure to secure peace, freedom and prosperity; it is a vote for a new direction-- a direction which reaffirms the basic principles of freedom upon which this country was founded.

I want to help Ed Clark in his challenge to the two-party political monopoly.

___ I'd like to work for Ed Clark's campaign on my campus.

___ I am enclosing a contribution of \$ ___ to Ed Clark's campaign. (Make checks payable to Ed Clark for President.)

___ Please send me more information about the Libertarian Party.

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