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# The Libertarian National Convention opens in St. Louis

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Libertarians from across the country are descending upon St. Louis this weekend for the [2010 Libertarian National Convention](#). Unlike the Republicans and Democrats, Libertarians have a convention every two years. The convention this weekend is taking place in the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis.

The [Libertarian Party](#), which was founded in 1971, has yet to make much of a mark on the national political landscape, yet there is no doubt that this year there is a strong and growing libertarian sentiment among the electorate. That doesn't necessarily mean that Libertarians are going to start getting elected in this year's election, or in 2012, but with disillusionment high with both parties, and incumbents being thrown out left and right, if the LP pursues a smart strategy and aims to increase the public's awareness of its consistent positions supporting very limited government and personal liberty, then its fortunes might just pick over the next few years.

David Boaz, from the [Cato Institute](#), has written [frequently](#) on the [subject](#) of the [libertarian vote](#), which often represents a substantial portion of independent voters. If the LP can convince these voters to vote for the Libertarian Party, and as our country careens towards fiscal disaster thanks to out of control spending under both Republicans and Democrats, convince some Republican and Democratic voters that libertarianism is in fact the proper solution, they could start becoming a political force. It's worth remembering that the LP isn't quite 40 years old, while the Republicans and Democrats are both over 150 years old. Indeed a third party (and fourth and fifth, etc.) could very well be what is needed right now.

It's not too late to register on their website.


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