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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American politician, Angela McArdle (@angela4LNCChair). She's best-known for turning the US Libertarian Party into a wing of MAGA Republicans, and for promoting pro-Kremlin narratives about the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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McArdle received her Bachelor's from the evangelical Christian university Biola in 2009 and paralegal certificate through the UCLA extension program in 2013. She's also trained as a craniosacral therapist through the Upledger Institute.

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# Angela McArdle

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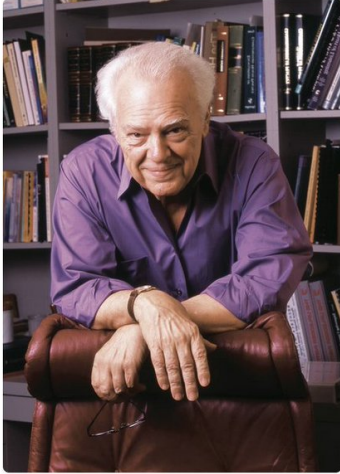
Angela McArdle currently serves as Chair of the national Libertarian Party, serves as Co-Organizer for the Rage Against The War Machine, and is a two time candidate for California's 34th Congressional District.

Angela was a key organizer for the Los Angeles 2021 initiative to overturn the Los Angeles vaccine mandate. Angela believes strongly in the sanctity of personal choice and allowing people to govern their own lives. Angela's professional background includes 14 years of litigation practice as a paralegal, and organizational leadership in non profit organizations. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Biola University and her paralegal certificate from UCLA.

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She started her political career as the Libertarian nominee in the 2017 California's 34th congressional district special election, finishing the primary with 0,8% of the total vote. A few years later, she had gained popularity within the Libertarian Party,...


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... and was elected as the Chair of the LNC at the 2022 Libertarian National Convention in 2022. She was endorsed by the highly controversial Mises Caucus, a caucus (technically not even a caucus but a PAC) promoting what's called "paleolibertarianism".

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY

## Mises Caucus Takes Control of Libertarian Party

Dominating the convention body by more than two-thirds, the Mises Caucus claims to offer an edgier, more libertarian organization. Foes accuse it of right-wing deviationism and racism.

BRIAN DOHERTY | 5.29.2022 2:19 AM

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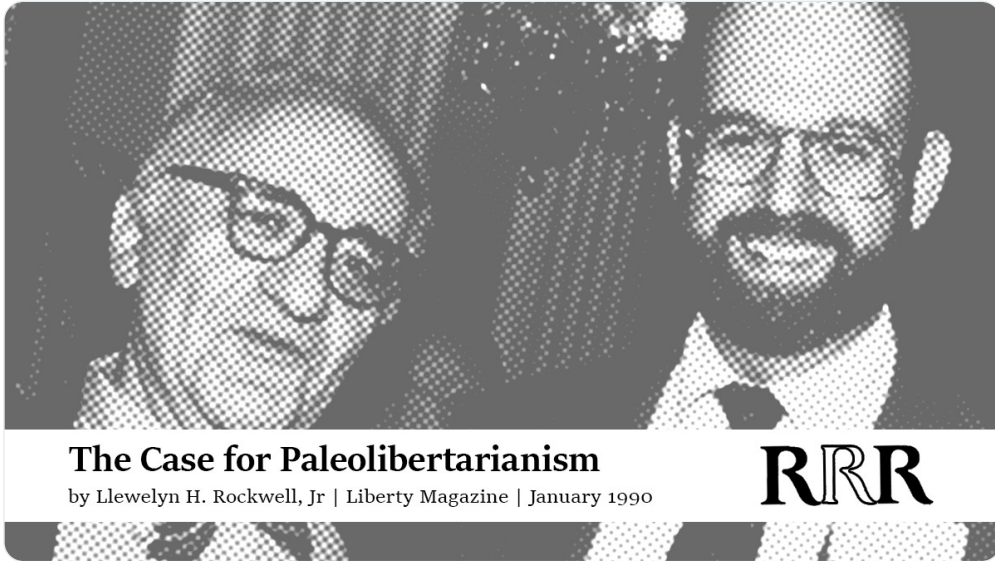


(Illustration: Lex Villena; Florea Paul Daniel, Elianuzzolo)

A four-year battle for control of the Libertarian Party (L.P.) ended Saturday in Reno with a victory for the Mises Caucus at the party's national convention. The faction's chosen candidate for chair of the party's national committee, Angela McArdle, won on the first round of balloting with 692 votes—more than 69 percent of the voting delegates.

