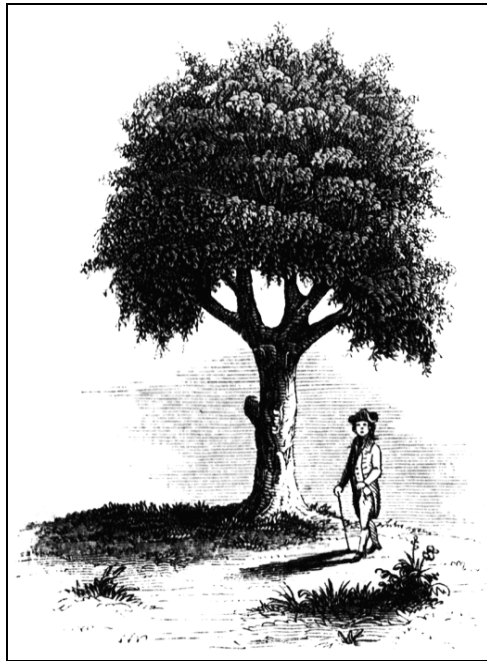


# ***Liberation Technology User's Guide***

## ***Module 6: Productive Action***

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*A practical 'how to' conclusion to the SNaP analysis. Using the Law of Attraction and creative-motivated action to achieve our goals. Being positive and productive. Think. Act. Persist. TAP the SNaP. The wide wide world of the alternative economy. Agorism. Two dozen productive freedom projects you can do.*

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## 6: “Breaking Through”—The Doing It

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*Being “the Change We Wish to See”...*

### *Summary*

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A practical ‘how to’ conclusion to the SNaP analysis. The objective for knowing the truth is that we may *act* truly so good things come our way. Liberation of the planet starts with each of us liberating ourselves, *now*.

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The remainder of Module 6 describes some real-life “alternative-economy” business ideas that have the added advantage of directly asserting that key *presumption of liberty* discussed in Module 5.

### **The Agorian Way**

At the Free State Liberty Forum last year, I was honored to



present my Sacred Nonaggression Principle (SNaP), first edition, book to a subset of the freedom elite: the Alternative Exposition (AltExpo.org) group founded by Jack Shimek et al.

I recall, after making my presentation, there were some astute questions from a woman in the front row, going by the moniker FreedomGal. Indeed, she was the next presenter. Her questions and the topic of her presentation concerned how to move on from what she characterized as “verbal libertarianism.” Instead of simply being “*talk* libertarians,” she argued, we need to become “*walk* libertarians” and “*do* libertarians.” She got me to thinking...

Before the Liberty Forum of 2010, i.e. during my writing of the “second-first” edition, SNaP II, I spoke with Mr. Shimek. He told me that the situation with Altexpo was ‘not ideal,’ then asked if I had any ideas for bringing in some ducats—to support Altexpo, and even to help the cause-oriented real people in the Altexpo circle pay the food-and-rent bills.

I remembered Altexpo of 2009, and the words of FreedomGal, who was totally into the alternative economy: doing noncoercive things that bring in wealth but don’t ask for state permission. “That’s it!” I thought.

### *The Alternative Economy* \_\_\_\_\_

In a word: the *free* market. Just as the black market in a controlled economy is the real market. Freedom of production and trade—the unfettered right of individuals to earn a living—is cemented into the United States Constitution and into virtually every state constitution. That natural right is what the American colonists were fighting for... and largely secured, even to the point that Article 1, Section 9 acknowledges:

*"No capitation, or other direct, tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken."*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> meaning there shall be no federal tax on an individual's common-right actions to earn a living nor to his property (with an emergency exception requiring any such tax to be apportioned among the states). That is. no federal 'income' tax.

