



**2023 State of the Libertarian Party Report
By the Classical Liberal Caucus**

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Introduction

Strategic planning for any organization requires an honest assessment of all relevant data. However, data devoid of an understanding of an organization's mission is a ship without a rudder or sails. The Classical Liberal Caucus (CLC) is here to try and provide those sails and rudder by defining the Libertarian Party's mission and developing strategies that bring success.

The CLC envisions the Libertarian Party's mission to be about securing candidate nominations, winning elections, and advancing legislation, all within the framework of libertarian principles. There isn't another organization in the nation that consistently aims at these goals through the electoral process. There is no alternative organization that persistently presents libertarian candidates to the electorate. Therefore, it's vital that we carry out these tasks as proficiently and economically as we can.

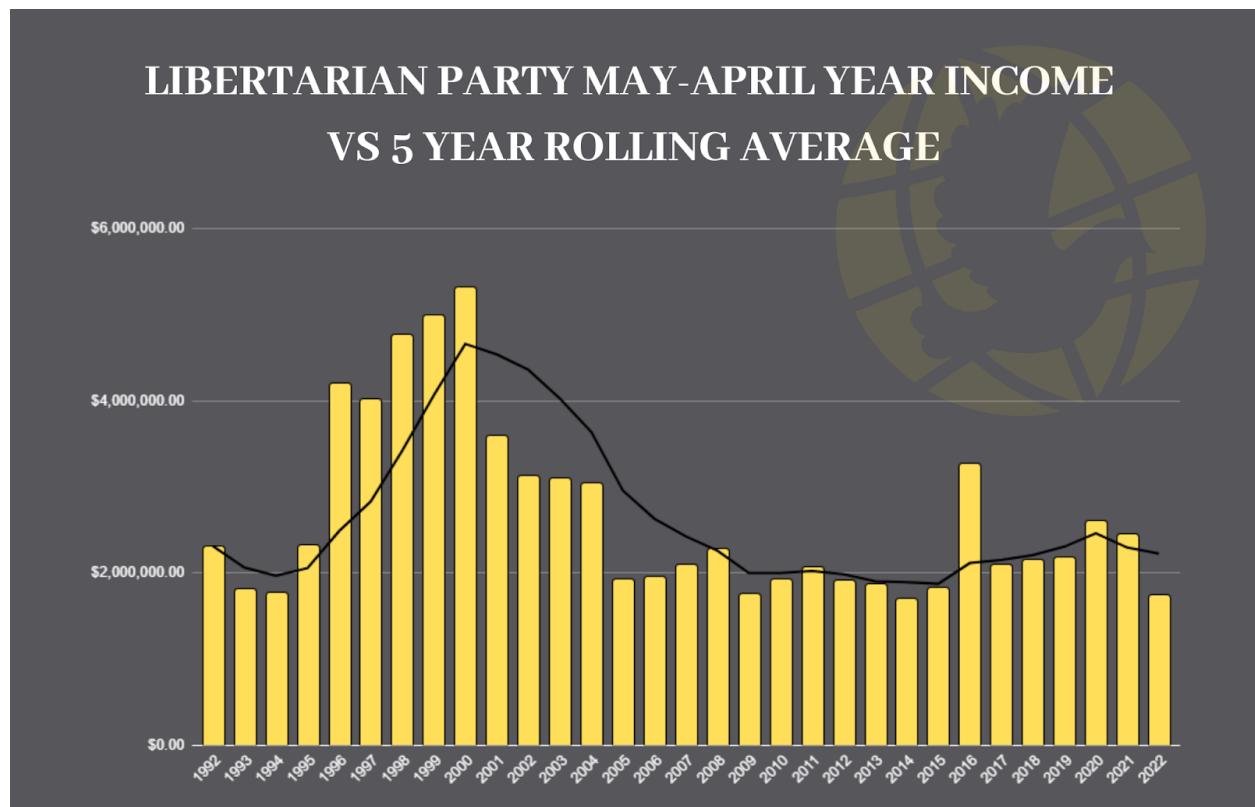
Without a comprehensive view of the party's condition, it's difficult to evaluate whether we are enhancing our capacity to fulfill the Libertarian Party's objectives. This report will examine three key areas: Financial Health, Membership, and Ballot Access. Each section will kick off with a thorough overview of all collected data (refer to the Methodology section for additional information) and then concentrate on contrasting the data from 2022/23 with the preceding two and four-year cycles.

