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‘Don’t Tread on anyone’ — LibertyCon draws young Libertarians

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Third party alternatives come into focus this weekend. LibertyCon begins in the nation’s capital Friday and continues through the weekend, drawing 1,500 mostly young and motivated Libertarians together in the name of “peace, love and liberty” and the motto “don’t tread on anyone” — this according to organizers from Students for Liberty, a hefty global networking group which happens to be the largest libertarian student organization on the planet.

Rep. **Justin Amash**, Michigan Republican; financial guru **Steve Forbes**; Whole Foods founder **John Mackey**; Cato Institute executive vice president **David Boaz**; Brexit “architect” **Daniel Hannan**; YouTube host **Dave Rubin**, The Federalist contributor and CNN commentator **Mary Katherine Ham**; National Review and Fox News contributor **Kat Timpf**; and Reason editor **Nick Gillespie** are among the many, many speakers.

Forum topics include “How to sell liberty in the language of the 21st century,” “Organizing a mass uprising” and “Women and minorities the progressives don’t want you to know.”

Sponsors, like speakers, are many. And varied. They include the Charles Koch Institute, the Libertarian Party, Facebook and the National Rifle Association.

“We are the ‘principles of free market’ conference. We are very policy-focused. It is a civil discourse in an era of hyperpartisanship, and a debate America needs and Americans want,” spokesman **Matthew Boyer** tells Inside The Beltway.

C-SPAN will cover the big doings, beginning at 6:30 p.m. EST Friday.