But, as Thomas Jefferson states, it is natural over time for government to encroach on natural rights and liberty to yield. That's certainly what has occurred: All the actions of freemen, all the rights of production and trade, that the Constitution (and the many state constitutions) explicitly acknowledge, have been infringed by governments to the point of disappearance. That does not mean the rights no longer exist!<sup>2</sup>

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*Special Note Regarding Political Action:*

*I do not take so hard a line against conventional political action thru government entities—voting, running for office, the LP, etc.—as many agorians. But I do share the agorian disdain for jumping through legal hoops the statists place in our way for every little thing—filling out government paperwork and asking for permission.*

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What I'm getting at is that all of the activities identified below you and I have the absolute right to perform by virtue of our natural rights of life, liberty, and property. Some bureaucrat may try to coerce you away from these actions, but legally and morally that's irrelevant. Indeed, the alternative economy consists of the voluntary market actions of free people that defy illegal and immoral government restrictions on those actions we have as right.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The alternative-economy—sometimes called the counter economy—“movement” is sometimes called agorism... meaning ‘open market.’ Ref. Sam Konkin III *New Libertarian Manifesto* (1983). I'm down with the agorians, and I think my SNaP vector is consistent with it: Don't seek permission for freedom, *take* it.

<sup>3</sup> I use right as a moral concept in a political context, designating a range of human conditions and actions that are “right.”

## 24 Businesses You Can Do Now \_\_\_\_\_

Please understand that all of these ideas are only that: ideas. You can even accuse me in some cases of putting up pipe dreams. So no business plans down there, or means of capitalization: all I'm offering for most items is a few sentences of what came to me in a "what if" moment. Consider it the start of a brainstorming session. Some are local-business oriented, some are national-consciousness-movement oriented:

1. Support your local independent business
2. Class action suit vs. the Fed... etc.
3. "Give me back my money."
4. Defelonization Constitutional amendment
5. Nongovernmental identification system
6. Religionizing the SNaP
7. Boycotting meats that use CAFO
8. Fast-food vegetarian hemp franchises
9. Guerilla manufacturing of autos, et al
10. Step up to lawful taxation
11. CO<sup>2</sup> scavenging using hemp cultivation
12. Guerilla community education
13. General tax strike
14. Jitneys (unlicensed transportation)
15. Alternative health-care services
16. Alternative money systems
17. Alternative protection services
18. Alternative government

19. Guerilla flea marketing
20. Guerilla farming
21. Aggression-victim insurance
22. Guerilla charity
23. "Freedom local" alternative media
24. Give up your crummy government job

Now, I will provide a few sentences of description for each item. By the way, none of these ideas is patented or copyrighted... heck, a lot of them aren't even *new*: If something appeals to you, just git 'n' go bro.

### **1. Support Your Local Independent Business**

When you go to a local independent business (LIB), take a moment to appreciate the effort these people have made to be a part of their neighborhood, to provide jobs, to keep their wealth in the community. A way of showing we want to keep them around—aside from our patronage—is to individually promote the idea of shopping locally. Taken to a moneymaking level, how about forming a LIB Federation, even international in scope, to professionally market such enterprises as a whole... and protect all such businesses against their natural enemies: central governments and state-privileged, state-franchised global corporations.

## 2. Class Action Suit vs. the Fed

... or IRS, US Mint, etc. We have large movements in effect now to audit the Federal Reserve System, as well as to end the Federal Reserve. These are fabulous and hopefully successful. But what would happen if someone(s) organized a national class-action suit by the tens of millions of productive-class citizens who have standing to obtain compensation for the decades of theft by the central banks through debasement of the currency?

The value of each of the "dollars" in existence today is ~0.04 of its value 100 years ago. The institutions and men who stole that value via legal counterfeiting need to return that value to the families of the victims. Some estimates place that amount at \$100,000+ per productive-class individual. Now that's a stimulating stimulus package.