This report is designed to reflect the current state of the Libertarian Party using publicly available information and to propose viable strategies to turn things around. While our focus will be on the current situation and the path to recovery, this report will attempt to refrain from finger-pointing or blame allocation. We will try not to dwell on how we arrived here, but rather, how we can move forward.

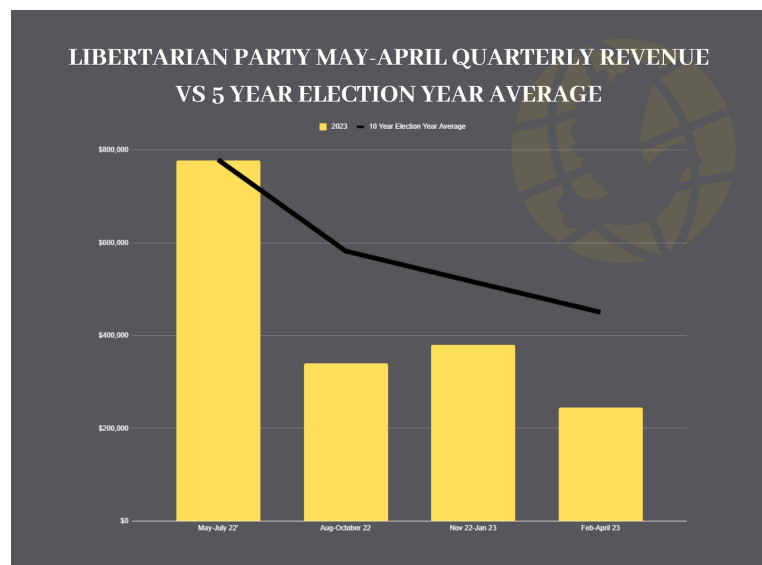
A few initial points to consider before diving into the report: American politics operates in two-year cycles, which will be a recurring theme in this report as we compare the present cycle with its predecessors, aiming for an 'apples to apples' comparison. Unless specified otherwise, our focus will be on the May-April annual cycle, with all financial reports adjusted for inflation. Our aim is to provide the most accurate and realistic depiction of where the Libertarian Party stands relative to the same juncture in previous cycles. Details on our methodology and data are provided at the conclusion of this report.

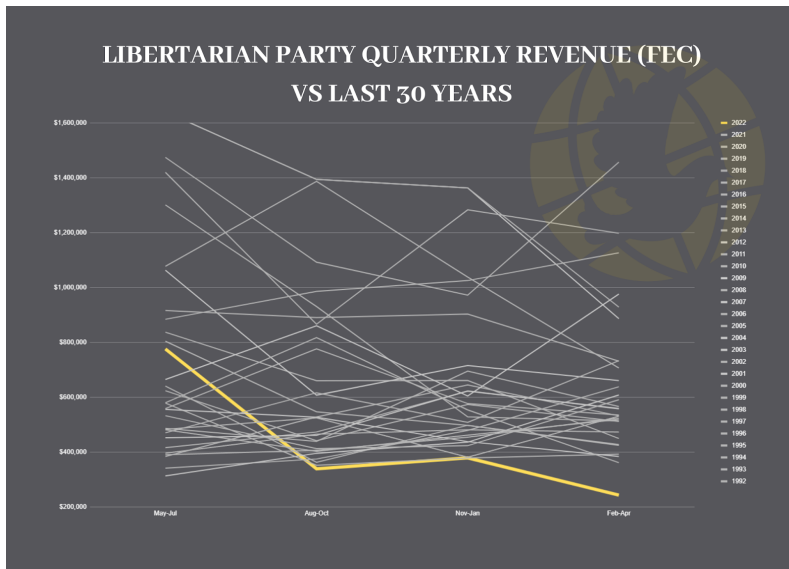
Financial Situation Report

We start with an overview of the past 30 years of FEC reports, and several things become apparent. The first is that 2022/23 is the second lowest revenue May-April. The second is that 2022/23 is 20% (\$485,220) behind the rolling 5 year average, the furthest behind since 2006.