Paleolibertarianism is a strategy that tries to unite libertarians with paleoconservatives. The latter group promotes ideas such as American nationalism, Christian ethics and traditional values, and it overlaps heavily with other right-wing populist movements.

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## The Case for Paleolibertarianism

by Llewelyn H. Rockwell, Jr | Liberty Magazine | January 1990

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As the Mises Caucus also won all the leadership positions in the LNC in 2022, they basically took over the whole Libertarian Party, creating an "anti-woke" and conspiratorial group that at this point is basically just an extension of the MAGA Republicans.

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scene. As Mother Jones' Tim Murphy [has noted](#), some of this caucus' changes to the party have made it strange bedfellows with the modern GOP:

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*They took concrete steps to disassociate the party from its support of socially liberal policies—rewriting the platform to eliminate the LP's longtime neutrality on abortion, deleting a pledge condemning bigotry as “irrational and repugnant,” and expressing support for the idea of secession. There was a sometimes virulent strain of angry anti-wokeness, and an affinity, at least in some circles, for a more nationalistic identity that rejects the free migration of people.*

## How the Libertarian Party Became the Reactionary Arm of Trump and Trumpism

The takeover of the party by the Mises Caucus means election subversion has another friend in 2024



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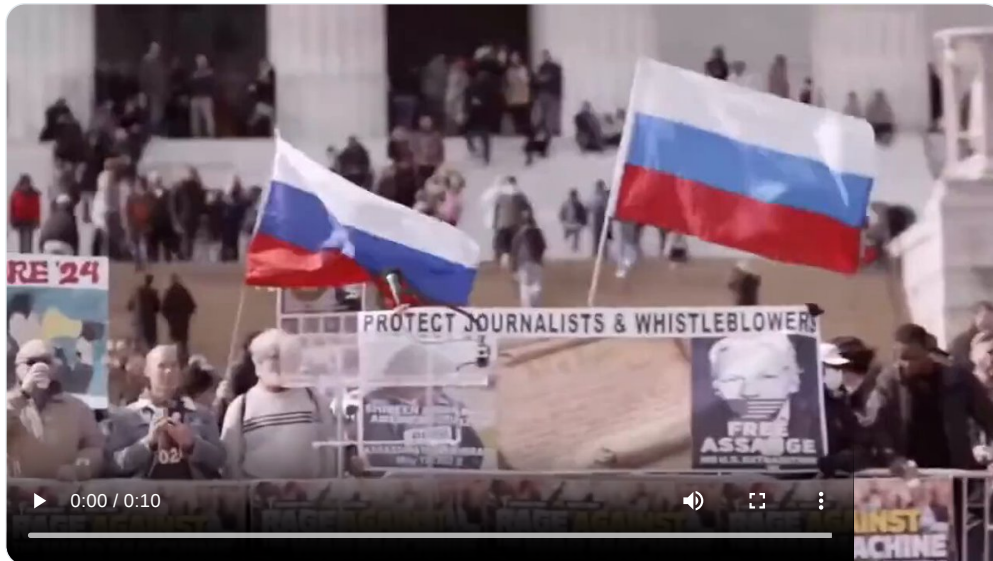
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McArdle, together with Nick Brana, Chair of the People's Party, organized an "antiwar event" called "Rage Against the War Machine" in Washington DC in Feb 2023. Speakers at the event came from the fringes of the conspiratorial extreme left and right of the horseshoe.

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McArdle and other organizers also published a "list of demands", calling for an end of all aid to Ukraine, peace negotiations, disbanding of NATO, abolishment of CIA and "military-industrial deep state", and slashing of the Pentagon budget.

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Some of the speakers at the event include The Grayzone grifter Max Blumenthal, grifter Jackson Hinkle, and Moscow-exile Tara Reade. Convicted pedophile Scott Ritter and CODEPINK co-founder Medea Benjamin were also supposed to speak at the event but cancelled due to protests.