*I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies.*  
— Thomas Jefferson

## 3. General Wealth Recovery

In keeping with an explicit legal action to recover monies taken from the productive class through the generations by the central banks, there are a number of opportunities for reparations on more local and regional levels. For example, just off the top of my head, any



individual who has been charged, prosecuted, and/or imprisoned for an unconstitutional felony is entitled to restitution for his harm. A million+ Americans per year are hit with unconstitutional felonies. We need a system to recover damages for those government outrages... and recover them from the specific individuals and businesses of the Prosecutocracy who cause the damage.

*"Ignorance of the Bill of Rights is no excuse!"*

#### **4. Defelonization Constitutional Amendment**

Most of the problem in the War on Drugs (WOD)—the greatest assault on American liberty since slavery—lies in charging as a felony what is either not a crime at all or at most a public- nuisance misdemeanor. Everyone in the country who has been convicted of a nonaggressive felony (usually for drugs) must have his record expunged.

A simple amendment to the Constitution would help to a) prohibit felony crime designation by any subgovernment for nonaggressive acts of persons, b) expunge the records of those so convicted, and c) eliminate federal felony crimes for which no constitutional authority exists. Wording and everything else remains to be worked out. Huge potential market: I don't know how many nonaggressive American felons there are—I'm one—I'm thinking 10-20 million is a conservative estimate.

### **5. Nongovernmental Identification System**

With all the concern about terrorism, why not simply develop a private not-for-profit company(s) that processes whatever identifying papers are appropriate—or not—then supplying a certification that the individual bearing a likeness (or fingerprint, or body odor) is a nonaggressive human being in good standing.

The identification industry would be all about clarity over who is a typical nonaggressive human being... and who may have been convicted for or liable to aggressive crime. Appropriate market strictures will naturally attend the latter. Businesses that want assurance that a person who exists in their world is not a threat can insist on such cost-effective free-market identification. No more passports, no more border patrols, (no more wars): the freedom and cooperation ramifications of moving identification requirements out of governments' hands are immense.

### **6. Religionizing the SNaP**

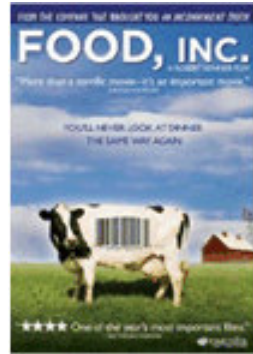
This would be in my own bailiwick. What I envision more likely is a Nonaggression Institute, rather than a Nonaggression religion. But it isn't too much of a stretch to sit down and establish a simple, secular religion that holds as its highest principle that humans do not initiate force against one another.

A very important premise of such a system of belief would be that no citizen can voluntarily and in good conscience support any act of government that aggresses against its citizens... or against anyone else. So immediately one has a moral, religious foundation for defying any state coercive intrusion, such as a tax. Voluntary funding is fine. Taxes qua aggression our religion does not accept. Our people cannot comply.

The more I have thought of this concept of a SNaP religion the more I feel it is becoming urgent. Governments are running amok. Hence, *Module 7: Nonaggression Faith* is my honest attempt at setting up the foundations of an explicit, systematic SNaP-compliant religion.

## 7. Boycotting Meats from CAFO

CAFO means concentrated animal feeding operations, which are large-scale livestock confinement and feed facilities run by agricultural cartel entities (e.g. Tyson, Perdue, Cargill, Smithfield), for producing meats for human consumption. CAFOs are mainly giant bullshit and chickenshit generators, seldom with meaningful protections for the property or people of surrounding communities.



Their damage to the local environments—not to mention the unsanitary, cruel conditions for the animals and toxic implications to humans—are tolerated and encouraged by government officials, many of whom are in the pocket of the cartels. Watch the movie *Food, Inc.*, and make your own judgment. A national boycott of Big Agra would serve the ends of decorporatization and decentralization of government power, returning it to real people; an ideal project for a libertarian staff and leadership.