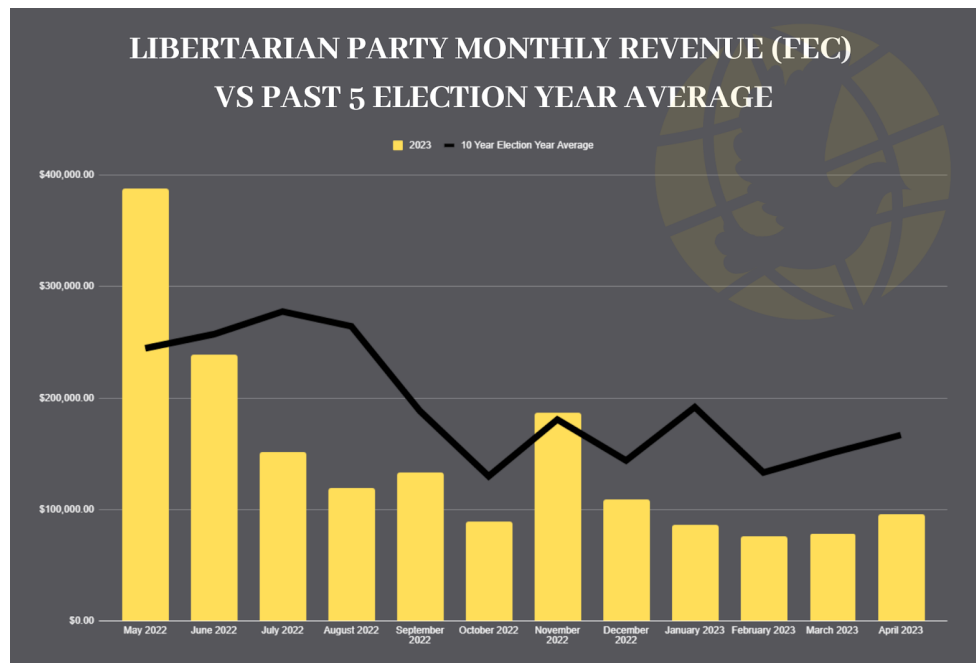
If we start looking at quarters of May-April years, We see just how far behind fundraising is getting. The 1st 4 month period (including the Reno convention) was average, and then there is a quick drop off after, leading to fundraising that is nearly half the average.



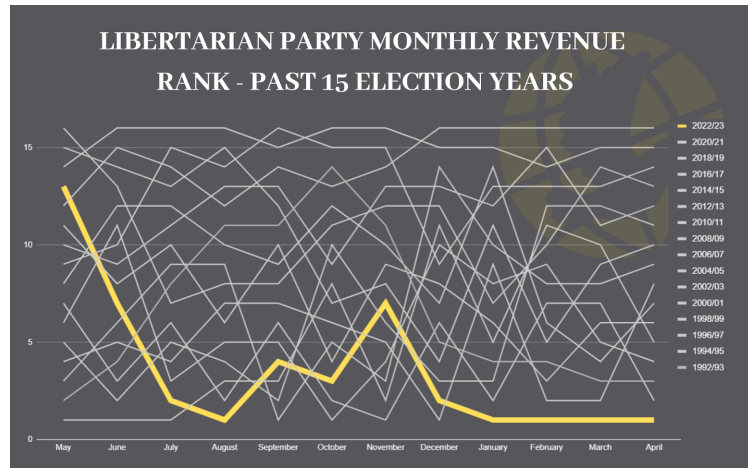


Comparing quarters of the May-April year to the same periods in previous years, the 2nd (Aug-Oct) and 4th (Feb-Apr) quarters are the worst performing quarters of the past 30 years, and the 3rd (Nov-Jan) is the second worst. The combined total from those three quarters (Aug-April) of 2022/23 is \$962,343, which is 25% (\$323,588) less than the previous low in 2014 (\$1,285,931), and 44% (\$756,732) less than the last 5 year average (\$1,719,075).