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# We need your help...

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, we are marching to Washington D.C. to **Rage Against the War Machine!**  
 We need your help in order to make it a success. Please join us in a **Livestream Fundraiser**  
 on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm ET.**



This is our coalition of amazing speakers and organizations who have donated their time and resources in support of this rally.

## Offender Search: Offender Details

### Details

**Name:** WILLIAM Scott RITTER      **Registration #:** 41642 NY  
**Aliases:** Scott Ritter  
**Level:** Level 1

### Physical Description

• <b>Age:</b> 60	• <b>Height:</b> 6'04"
• <b>Sex:</b> M	• <b>Weight:</b> 230lbs
• <b>Race:</b> White	• <b>Eyes:</b> Brown
• <b>Hair:</b> Brown	
• <b>Scars/Tattoos:</b>	

### Address

DELMAR, NY 12054, Albany County (Address not mappable at this time)

### Offenses

- **Description:** 9999 - OTHER CRIME
- **Date Convicted:** 04/14/2011
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- **Release Date:** 09/03/2014
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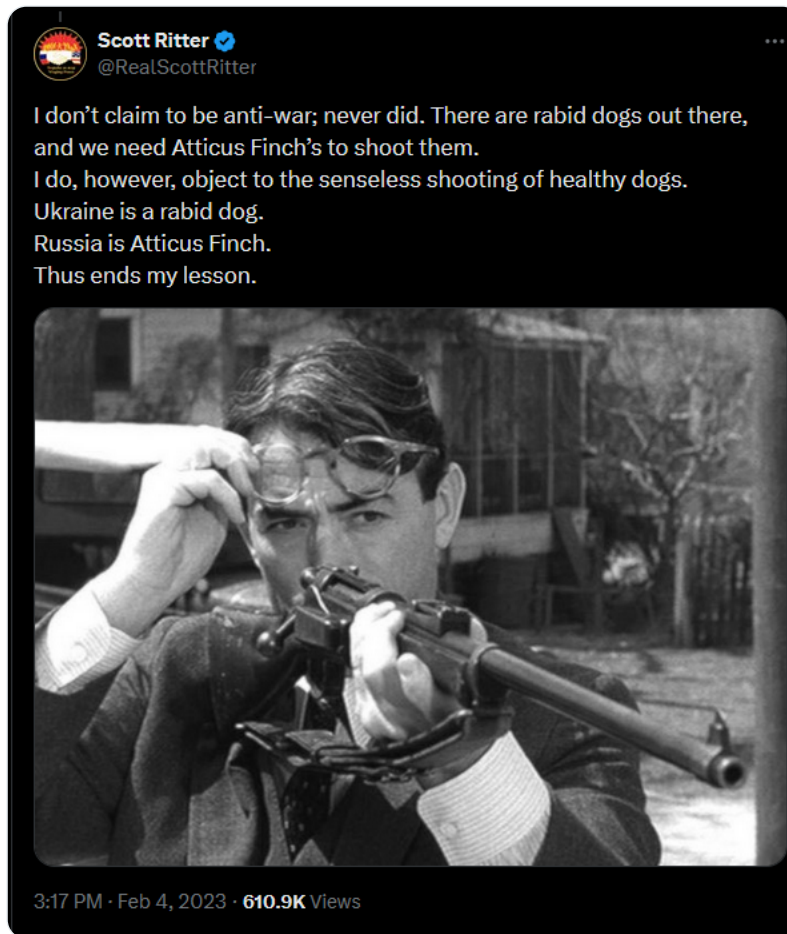


**Medea Benjamin** @medeabenjamin · Feb 8

Replying to @JohnMcC61971366 and @POTUS

I support the rally and will be there. Unfortunately, my organization CODEPINK doesn't and has urged me not to speak.

There was actually so much pushback and criticism, that the Libertarian Party had to publish a statement, in which they asked the twice-convicted pedophile Scott Ritter to "stay home" due to his criminal past and Ritter declaring that "he's not anti-war".