### **8. Fast Food Vegetarian Outlets**

...w/ hemp meats. After watching the aforementioned *Food, Inc.* (and having received my monthly newsletter from Hemp Industries Association), I thought: You know what, I'd like to consider the vegetarian option. I know that hemp-based proteins are equal to or superior to soya counterparts. So let's make hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, even fish sandwiches out of hemp and advertise the tasty vegetarian option as a local fast-food franchise.

Sure, for the moment, legally, one would have to import the hemp protein from hemp grown in other countries, probably Canada. So what? A lot of people will beat a path to the door of tasty vegetarian fast-food meat, and the cost will come down. Success in local business will also pressure government to legalize American hemp.

### **9. Guerilla Manufacturing of Autos, etc.**

Cars were king in Detroit, but not anymore. Why? Well, it's pretty obvious that fat-cat corporate privilege led to a profound corruption fueled by government meddling and sleazy labor union relationships. It's a complicated scenario. Watch *Who Killed the Electric Car?*.

Recently I thought, why would it be difficult for a small local company to turn out simple, fuel-efficient automobiles? (More than 2400 car companies once existed in this country!) The only thing preventing local independent car manufacturing is government 'cider house' rules. The current legal way around that: start a neighborhood custom-car club. My bet: you can retrofit used cars with super efficient engines in a small factory for half the price of the cheapest new shoebox from Korea.

### **10. Step Up to Lawful Taxation**

... stop paying 'income' tax. Not knowing the truth about federal taxation should be considered a social black mark. Every high school kid needs to take a class in the 'income' tax, where the required text is Pete Hendrickson's *Cracking the Code: The fascinating truth about taxation in America*. Unless you are in a federally privileged occupation—essentially a federal government payee—you are not a "Taxpayer".

It's time for everyone to learn the truth, check out Pete's book and Pete's site,<sup>4</sup> then, if you are non-federally privileged, stop writing checks to the US Treasury or accepting withholding of earnings from your pay. Further, you're entitled to a refund for recent years of what you mistakenly submitted. Stop enabling ongoing federal aggression. Key move.

### **11. CO<sup>2</sup> Scavenging via Hemp Cultivation**

One of my favorite subjects, naturally, yes, naturally. Agricultural hemp is a potential planet saver, with applications in food, clothing, paper, building construction materials—"hempcrete" has superior properties to concrete—and so on. {Nor am I one of those who wants to soft pedal the many benefits of its sister, the cultivated strain of cannabis.} Agricultural hemp is the natural strain of cannabis with no psychoactive components.

The only reason hemp has not emerged as a trillion-dollar industry in America is because a sentence exists in the federal law banning it as a Schedule 1 Narcotic. Pure insanity. Hemp has an incredible growth rate and scavenges immense quantities of CO<sup>2</sup>. Growing massive numbers of hemp plants on fallow land will substantially reduce global warming. Idea: Revolutionary Hemp Growers League. Do it!

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<sup>4</sup> [losthorizons.com](http://losthorizons.com)

## **12. Guerilla Community Education**

Actually, I'm not sure what I was thinking when I listed this phrase. Homeschooling is fairly well established in the country now... to the point it seriously promises to remedy the Stunted Limbic System (SLS) syndrome. SLS is a serious disease that gets its start in government schools, discouraging students from critical thought.

In the case of community education, we're talking about adults. No doubt, sufficient intellect exists within the freedom movement, a number of individuals with experience in academic life as teachers and administrators. Just off the top of my head, the quality of English—especially written English—is not good. I have a family member who developed a programmed-learning class in basic English. It's won awards. It's available. Certainly many other quality curricula items can be offered by freedom teachers outside the state systems.

## **13. General Tax Strike**

In my *New Pilgrim Chronicles*, I mention that the best way to deal with Bush and the Neocons, who completely misled us into unnecessary wars, torture, and genocide, was to organize a massive tax strike. I even suggested that the reason this wasn't happening was liberals don't have the cojones for that kind of gesture. So now what do the liberals do? Their guy (Obama) won and

betrayed all the peace people, the drug-freedom people, and even the anti-torture people.