As we zoom in and focus on a month by month look at 2022/23, and compare it to the average of the past 5 election years, we can continue to see how far short of previous results this fundraising is. As you can see, May 2022 was an above average month, but the numbers quickly fell off. The November bump was largely because of a single max donation of \$36,500.

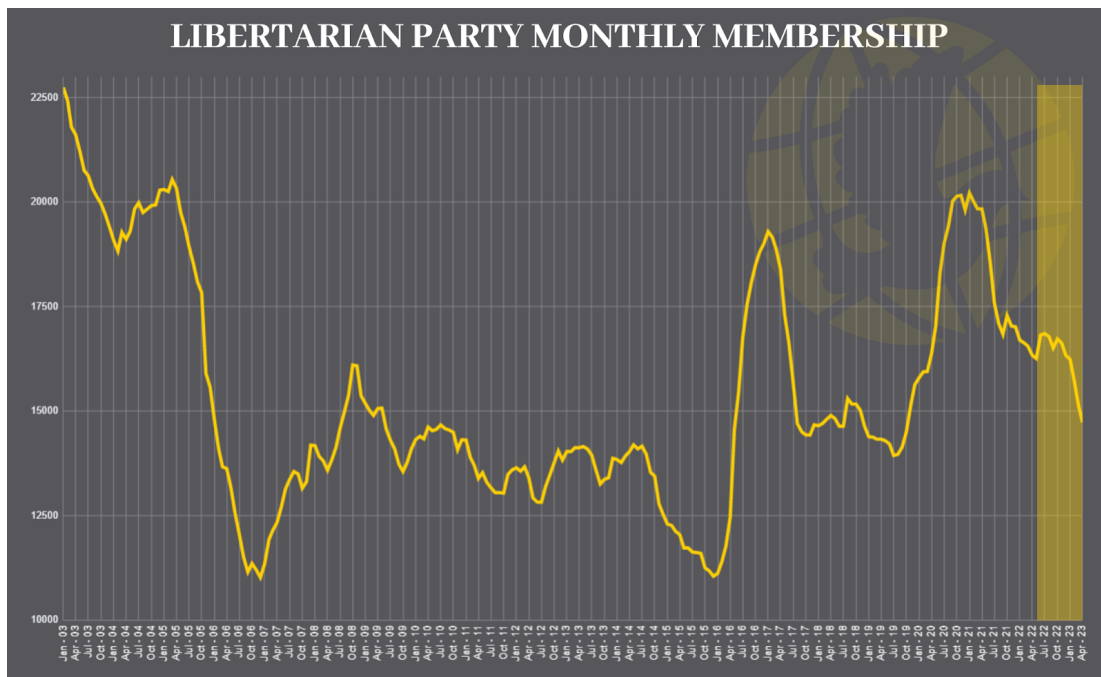


If we rank each month by its performance to the same month in previous election years, August, January, February, March, and April have the worst revenue in the past 30 years, with July and December coming in at 2nd worst, and October at 3rd worst.

