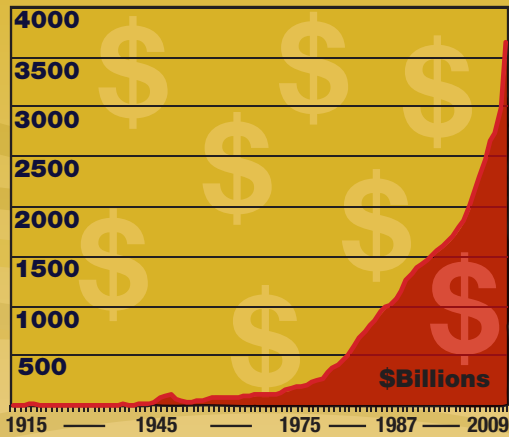


The chart of federal spending below reveals the out-of-control growth of our government.



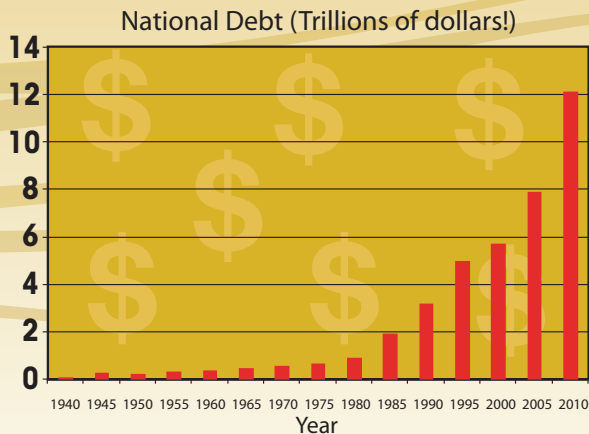
Look carefully at the federal spending chart and you will find no discernable difference between periods when Republicans were in control and periods when Democrats were in control. Regardless of what their politicians **say** to get elected, once in office they **do** the same thing: increase the size, power, intrusiveness and wastefulness of government. Clearly, **both** Democrats and Republicans are to blame.

There is so little difference between what Ds and Rs actually do when in office that we effectively have only a **one**-party system. And the “Demopublicans” have saddled us with a government that is way, way too big and far, far too powerful. Even the steadily increasing taxes they take cannot feed this monster; in addition, they have borrowed trillions more. The exploding 12 **trillion** dollar national debt pushes our country uncomfortably close to bankruptcy and **guarantees** that taxes must continue to rise.

The country desperately needs a better choice than the Demopublican Party! Fortunately, a great alternative does exist: The Libertarian Party. It is the next largest party and, not surprisingly, it is growing rapidly.

The Libertarian Party is the party of principle. In a nutshell, its philosophy is simply “live and let live.” It is exactly the philosophy our founding fathers built into the U.S. Constitution. If you understand and support our Constitution, you probably already are a libertarian.

Libertarians believe that the freedom each individual enjoys should be maximized. People are free to do anything they like as long as they do not infringe upon the equal rights of others. Along with great freedom comes great responsibility: when people do infringe upon the equal rights of others, they must be held personally accountable. Libertarian Party positions on all issues are logically based on these principles which once were the heart and soul of this country.



Libertarians tend to side with “liberals” on social issues, but with “conservatives” on economic issues. This might seem strange at first, but it is entirely consistent with maximizing individual liberty. It is a refreshing contrast to the Demopublicans whose only “principle” is gaining power for themselves. They want a powerful, suffocating “nanny state” to control every aspect of our lives while it extracts all possible taxes (welcome to The Matrix).

As President Ronald Reagan was fond of saying, “**Government is not the solution, it’s the problem!**”

Libertarians say that force must not be used to achieve political or social goals.

Government is *nothing* but the use of force.

That is why it must be strictly limited to the very few legitimate functions specified in the Constitution; namely, **protecting** individual liberties, not restricting them.

How many problems could be solved if the government would simply **stop** doing something? Would lobbyists be a problem if the politicians didn’t have the power to legislate favors and concoct “regulations”?

Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Could this have anything to do with the stunningly illegal behaviors of many government officials and their attitude that they are above the law?