I still think the tax strike can come together for true peace and civil liberties types; plus we have the Tea Parties and the Town Halls for the true-conservative masses. Combine left and right, everyone is pissed off. A tax strike for moral reasons is an idea whose time has come.

#### **14. Jitneys (Unlicensed Transportation)**

Jitneys, or colectivos as they are called in Latin America, are alternative transportation, usually private cabs that compete with the government-licensed taxi companies. The price of a license for a corporation to operate cabs in New York City, in 2007, reached \$600,000. More than half a million. (!!!) Wow, and I would have guessed the high side would be \$100,000.

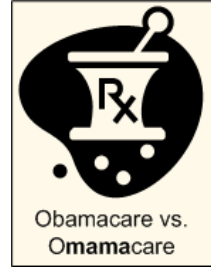
Anyway, with that type of markup on getting people from point A to point B, you can bet there's a huge incentive to find cheaper ways to go. Enter Joe and Jane Private Citizen with a car and a route. If you live in or near any major city and have a car or van, you have a ready potential source of income. Best to develop the clientele naturally, word of mouth, surreptitiously, and deal in cash. Read up on the business, form a private club if you need to.

[Someone mentioned the vast numbers of church buses, what a fabulous opportunity there!]



## 15. Alternative Health-Care Services

With health insurance and health care costs going through the roof and Obamacare being rammed down our throats, today is none too soon to look at alternative modes of taking care of the ol' bod. As libertarians we all know the private, community-based cooperative approach is best for everything from home schooling to getting across town to the symphony.



What could be more natural than market freedom to handle the great majority of medical treatment. Think of a system—this one won't be advertised in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, yet—where for a \$50 per month average fee everyone is taken care of for 95% of all normal procedures and cures. No Medicare, no Medicaid, no Social Security. {I expect this alternative system will draw the line on keeping you alive if it means you're going to have the quality-of-life of a rutabaga.} These underground alternative systems are out there now, ask around, it's worth it. And it's something we can all think of at a reasonable \$50/mo. in premiums.

## 16. Alternative Money Systems

Jackpot! So has everyone been following the attempted Rape of the Liberty Dollar?<sup>5</sup> No doubt. What distresses me is how silent so many of the Big Guns of the Libertarian Industry—read the Ron Paulists, the Libertarian Party, some of the Free State poobahs, etc.—seem to become when the feds mug somebody who draws attention from the feds for exercising a basic natural right. Of course, there are other alternative currencies than the Liberty Dollar. Check out my own guru of "separating the state and money," Mr. Thomas Greco, world-traveling author of various books and articles on the subject.<sup>6</sup>

Interestingly, all of the alternative economy ideas work much better with an alternative currency. Plus, how does the government tax payments in gold or "hours" or commodities that are not denominated in Federal Reserve notes? Money freedom is the root of all freedom, hence the root of all good. Many positions are available in the free-market money business.

## 17. Alternative Protection Services

Back in the day, when the libertarian anarchists were making their break from the limited governmentals of the Ayn Rand worldview, a

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<sup>5</sup> libertydollar.org. Please *help* them. "If we don't hang together, we all hang separately." — Ben Franklin

<sup>6</sup> reinventingmoney.com

key concept for handling law-enforcement needs was “competing agencies of retaliatory force (CARF).”<sup>7</sup> Even, or especially, in the context of our massive police state bureaucracy, alternative protection services and alternative conflict resolution services flourish.

The true alternative economy protection business distinguishes itself by not seeking certification by the government-based corporate police function at all. Similarly, legal services, investigation services, and so on can develop off the books. New Hampshire is a perfect location to seed free market protection businesses; firearms training, too. Natural fit for many Free Staters to bring in a few ducats while undoing goon-cop monopoly business.