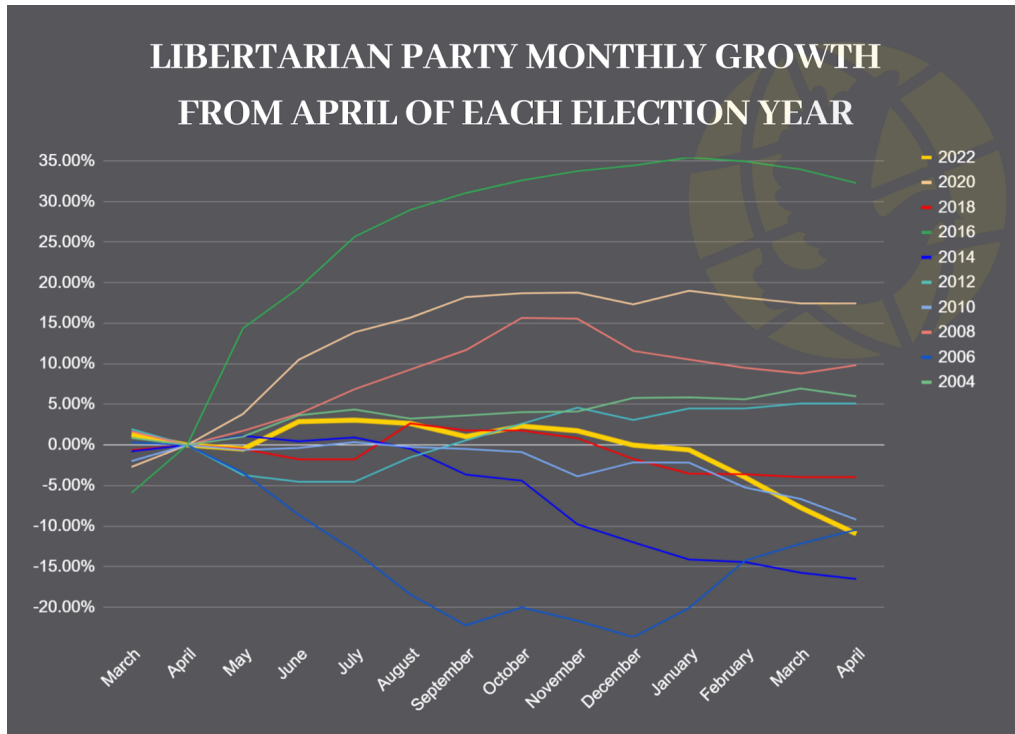


Membership Situation Report

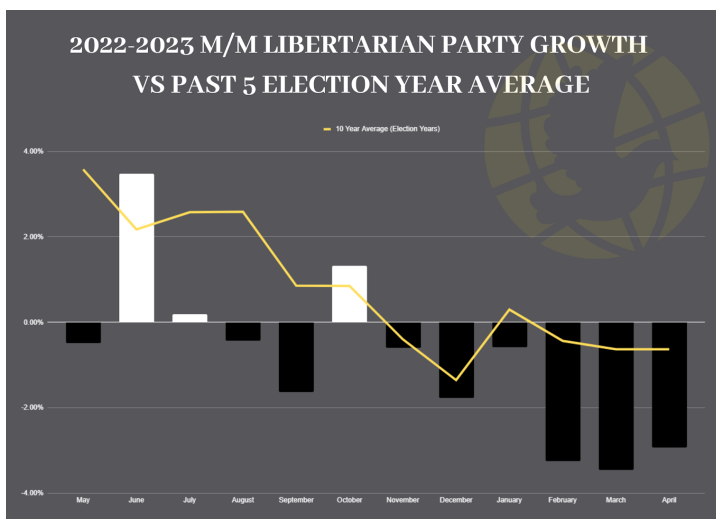
Libertarian Party membership in 2022/23 was fairly unremarkable until the last 4 months, where we start to see a worrying trend.

