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From the Chair

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"Steal from the ____; Give to the ____"

Most people will fill in those blanks with "rich" and "poor". This seems to be the modern, yet misguided take on the mythology associated with the character known as Robin Hood. Let's look at the traditional take we are most familiar with..

King Richard is off with his armies fighting in the Crusades he used the lands he used to fund his armies. He only taxed enough to find his needs and left his kingdom safe and relatively free. During this time his younger brother, Prince John, took charge of the kingdom. He increased taxes on all to fuel his wealth and fund his own army to overthrow his brother, all while maintaining the King's military funding steady. This kept King Richard away. Prince John taxed all but especially businesses. The businesses had to pass the increased tax costs to the customers. The customers could no longer afford the goods as their tax expenses were increased, decreasing disposable income. Not able to sell goods or services, the businesses could not pay the taxes and the businesses were

seized by Prince John via the Sheriff. Unable to work or even provide basic needs the subjects in the kingdom could not afford the taxes and their possessions were seized by John via the Sheriff. The people were then jailed. Those that did not want to lose their private property and be jailed by force against their will fled to the forest.

Enter Robin Hood. The Kingdom saw him as a thief. By strict definition he was. He took that which was not his. Yes, his ill gotten goods were ill gotten from those he stole from. However, here is why he is held in high regard through centuries of folklore; he stole the ill gotten taxes from the Kingdom and gave them back to those from whom the Kingdom first stole from. He was simply a middle man that acted as a tax refund. Since Robin did not account for the military needs of King Richard, Richard returned to find his Kingdom in trouble with John at the wheel. Restoring the lower taxation that allowed commerce and the ability to live well.

As you file your taxes, look at the distribution and use of your money. Money you earned and was taken from you through coercion, extortion and by threat of forceful seizing of your property and/or imprisonment.

Look at how the "kingdom" chooses to utilize your wealth. Think of all the good you could have done if you could have held onto your wealth or of the "kingdom" only spent on necessities. Ponder these things. If you decide there is a better solution, please contact your local Libertarian Party and help us make our "kingdom" more free.

Most of all, remember the story of Robin Hood; the good Samaritan that would "retrieve ill gotten revenue from the government and return it to those it was wrongfully taken from." Happy tax day.

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Treasurer's Corner

By: John Hjersman, LPEPC Treasurer
Date: April, 2017

Treasurer's Corner

The Libertarian Party of El Paso County needs your help so that we have the funds needed to do all the things we need to do in 2017! It's very easy to contribute, and the best way to help is with a recurring monthly donation. These recurring donations will help us keep a known-income budget, so we can plan future events. Even if you can't do a recurring donation, a one-time contribution will help. It's easy to contribute. Just use the "Donate" tab on the LPEPC.ORG website. Thank you for considering helping to spread the message of liberty, tolerance, and peace! Please Note: All Contributing Members for 2016 are invited to renew their memberships for 2017 by paying the \$25 annual dues. Having paid annual dues qualifies the member to run for a position on the board. LPEPC Treasurer, John Hjersman, is always available to discuss ways to give money to the LPEPC or answer your questions about how the money will be spent. treasurer@lpepc.org. If I don't know the answer, I'll do my best to find it.

An appreciation for Libertarian principles needs to become part of every American's life. Do your part, come to the meetings, and add to the count of active Libertarians.

SUBMISSIONS NEEDED!!!

Got a talent for writing? Cartoonist? Know of an important event coming up that Libertarians need to know about? *Where have you been hiding?* Our LPEPC Newsletter Editor needs your submissions. If you have something to say & it lines up with the Libertarian Party Platform.

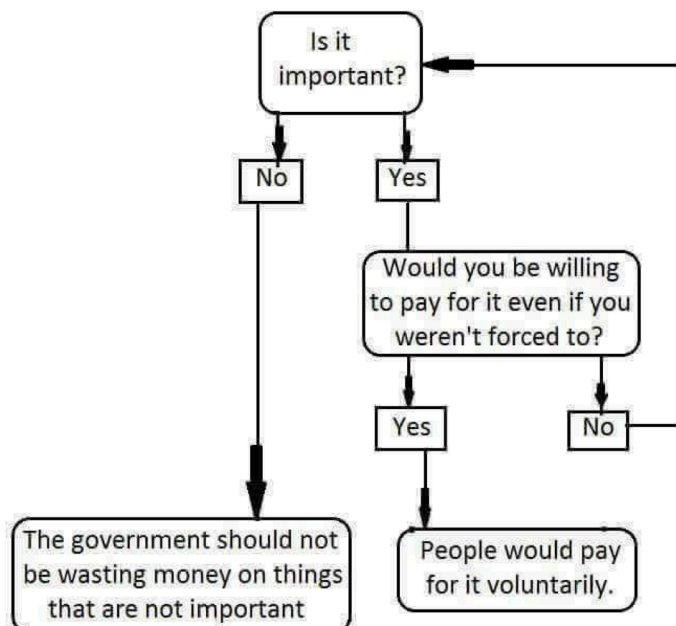
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"Liberals want the government to be your Mommy. Conservatives want government to be your Daddy. Libertarians want it to treat you like an adult."

—ANDRE MARROU

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**WITHOUT GOVERNMENT,
WHO WOULD PROVIDE _____ ?**



Upcoming Events

April 6th, 2017 – April Board Meeting

7:00 PM at IHOP

6005 Constitution Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

April 20th, 2017 – Monthly Meeting

6:00-9:00 PM at Fargo's

2910 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Libertarian Party of El Paso County Calendar of Events

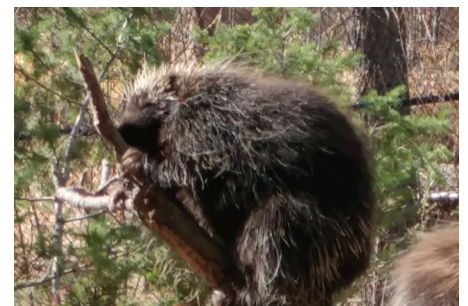


Third Thursday of *Every* Month
El Paso County LP Meeting
Various locations throughout
El Paso County **6-9 pm**

LP Colorado Calendar of Events
www.meetup.com/lpcolorado

Keep track of events and meet-ups
with our Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/LPEPC/events](https://www.facebook.com/LPEPC/events)



EVENT HIGHLIGHT

The April Board meeting will have volunteer opportunities available, including Outreach Director, Education Director, and others. The agenda will be posted to <http://lpepc.org/business/agendas/>. If you want to get involved and make a difference behind the scenes, drop by this meeting and learn more!



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