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Subject: Ron Paul Legacy Could Trigger a Libertarian Takeover in the 2014 Midterm Elections

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At the close of this election cycle, it is evident that the Liberty Movement is still finding its way.

When prominent libertarian icon Ron Paul failed to clinch the 2012 Republican nomination, many supporters weren't sure where to throw their support for the general election. Some held their noses and voted for Romney. Others obstinately wrote-in Dr. Paul. A significant amount of them backed the Libertarian Party's nominee, former New Mexico governor Gary Johnson.

Those who came to embrace Johnson had one goal in mind for this election: to secure 5% of the vote, and thus break the duopoly long enjoyed by Democrats and Republicans.

Capturing this much of the electorate would have fractured our current system by granting third party candidates equal access to federal funding and ballots for the next election cycle. And, it would have possibly put the Libertarian party on the trajectory toward polling at 15%, which would have allowed future Libertarian candidates to appear in the presidential debates.

Sadly, Johnson only claimed 1% of the vote. Furthermore, Ron Paul will not be attempting to win over the Republican Party again, as he is vacating his House seat this January.

Given this turnover in leadership, and the apparent futility of penetrating the two party system, does the Liberty Movement still have traction in modern politics?

Yes, it does. And not only does it have traction, it is actually gaining momentum.

The untold story in this election is the quiet infiltration of a small, new liberty caucus in Congress. These newly elected officials, all Republican and all backed by Young Americans for Liberty PAC, are just the beginning of what could possibly turn into a stealthy libertarian takeover of the Republican Party and the federal government.

Full article: <http://www.policymic.com/articles/18917/ron-paul-legacy-could-trigger-a-libertarian-takeover-in-the-2014-midterm-elections>

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Honestly, I am doubtful. Hopeful but doubtful. The Republican party is certainly a mess right now and is in need of significant change. If they are going to change there is really only one direction for them to go in. Either they become more libertarian or they become even more like the Democrats.

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