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### Statement from The Libertarian Party

by Libertarian Party on February 7, 2023 in Features, Press Release

There has been a lot of discussion about the speakers participating in the Rage Against the War Machine rally taking place on February 19 in DC.

The Libertarian Party is a sponsor of the Rage Against the War Machine event, which was organized by a separate entity of the same name. The organization is a product of a partnership between Nick Brana, Chair of the People's Party, our own Chair Angela McArdle, and many volunteers involved with both parties. Both leaders separately invited speakers from within their own political spheres. Each leader was expected to vet their own invitees.

The Libertarian Party is not the organizer of the speaker list, but an early sponsor of what promises to be the largest anti-war event in recent history. We were excited to put our support behind this event and the message it would carry because of our strong opposition to war and the military-industrial complex which perpetuates it.

Recently, it's come to our attention that a few speakers have made statements in direct opposition to the core thesis of the event.

Let us be clear.  
We oppose all wars.  
We oppose all states who initiate them.  
We are not pro-Putin. We are not pro-Russia.  
We oppose Russia's invasion and any initiation of force.

The threat of nuclear devastation is higher than it's been for decades, and the war in Ukraine has led to horrifying death, harm, and destruction for thousands of innocents. War is simply mass murder writ large, and the party's opposition to these crimes has never been in question.

The same gang tried to organize a similar event titled "Defeat the Deep State" in 2024, but at this point nobody gave a shit and the event was first postponed, and finally cancelled. The speaker lineup was

extremely sad, and Angela herself was promoted as the key speaker.

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<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>ANGELA MCARDLE</b></p> <p>"The unelected Deep State is what perpetuates America's wars for empire while devaluing our currency at home and plunging us into massive debt."</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>GERALD CELENTE</b></p> <p>"Don't give me the baloney that you're making me safer by going to other countries, destroying the joint, then saying 'I wonder why they hate us?' Who made up this thing about the United States 'advancing' democracy while robbing us of all our rights at home?"</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>TARA READE</b></p> <p>"As you all sleep, consent is being manufactured by the Biden administration, to enter into a war that no one will win. This war will bring ruin and misery for generations. No one will win."</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>GARLAND NIXON</b></p> <p>"It's now impossible to watch sports in America, without constantly idolizing the military and war. The US has transformed completely into a totalitarian war machine. The cultural infrastructure is used to promote militarism"</p>
<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>KEITH KNIGHT</b></p> <p>"Pro life advocates are justifying the mass murder of civilians. Advocates for democracy claim we must support Zelensky as he cancels elections and conscripts men to fight against their will. Now is the time to unite in D.C., and let the world know that war is nothing more than a euphemism for threat funded mass murder based on lies."</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>DANIEL MCADAMS</b></p> <p>"There's a concerted effort by governments, media and defense contractors to push back against independent media. If you disagree that we need to have more wars, not only is it an opinion, but you are in the service of a foreign government; therefore, to them, you are a traitor."</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>TATIANA MOROZ</b></p> <p>"On the surface, these Iranian protests look incredible in terms of 'women for freedom' type messages. Then, I saw Hillary Clinton shilling it, and I became suspicious. Are they going to try and put us into a war with Iran?"</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>SCOTT HORTON</b></p> <p>"It doesn't have to be this way"</p>
<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>JOSE VEGA</b></p> <p>"We have to be that free government that we intend to preserve, to improve and create. WE, not our elected officials, are the 4th branch of government... We have the responsibility not to be divided in the face of injustice"</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>CRAIG PASTA</b></p> <p>"We don't have a democracy, for our Foreign Policy has always been facilitated by a group of unelected officials who's only goal is death and destruction"</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>DAVID SWANSON</b></p> <p>"How can it be that the majority of spending goes for wars, and yet the majority of Congressional campaign speeches never mention that? One major reason is that a permanent entrenched bureaucracy, including agencies permitted to act in secret, rolls right along with only minor modifications each time the throne in the White House or the majority in Congress switches between the two established parties."</p>	<p><b>DEFEAT THE DEEP STATE</b></p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER <b>DAN COHEN</b></p> <p>"The scale of the killing in Gaza is beyond anything, with X social media, and journalists getting 4k footage of the carnage, where we are basically watching a holocaust in 4k."</p>

**Angela McArdle** @angela4LNCChair

What is the greatest threat to democracy? Kicking candidates off the ballot, Trump getting re-elected, or powerful, unelected elites controlling the country through the Deep State?