## **18. Alternative Government**

Thought I'd sneak this one in there under the radar. But you may be sure that if we ever come together with a true democratic alternative to corporate dominance, the authorities are going to be paying a lot of attention. Let's take a realistic possibility that the forces for 9/11 truth realize that the government will never open an official impartial crime investigation into that event. So we decide to do it ourselves.

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<sup>7</sup> Ref. *Society without Coercion*, booklet by Jarret B. Wollstein, ca. 1970, appears to be out of print.

By holding hearings and interviewing witnesses and experts, the 9/11 Citizens Committee on What the Heck Really Happened assumes the mantel of legal-popular sanction. Possibly the committee will not be able to subpoena testimony—especially from government types—but public pressure will garner support for getting to the truth. Eventually these legislative surrogates displace the corrupt and useless "whatever you call that band of mobsters" on Capitol Hill.

### **19. Guerilla Flea Marketing**

Flea marketing is already a bit guerilla. In states with sales taxes (most of them) gendarmes are often deployed to make sure the sellers of quilts and model trains pay their fair share to the Governor. Still it's easy enough to avoid a lot of taxation in these venues. So thinking out loud, if you have a product or a service, rather than market it through state-visible standard retailing, consider using a flea market for the purpose. If the flea market you were thinking of has gone regulated, find another one or start one that "don't do government."

An advantage of flea marketing and supporting one's local independent businesses is it will be much easier to cut out the federales. Getting back to my LIB (local independent business) promotional organization idea, we would have a

process for severing the business from meeting federal tax and other coercive statutes... which would be one of the BIG advantages vs. corporations: no fed taxes on any workers, no Byzantine labor laws, no red tape, no feds.

## 20. Guerilla Farming

Already mentioned in regard to hemp cultivation for CO<sup>2</sup> scavenging, for fast-food meats, and so on: hemp growing is the perfect guerilla activity right now for ending the federal iron hand on agriculture. Legal hemp and farmers willing to defy the unconstitutional restrictions to grow it would put a rapid end to the agricultural cartel(s). Especially BIG CORN, i.e. the corporate welfare system for Archer Daniels Midland, Monsanto, and the rest. Interesting book: *Raising Less Corn, More Hell*, by George Pyle (2005).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Subtitle says it all: "Why Our Economy, Ecology and Security Demand the Preservation of the Independent Farm."

For any crop and any livestock, lower-environmental-impact processes that are cheaper and more remunerative to human individuals are available to produce the world's food needs...



from a wide distribution of independent farmers. Big Agra's days have to end. And I think the time has come to deny land-property rights for big-government-enabled corporations and banks. The geolibertarians make interesting points. Mainly, power to the people! Time for independents to reclaim their land and their rights, produce what they want, stick a bunch o' pitchforks in the corporate-state Landlord Privilege.

### **21. Aggression-Victim Insurance**

An idea from someone I knew back in my Libertarian Party days. And the concept is ideal for people moving forward *en masse* into the alternative (real, free) economy. Take individuals whose activities are going to be in defiance of statutes—albeit we have noted before that no nonaggressive economic act is in defiance of our fundamental law, as acknowledged in the American founding documents—and assess risk of illegal arrest, prosecution, imprisonment, other damage to these individuals by the statists.

Then as a combination charitable institution and insurance company, when the individual *has* become a victim of state aggression, he may receive his insurance benefit. For example, you grow weed and like to make some extra cash by selling to friends. Take out a policy with our company. The benefit kicks in at some amount for the purpose of beating back the statist thugs if they should come after you. Aggression-victim insurance companies will be run and staffed by freedom people. Make a living doing what you love.

## **22. Guerilla Charity**

Just do it. Decide what and whom you want to help. Maybe it's the substandard living conditions of many libertarians and freedom fighters. If you want the maximum protection from state interference into your group, form it as a religious organization. No one is going to accuse you of compromise if you file a 501(c)(3) with the IRS (but I don't know why you would file anything with the IRS unless you are federal government official, part of a federal corporation, or enjoy some specific federal privilege).<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> On the other hand, sometimes I do tend to favor the CtC educated taxpayer filing approach from Hendrickson: if some business has erroneously filed a report to the IRS alleging 'income' for you, it may be prudent to file the forms required to correct the false reports. (losthorizons.com). Problem is that dealing with the federales at all is like Alice in Wonderland: you're damned no matter what you do.

