

## Libertarian nominees set for CNN town hall

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Libertarian Party presidential nominee Gary Johnson and his running mate, William Weld, will be featured this week on a live town hall meeting on CNN, Johnson announced Monday. The interview is set for June 22 at 9 p.m. ET. The two will be interviewed by Chris Cuomo of CNN at Time Warner Center, located in New York City.

Johnson and Weld are struggling to get enough support in major national polls to be included in this year's presidential and vice presidential debates. They need 15 percent support to get in. An average of polls at RealClearPolitics.com show them with 7 percent in a four-way race with Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump and the Green Party's Jill Stein. The latest CNN/ORC poll shows Johnson with 9 percent. All polls show them up from where they were at the end of May's Libertarian National Convention.

Johnson was elected governor of New Mexico in 1994 and re-elected to a second four-year term in 1998. In 2012, Johnson launched an unsuccessful campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. He left the contest early, opting for a third-party campaign as the Libertarian nominee for president. Johnson received about 1.25 million votes in November, representing about one percent of votes cast. Prior to entering politics, Johnson was a mechanical contractor.

Weld was elected governor of Massachusetts as a Republican in 1994. After being re-elected in 1994, Weld unsuccessfully tried to defeat Democratic U.S. Sen. John Kerry for re-election. He resigned as governor. President Bill Clinton appointed Weld the United States' ambassador to Mexico. Conservatives tended to rate Weld as a moderate-to-liberal governor, but he received high ratings from the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank.