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The fonts have all been made uniform and enlarged, for ease of reading and accessibility. A shadow outline has been included for contrast. The header has been created with the banner of the LPMI. Page numbers have been added for clarity.

Due to the new platform plank advocating for secession, this edition features the first in a series of articles addressing this issue in relation to indigenous human and treaty rights in the Upper Peninsula.

Contributions and Comments Welcome

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Affiliate Director's Outreach Recap

October 01, 2023 / By Leah Daily / LPMI 1st Vice Chair

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Within the party an off year for elections can be a great time to focus on party growth and 2023 was no exception. I was proud and excited to view our calendar, approaching a summer, full of outreach events.

We started the season out strong with an organically grown movement we called, "March to Defend Lives". This was a counter protest movement to oppose the left-wing led "March to Save Lives", starring alleged crisis-actor David Hogg. We raised funds, created banners, fliers, and T-shirts. We made protest signs and marched on the capitol. We also erected a stage and had a number of pro 2nd amendment speakers in the local park. It was a great event that engaged some real coalition building as well as local news footage and interviews from our participants. We later had a lot of fun recreating the event in Marquette MI in July.



Picture 1. Screenshot of video (title seen above), of M2DL in Lansing at gun control rally in Lansing.

Our Oakland County affiliate (LPOC) was quite active this summer, they lent a hand at the Royal Oak Memorial Day parade helping RankMiVote with signature collecting for their petition to get rank choice voting on the ballot in the city of Royal Oak.



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Picture 2. LPOC at Royal Oak Memorial Day parade.

LPOC participated once again at their Woodward Dream Cruise, using the World's Smallest Political Quiz to bring in passerby's. It did help quite a lot that one of the members had access to an ice cream truck that also had fresh popped popcorn... "Free ice cream when you take the quiz" was how it was advertised. It's no wonder they had more than a couple new members sign up to join the party that day!



Picture 3. LPOC attending the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Our affiliate in Livingston County (LPLC) was also ambitious this season. They took advantage of procuring a vendor table at "Food Truck Friday's" in Pinckney MI. It was a



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real treat for me. There was a young gal who took the WSPQ and she was surprised where she scored on the chart. I went back through her answers with her and explained why some of her score reflected higher government involvement. After some time, she came back to our table to sign up for LPLC meeting notice! Local engagement does make a difference!



Picture 4. LPLC at "Food Truck Friday's" in Pinckney MI.

LPLC also participated in the Cohoctah Township's 4th of July Parade, they passed out little candy bags with LPLC business cards in them as they literally paraded our Statue of Liberty down main street.

Main take-away: If you think you have enough candy bags for a parade, double it.



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Picture 5. LPLC at the 4th of July parade in Cohoctah Township.

Our Huron-Raisin affiliate had a table at the Ann Arbor Art Fair this July. For once it wasn't the hottest weekend of the year. They had a good turn out with lots of engagement, and plenty of volunteers to man the table. We took the opportunity to make some connections with the other non-profit tables such as the Ann Arbor Anti-War Coalition, Veterans For Peace, NOCIRC of MI (anti-circumcision). Even the communist party (CPUSA) folks were nice and talked with us. I was elated when a group of 6-7 young ladies ran up to our table excited to talk to Libertarians! Turns out they were part of a debate group hosted by University of Michigan (U of M), and their debate topic was the Libertarian position that Taxation Is Theft. I was excited to talk to these cool young ladies and they were just as excited to listen to me explain our principles!



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Picture 6. Huron-Raisin at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Wayne County once again represented liberty all day at Dally in the Ally, and our Straits Area Affiliate held a table all week long at the Cheboygan County Fair. I wasn't able to join but I hear it was also a roaring success.

If you want to represent the party in your area and don't know how, please reach out to me and we can make it work, email me at vcaffiliates@michiganlp.org.

The Free State of Superior

October 01, 2023 / By Joshua Jongema

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Figure 1. Map of the Free State of Superior, superimposed on the ancient lands of the Ojibwa.

Introduction

People of the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan and the Lake Superior region once lived in a state of freedom, but today are shackled to a raw deal. It was evidently a place where all people had the liberties of bodily autonomy and self-determination, but the opposite is certainly true now thanks to the dominance of control by Lansing, Washington DC, and foreign states. Treaties made between the indigenous and the federal government were evidently predatory, despite minor generational concessions to a few. Laws concerning resource extraction grant more than a competitive advantage to white settlers and cronies of government officials, including foreign companies. This history of resource exploitation has caused harm to those who get little to nothing out of the deal. The harm caused to humans in society cannot be washed away by a lump-sum and annual payments to a small and select group of people. They weren't even alive to sign any contract which is now used to justify lording over them. It is beyond past the time for all individuals residing in the UP to take the power over their own lives back through localization, nullification, and decentralization, or legal secession.



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The Superior State of Freedom

The book Prehistoric Copper Mining in the Lake Superior Region (1961) reveals the UP has had an economy since prehistoric times. It is the only place in the world where native copper has been commercially viable. Copper deposits range from the Porcupine Mountains to Copper Harbor, and were scooped from the earth, from there to Saint Ignace and even on Isle Royale. In the mid-1950s Professor Roy W. Drier's investigations found that as much as 500 million pounds of copper was mined, between three and five thousand years ago, in as many as 5,000 prehistoric pits along the south edge of Lake Superior. Although very little evidence is found of the interesting people who mined pits there, one author of the book speculated free men did the work, presumably because slaves would not have carried out their dead. Since the studies of Professor Drier, new evidence suggests copper mining began in the UP about 7,000 years ago! To put that in perspective, evidently free people were copper mining in the UP of Michigan perhaps 6,750 years before the existence of parliament.

Military Authoritarianism vs. Free State

The history of the people of the Superior region, over the last few hundred years, is one of systematic displacement, disempowerment, and disregard for human welfare, using military might to negotiate, and law as a cudgel. Since the mid-1700s when French explorers and Jesuits reported copper in the UP, many settlers, British Kings, and French companies became interested in getting their hands on it. Of those who tried to mine minerals in the UP in the 1700s, all of their novice attempts failed. In the years to follow, great interest was shown, and much effort was made, to rip those minerals away from the indigenous who claimed the land.

The 1827 St. Joseph's Treaty demonstrates the fairness and validity of the treaties signed between indigenous and the federal government in that era. Chief Pierre Moran of the Huron Potawatomi signed away every bit of land claimed by his tribe except for the land his house was on. This seriously begs the question of whether that tribe was being represented, or in other words if they consented at all.

In 1841, Douglass Houghton, working as a state geologist, reported his findings of copper to the state legislature. Such interest developed that by 1842 another in a series of treaties was signed between the federal government and the indigenous people of the Superior region. One important line of it reads, "The Indians residing on the Mineral district shall be subject to removal therefrom at the pleasure of the president of the United States." The dozen or so indigenous representatives who signed the treaty did so with just an X, and so it seriously begs the question of whether or not they could read or fully understand what they were signing.



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Cornell Law has an excellent online article, “MINNESOTA V. MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS (97-1337) 526 U.S. 172 (1999).” It explains the history of treaty relations between the federal government and the Ojibwa, and the 1999 court decision to not recognize any continued claim to the land. It reveals that by 1850 white settlers in Minnesota and Wisconsin officially asked the President to remove the indigenous to Minnesota for the gain of Minnesota, and that year President Taylor signed an executive order breaking the treaties signed with the Ojibwa. There was much conflict, and by the next year failed efforts to displace them from the land where their ancestors freely lived, abruptly ended. This loss in relations appears to have led to the signing of the 1854 treaty, which lasts until this day. This seriously begs yet another question, of whether the Ojibwa can just rip up any treaty they deem convenient to rip up, the way President Taylor did to them in 1850.

According to the Treaty of 1854, those indigenous who resisted displacement, again, could live, hunt and fish in their homeland, but had to move if minerals were found where they resided. Signers of the treaty might have felt as if securing food and good land for hunting was worth the trade for the copper that was plentiful everywhere, as the next men with guns might not even offer them hunting grounds. Still, this tale seriously begs the question whether a dozen or so coerced and desperate people in 1854 can actually legally speak for those resisters in their own camp, as well as every person yet born in the UP of Michigan.

In 1872 the General Mining Act, on extraction of minerals in the US, was signed into law. To this day it enables foreign and domestic companies to mine for minerals on public lands for free, leaves residents no real opportunity for input, and exposes nearby rivers and communities to perpetual toxic waste. Investors in corporations with no incentive to benefit these communities use their profits for the best lawyers one can buy, and reap dividends, while broken residents are left holding the bag on a legacy of pollution. Earthworks.org advocates for this law’s reform [here](#).

Current Times

In modern times, mining has transformed from skimming off the surface of the earth, to digging deep for what’s left, mixed into other materials, and using toxic processes in the extraction of the copper itself. Many mines shut down in the 1960s, and by 1997 the last copper mine was shut down at White Pine Mine. However, new interest has been revived recently, with the price of minerals skyrocketing due to government mismanagement of the economy as well as other subsequent factors. Mines such as White Pine, Back Forty, and Eagle Mine have been pushing courts to let them reopen or have reopened. Tribes, local residents, and various organizations have pushed courts to reject the reopening of these mines and are left wondering why their logical concerns



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have been accepted at times and rejected at others. It seems the science of harm has not changed, but politics has.

Once again foreigners to the UP, with foreign companies, have paid for the privilege to come, take, and leave the land and its people with a toxic living space. If local residents owning local companies were allowed by local authorities to ruin the land of the local area, I wouldn't complain, but the long and short of it is state and federal governments are giving resources for cheap or free, to foreigners, and glossing over the harm caused in their wake.

Conclusion

People have a right to sign contracts regarding property they own and should honor those contracts. However, it seems unreal that a contract can be considered legally binding against those who were not party to its signing, especially those evidently & vehemently opposed to it or those not yet born at the time.

In Canada there is a tradition in indigenous negotiations, from the sixteen- and seventeen-hundreds, wherein treaties should be periodically renewed. This practice follows a principle of continued mutualism and is referred to as 'treaty federalism'. This would be an adequate solution here, though the US federal government and its courts appear bent on never allowing it. Demonstrably, our monstrous government has no issue with violating the human rights of people who are not properly or legally represented, despite the fact that very government is paid by those very people to represent them.

The best solution to this dilemma would be to practice decentralization, localization, and nullification, if not legal secession. Locals alone have a natural right to decide what risks they want to take, and locals should profit from the risks they themselves take. Locals have the most incentive to do something properly, and the most power to stop it if it cannot be done safely. If locals choose to not mine, they should have the final say on the matter, and anyone who doesn't like should at least propose fair compensation for every aspect of that arrangement. Ultimately, a person forced into a contract they did not or do not want to sign, is one signed under duress and therefore void. The people of the UP would be better off without the meddling force and coercion of the modern state and its cronyism and corruption. Through decentralization, localization, and nullification, or legal secession, people of the UP can regain their identity, culture, bodily autonomy, liberty, and their justice, finally.



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US War College Calls for Partial Conscription

October 01, 2023 / By Joshua Jongema

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The US Army War College's autumn, quarterly issue *Parameters* featured a report entitled *Lessons from Ukraine for the Armed Forces of the Future*. It is the first in a series commissioned one year ago by the US Army Training and Doctrine Command. A small group of scholars were assigned to study the Ukraine-Russia conflict and to report on various areas. The UK has done something similar also. This first report calls for a policy of "partial conscription," to make up for the losses projected to be incurred if and when the USA engages in full-scale industrial warfare, presumably with Russia. Projected losses in such conflict stand at 3,600 Americans per day, with 800 needed conscripts per day. Anyone interested in averting or avoiding war would do well to learn some relevant history, and to be aware of what scant solutions exist to such problems.

America today reminds me of what I've gleaned about Spain pre-WW2. The two major sides in society in Spain about 90 years ago were Republicans and Socialists. The 1931 creation of a Republic was a test of a new model of government, and to break away from monarchy, but the republic was crushed by the forces of fascism that then acted like monarchs. Spain was used by foreign allies and enemies of the fascist General Franco, as a way of testing weapons and equipment for use in impending warfare.

Ukraine today is very similar to Spain 90 years ago and is being used by NATO and the CIA as a test model for new autonomous AI-powered government, Central Bank Digital Currency, the next generation of closed borders, and weapons such as the anti-drone gun produced in Bulgaria.

They are testing equipment such as the medic-less medivac robot which rolls wounded off the battlefield autonomously, and new software such as the Diaa smartphone app capable of monitoring and managing every citizen and turning them into a soldier with one click.

They are testing methods of warfare such as warrantless assassinations of civilian "collaborators" (with things like car bombs or bombs hidden in lamp posts and mailboxes), hyperspeed missiles and defense systems, drone and trench combat, underground combat (this has been studied in theory for years), electronic warfare (including illegal hacking of non-military assets), and lawfare through capture of global and national political, legislative, and judicial organs.



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Ukraine is testing the limits of propaganda in the media, and censorship. It has banned political speech by any who are not pro-State and pro-war, including political parties having no connection to Russia, and even an entire religion. Yes, priests are being accused of being spies, and have been arrested in Ukraine. My great-grandparents fled Ukraine before the white revolution, and they often said they feared the KGB would bug their house near Vancouver Canada. They would roll over in their graves if they knew Americans were justifying the repeat of such tyrannical practices today. Just the same, my Cathar ancestors would revolt against such control on the free practice of religion, and my grandfather who was hunted by Nazis in Holland would support my resistance.

These new methods of the state of Ukraine in collaboration with DC and the city of London, demonstrate that a future war will not be one which is friendly to individuality, and marks the return of totalitarianism and the collective mentality. Look at the pressure by western states now on companies to capitulate to the demands of the war machine, and those born yesterday who would boycott any company which doesn't assist in murderous war. A forced union of all companies with government is the major mark of a fascist nation, and so this slippery slope should be vigilantly observed and warded against. The will of Americans, to survive or to resist this apparently impending tyranny in an ethical and moral way, will decide whether or not America ever again resembles its founding principles.

To use humans as a means to some end, is immoral and unethical. There often is no solution to war, and avoiding problems is natural. So, while this article may not be able to provide a solution for after war breaks out, alerting people to be prepared, in what way they deem necessary, seems the proper course of action. The threat of global war has never been so real as now. Do not panic, but forming a plan to survive and protect loved ones seems pertinent.

In war, there is no further political solution, and so to avert war is imperative for anyone who would refuse to participate in it. Of course, America is not fully at war yet. As we sit on the verge of war, many believe the solution is to vote for one of two Presidential candidates "that can win." They appear tricked into believing at least one republican and one democrat are anti-war or anti-establishment. They are not, and the evidence for this is mounting and obvious. I propose the libertarian solution is to first practice self-control, and take personal responsibility for your own actions, becoming an individual agent of change in the universe. Support candidates that represent you, rather than representing the investor and donor classes at your expense. Drive local, decentralized solutions for your household, and your town. Reject State and Federal politics, and the control of such administrations over your lives. Find ways to protect yourselves and reject all protection rackets. Find a way to live freely, in spite of the world.



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In Support of Term Limits

October 01, 2023 / By Ric Curtis

With regard to term-limiting elected officials, better solutions are possible, rather than throwing out the good with the bad. Term-limits could allow for increasing hurdles rather than the hapless absurdity of absolute cut-offs. Benefits include, (#1) increased voter turn-out requirements to maintain your position (expanding participation), and (#2) increasing plurality of votes received to maintain a position (super-majorities).

Extended terms only for those who may earn them. The focus of elections should lean more toward stakeholders benefit and to the republic. Elect a properly motivated and capable political body!

Politicians can be made to actually serve the republic (#1 above) and public (#2 above) rather than only themselves and their marketing company. It is not easy or obvious but is much more on-point and potentially beneficial. It would be a great experiment, from Michigan to the nation, if effective!

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Upcoming Events

***Some meetings can get canceled, or locations can change with short notice. Consider checking event pages or contacting hosts for updated information before travelling to events.

Sunday, October 1, 15, & 29 @ 8-9pm – LPM of Lapeer County Meeting

E.G Nicks Grill & Tavern: 825 S Main St, Lapeer

The Libertarian Party of Michigan Lapeer County Affiliate meetings every other week at E.G. Nicks at 8:00pm EST on Sundays. If you have any questions please reach out to the chair of our affiliate – Kyle McCauley at 248-974-5085. Call or Text!

Wednesday, October 4 @ 6-8pm – South West Michigan Affiliate Meeting

Travelers Cafe and Pub: 5225 Portage Rd, Portage

See website for details: www.swmlp.com

Thursday, October 5 @ 7-9pm – Livingston County Affiliate Meeting

Brewery Becker: 500 W Main St, Brighton



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Join the LPLC at Brewery Becker for our Monthly meeting. The October meeting will include discussion of a Halloween party and potentially getting a booth set up on November 18 at Brighton Glow! Meet at 7pm with business and discussion to follow shortly after. For more information, see: <http://www.LivingstonLP.org>.

Sunday, October 8 @ 7-9pm – LPMI Michigan Executive Committee Meeting Online

The Executive Committee will meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Zoom links will be posted on each meeting day. For more information, see: <https://michiganlp.org/event>.

Wednesday, October 11 @ 6:30-8pm – Wayne County Affiliate Meeting Habib's Cuisine: 14316 Michigan Ave, Dearborn

Second Wednesday of every month.
Call to Order is at 6:30.

Wednesday, October 11 @ 7-9pm – Macomb County Monthly Meeting Ike's Restaurant: 38550 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Heights

Casual dinner at 7pm, Call to order at 8pm. To confirm details call (586) 201-3535.
Important note: Please confirm the details of any affiliate meeting before arrival. The meeting could be canceled or moved to a different location without prior notification to the state party.

Thursday, October 12 @ 6:30-8pm – Huron-Raisin Monthly Meeting Peppers Mexican Grill: 39 E Main St, Milan

More info at www.HuronRaisinLP.org

Friday, October 13 @ 4-6pm – All Affiliate Event (Hosted by Genessee County) Churchill's Food & Spirits: 340 S Saginaw St., Flint

Pre-SECOND FRIDAY ARTWALK Gathering before dispersing to enjoy the art, food, and offerings in the area. An all affiliate Mingle-'n-Tingle.
Organized by the Greater Flint Arts Council Public Relations Committee, this program is a collaboration between over 20 businesses and cultural organizations in downtown Flint. We coordinate open house receptions, free to the public to promote the diversity of gallery offerings in our downtown. Locations vary seasonally. ARTWALK takes place on the second Friday of every month, 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Maps are available at Greater Flint Arts Council. Parking is available throughout the downtown area.
Find out more [here](#).

Sunday, October 15 @ 6:30-8pm – Capitol Area Libertarians – Social Event Reno's North: 16460 S US Highway 27, Lansing



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Meet up with local Libertarians to discuss Life and Liberty. This will be a re-engagement party to get everyone excited about the 2024 election season. For more information, email: vaffiliates@michiganlp.org.

Tuesday, October 17 @ 8-9pm – Upper Peninsula LP Monthly Meeting Online

Every 3rd Tuesday at 8pm EST – the UPLP holds General Meetings open to the public. Meeting ID: 819 9262 3984. Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81992623984>.

Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30-9pm – Oakland County Monthly Meeting B1 Tavern: 1967 Cass Lake Rd, Keego Harbor

Confirm details by going to <https://www.facebook.com/lpocmi/> and clicking the events tab.

Important note: Please confirm the details of any affiliate meeting before arrival. The meeting could be canceled or moved to a different location without the affiliate letting the state party know in advance.

Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30-8PM – Jackson-Hillsdale Monthly Meeting Steve's Ranch Restaurant: 311 W Louis Glick Hwy, Jackson

Speaker – Mr. John Wilson, Candidate for Mayor of Jackson Michigan.
Topic – Make The City Of Jackson – GREAT AGAIN!



Website: <https://johnforjackson.com/>

Biography: *"I'm John Wilson and I'm passionate about serving the citizens of Jackson and solving the problems facing our city.*

I was born and raised here in Jackson, graduated from Lumen Christi High School, Jackson College, and Western Michigan University. After many years of service to our state, I retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections and I now spend time working for my brother's small business here in the city, as well as teaching kids in grades K-12 as a substitute teacher with Edustaff.

Jackson is my home, and it's yours too. It's painful to see the city I love becoming less and less desirable of a place for people to live and start families because of the increasing gang violence, illegal drug use, and endless expenses forced onto the hardworking and retired taxpayers of Jackson.



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The citizens of Jackson deserve better! When elected Mayor of Jackson, I will do everything I can to make our city safer and more affordable for everyone."

We encourage Teachers, Politicians and Public Officials to attend this meeting. IT'S YOUR TAX MONEY!

Meeting Conduct Rules - Be respectful to others. Do Not interrupt speaker. Keep comments concise. No personal attacks. No profanity. Disruptions will not be tolerated.

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