Kicking candidates off	19.6%
Trump getting re-elected	2.8%
<b>Powerful elites</b>	<b>77.5%</b>

677 votes · Final results

4:47 AM · Jan 8, 2024 · 4,043 Views

**Angela McArdle** @angela4LNCChair

Openly advocating for the Deep State

**Sean Murphy** @seanmurphysat · Oct 7, 2023

Replying to @angela4LNCChair

Deep state > Know Nothing Libertarian Spazzes

8:24 AM · Oct 7, 2023 · 4,536 Views

Angela also strongly promotes the "Great Reset" conspiracy theory, which claims that "global elites" are trying to enslave people by creating a "social credit system" à la the CCP. This theory is also closely related to the "conservative Russia" vs. "decadent West" trope.

 **Angela McArdle**  @angela4LNCChair · Nov 17, 2020

How do we escape The **Great Reset**?

145 replies · 42 retweets · 311 likes

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 **Angela McArdle**  @angela4LNCChair · Mar 18, 2022

Is this real? [strangesounds.org/2022/03/ukrain...](https://strangesounds.org/2022/03/ukrain...) via @Strange Sounds

3 replies · 2 likes

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 **Angela McArdle**  @angela4LNCChair · Nov 27, 2021

Replying to @elizaleu

They wanna destroy childhood innocence. Whether it's communist revolution or the Elites' **Great Reset**, both groups feel they need to capture our children and co opt them as part of their plan. They view us as baby factories for their revolutionary reset.

6 replies · 20 retweets · 86 likes

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 **Angela McArdle**  @angela4LNCChair · Nov 24, 2022

Replying to @Mr\_Forkle and @LibertyLockPod

The proponents of The **Great Reset** have a whole podcast series devoted to it. A simple google search would have saved you this embarrassment.

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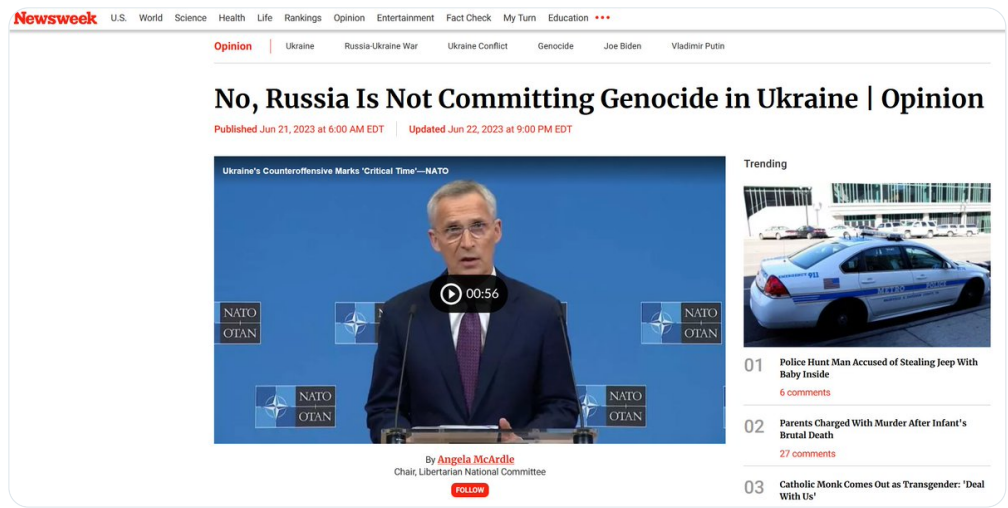
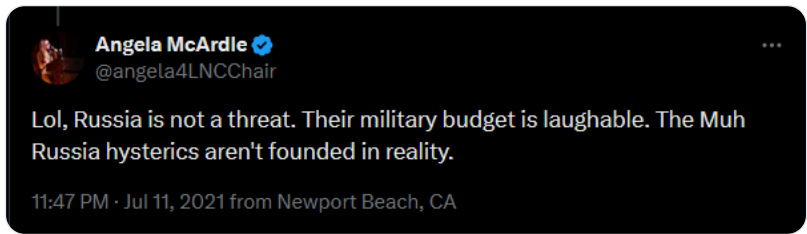
 **Angela McArdle**  @angela4LNCChair

People on the left, please weigh in:  
What's the difference between what the @wef is doing on a global scale with social credit scores and what communist China does with social credit scores?