Anyway, giving your charity a religious connection—Our Mother of the Great Pumpkin or Salvation Army of the Sacred Spaghetti Monster—may be best, because the level of respect by stats for the right of unfettered religious belief hasn't eroded quite as much as everything else. I don't mean to sound flippant. Seriously, a well-thought-out alternative-economy charitable organization can employ dozens of freedom people and help hundreds of "all kinds of people"... though a preference for helping libertarians down on their luck seems natural. Get a Website, spread the word.

### **23. "Local Liberty": Alternative Media**

This is one of the best ideas of all—the first person who mentioned a specific alternative to me was a young man from Florida, whom I met when we worked together in Houston. He had actually developed the idea to a prototype stage, and I won't give away the exact name of his baby in case he's still got a glint in his eye for implementation. Let's just call it "Freedom Local."

Inevitably any media today will have a Web component, but what distinguished my friend's alternative media was each frontline journalistic outlet ("newspaper") would distribute at the community/neighborhood level... and would be independently owned. Though worldwide, the



local outlets would affiliate. No centralized domination via corporations.

There is no question that the most serious impediment to rational humanity breaking through the Barrier Cloud lies in the ASL syndrome carriers' total control of academia and news/entertainment media outside the Internet... and the Internet is in danger, too. Local independent alternative business applied to journalism can provide an efficient salient breaking the Barrier Cloud, and eradicating the disease of statism at the source.

#### ***24. Give Up your Crummy Government Job***

...and don't take another one. ...and (politely) disdain those who do. I'll never forget running into a woman on the NH Underground forum who mentioned she worked for the Department of Justice. Yup, that one. She was related to the Free State Project somehow, and I don't remember her name. I do remember asking, "Do you work for the division at DOJ that protects individual freedoms and/or prosecutes crimes of the federal government?"

Back in the day when the Libertarians seemed to be emerging from the better sort of Republican, almost every rally or political candidates' night or cocktail party I would run into someone who worked for a federal or state taxing agency. Either that or had some cushy

government sinecure with the post office, government school board, or manicurist regulatory function. Not good. How does one square living as a free person while being a blatant tax receiver?

When the job likely would be performed in the absence of government—like teaching school or putting out fires—it's not so bad. But in general, real living liberty requires that humans let go of compulsory systems, whether from the giving or the receiving ends.

There are so many more ideas. You can probably add half a dozen obvious omissions in a heartbeat. But the exciting quality, of all the above and all the ones to come, is *we don't cooperate with state power*. We *act* for our own interests, producing goods and services at our own risk. We don't need anyone's permission: that's what an alternative economy is. Thanks, FreedomGal.

Just do it! Time to get off our lazy verbal-libertarian asses. Do we need to convince ourselves that we're *supposed* to be free before we act free?

## Attitude Factor

AKA the "Courage Factor" or, better, the "Gumption Factor." I'm reminded continually that each of us needs to make a decision: do we live as free persons or do we not live as free persons? It is totally our choice. If you feel like being courteous, inform your state legislator or even your federal rulemaker,<sup>10</sup> "Whatever the legislature does will not affect whether I live free. I am free, and I will not obey laws or rules that infringe on my natural free humanity. It is nonnegotiable. Have a nice day."

So regardless of what happens "out there" with the guns and badges arrayed against us (until we *turn* them), or which real-market economic alternative we like, the first step toward success for us is to establish the appropriate 'tude:

*Freedom is not something we **ask for**;  
freedom is something we **take**.*

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<sup>10</sup> Though, except for one or two, the feds are all ASLs and *not* inclined to care what humans want.

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