2:05 AM · May 27, 2023 · 3,442 Views



She also writes op-eds for Newsweek. In Jun 2023, the paper published her opinion titled "No, Russia Is Not Committing Genocide in Ukraine". In it, she argued that we shouldn't blame Putin for genocide because the US has also killed civilians in countries like Iraq & Vietnam.



In her article, Angela also conveniently forgets to mention that the Kremlin has abducted hundreds of thousands of children to Russia, only to brainwash them into believers of their fascist regime. More on the topic here:

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Remember when I said that the LP has basically become an extension of MAGA Republicans? In May 2024, it was announced that Donald Trump would headline their yearly convention. Apparently this was protested by some party members, which McArdle called "a small, noisy faction".

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# Libertarians picked Trump to headline their convention. Then an internal revolt erupted.

Some national committee members have called on the party to rescind the invitation to former president Donald Trump.



By Meryl Kornfield

Updated May 7, 2024 at 11:04 a.m. EDT | Published May 7, 2024 at 6:09 a.m. EDT



Republican Donald Trump appears at a campaign rally in Waukesha, Wis., on May 1. (Sara Statthas for The Washington Post)

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National committee Chair Angela McArdle told The Post that the dissent has come from “a small, noisy faction,” and the rancor will not change her plans.

“I can certainly understand that there are a handful of people allergic to relevance, afraid to confront their political opposition, afraid of losing control of the narrative,” she said, “but in 50-plus years, the Libertarian Party has never been on the main stage politically, and this is an incredible opportunity for us to bring someone who grabs the spotlight and put them on our stage.”

The Libertarian Party, which has historically endorsed limited government and a free-market economy, would typically clash with some of the ideas behind plans Trump has discussed implementing if he wins a second presidential term, such as possibly deploying the military domestically, expanding tariffs and indemnifying law enforcement.

And McArdle isn't hiding her admiration of Trump - she recently told podcaster Austin Petersen that "Donald Trump is a much better person and president than Joe Biden." McArdle later stated that she had extended an invitation to Joe Biden, RFK Jr. and rap artist Afroman.

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Critics of the latest turn in the Libertarian Party, which is now controlled by a faction of the party called the Mises Caucus, said the group has allowed increasingly right-wing policies and ideas to infiltrate the party, such as the move to argue for the security of the southern U.S. border and recent allegations of bigotry. McArdle told podcaster Austin Petersen last week that “Donald Trump is a much better person and president than Joe Biden,” further infuriating those in the party seeking to distance themselves from Trump.

“I think we’re seeing a lot of people who said, ‘Oh, this is going to be turned into the Donald Trump party,’ and they have been feeling like they’ve been proven right,” Oliver said about the rise of right-wing party leadership. “I think it’s up to Libertarians to shout Donald Trump down and to boo him and to give him the reception he deserves to prove them wrong. Otherwise, they’re proven right.”

Opinion

## Trump is courting libertarians. It's somehow both weirder and less weird than you think.

Trump's upcoming speech to libertarians shows he's looking for votes wherever he can find them – just as the party is turning MAGA-friendly.



May 6, 2024, 1:00 PM GMT+3

By Zeeshan Aleem, MSNBC Opinion Writer/Editor

McArdle said convention package sales picked up after the Trump news and that she expects more media coverage of the event. She said she has also extended an invitation to Biden and independent presidential candidates Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and rap artist Afroman. Cornel West, who is running as an independent, and Jill Stein, a Green Party candidate, were not invited, McArdle said.

Trump is set to appear at the convention on May 25, after a debate among the Libertarian candidates, and his remarks will be open to the public, McArdle said.

The biggest draw of this bunch is of course Afroman, but another interesting addition is RFK Jr. - an antivaxx conspiracy theorist who's often spread pro-Kremlin narratives like the "genocide in Donbas" and "US-orchestrated coup" about Ukraine:

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## Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Flirts With the Libertarian Party

Mr. Kennedy sat down with the party's chair in July, a previously undisclosed meeting, as Democrats fret about a third party bid.



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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has said he intends to continue his challenge to President Biden as a Democrat, but that he is keeping his options open for a third-party bid. Jordan Gale for The New York Times



By **Nicholas Nehamas**

Reporting from Miami

Sept. 23, 2023

In July, Mr. Kennedy met privately with Angela McArdle, the chair of the Libertarian Party, at a conference they were both attending in Memphis — a meeting that has not previously been reported.

“He emphasized that he was committed to running as a Democrat but said that he considered himself very libertarian,” Ms. McArdle said in an interview, adding that they agreed on several positions, including the threat of the “deep state” and the need for populist messaging. “We’re aligned on a lot of issues.”



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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has pushed to debate former President Donald J. Trump. Jose Juarez/Associated Press



By Neil Vigdor and Rebecca Davis O'Brien

May 7, 2024



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Bravo and godspeed hero



**Robert F. Kennedy Jr** ✓ @RobertKe... · 3d

Please help me share this video announcing my run for President of the United States.  
#Kennedy24



8:42 AM · 24 Apr 23 · 382 Views

Under the guise of an "antiwar" stance, the hijacked Libertarian Party has been spreading extremely anti-Ukraine memes, even comparing Zelenskyy to Hitler. @LPNH even claimed that "Zelensky is a bigger threat to humanity than Putin is."

Dear God.

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**Libertarian Party NV** ✓

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So many warmongers in the replies today



**Libertarian Party NV** ✓ @lpnevada · 14h





Володимир Зеленський @ZelenskyyUa · Mar 3

We united the world to protect 🇺🇦, we will unite the world to restore justice. Russian invaders will be legally and fairly held to account for all war crimes. The terrorist state will be held to account for the crime of aggression. 1/2

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Libertarian Party NH

@LPNH







McArdle's and Mises Caucus' antics have scared away many party members and party donors and some old members have started a new party, Liberal Party USA. On her Substack, Angela has stated that once she reaches 2k/month support through crowdfunding, she'll chair LP full time.



HATEWATCH



# LIBERTARIAN PARTY LOSES STATE PARTIES, DONORS AFTER HARD-RIGHT TURN

October 11, 2022



by [Creede Newton](#)

The Libertarian Party (LP) faces the departures of two state-level parties as membership dues drop and some donors flee the party over questions about economic stewardship and the party's turn to far-right messaging, Hatewatch has found through documents and interviews with former LP members.



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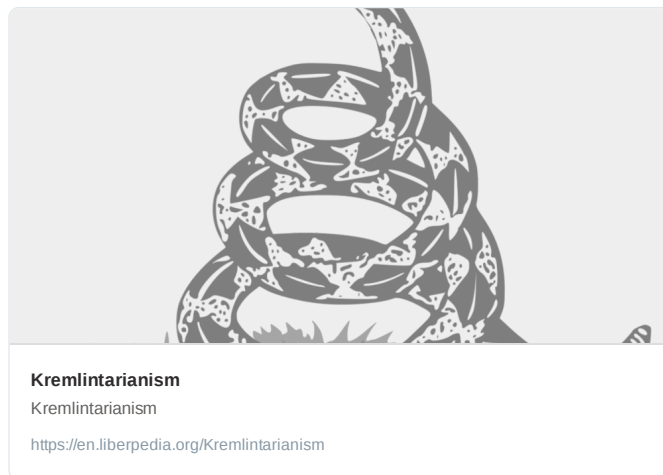
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Your support helps me provide resources to people who want to make a difference. Let's take back our cities and reverse the tide of authoritarianism

To conclude, Angela McArdle is a MAGA Republican masquerading as an "antiwar libertarian". Her views have nothing to do with traditional libertarianism, and @GrandTurion has even popularized a term for this type of actors - Kremlintarians:

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And here:

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