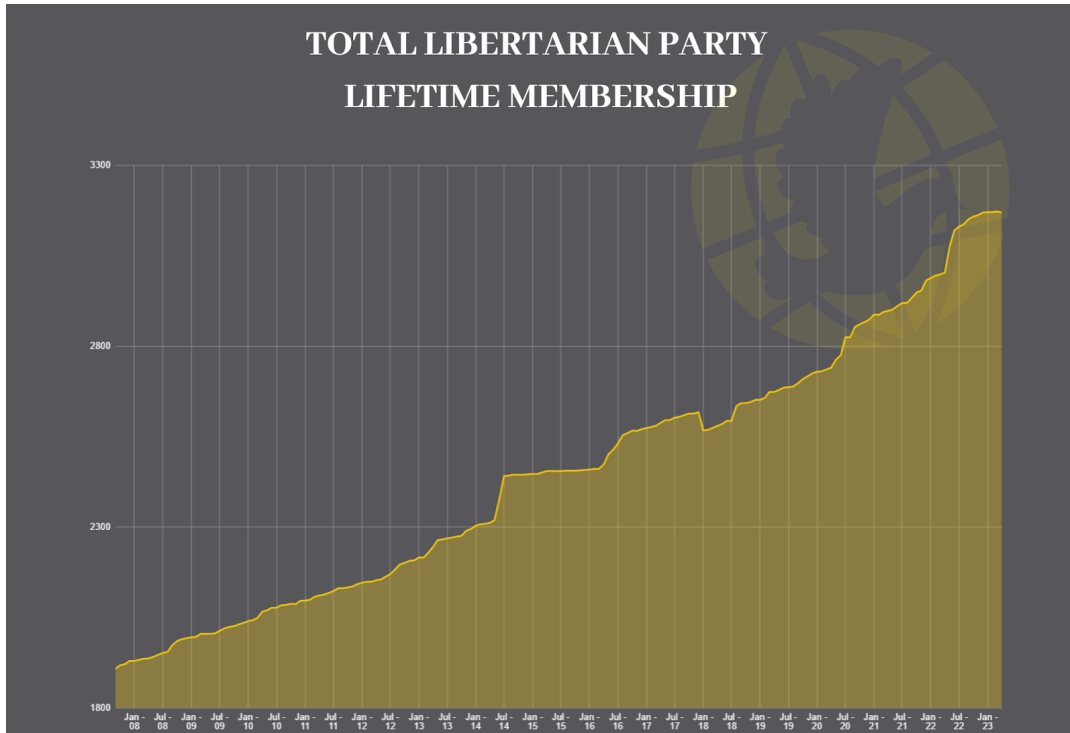


Comparing membership growth to the growth from previous election year Aprils, the past year ends up largely at the bottom. When we compare each May-April year's growth with each other, we see that this May-April year is the 2nd worst year in terms of membership in the past 20 years.

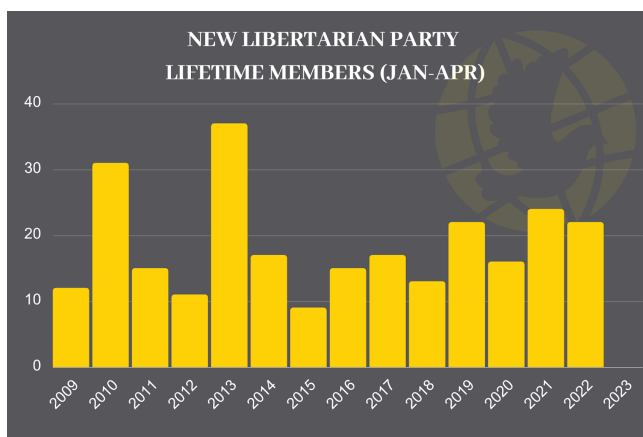
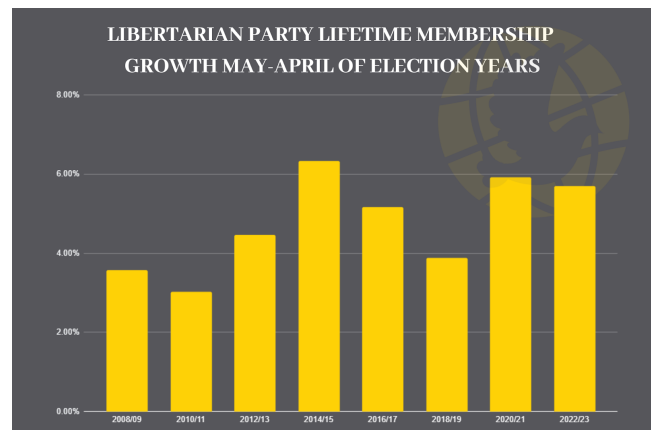


There is also a very atypical drop in membership at the beginning of 2023. While it's normal to see a membership drop off after an election, this drop off is nearly 50% greater than the previous 20 year low during this time period. The membership numbers are declining quickly at an unusual time in the 2 year cycle, with little sign of changing.



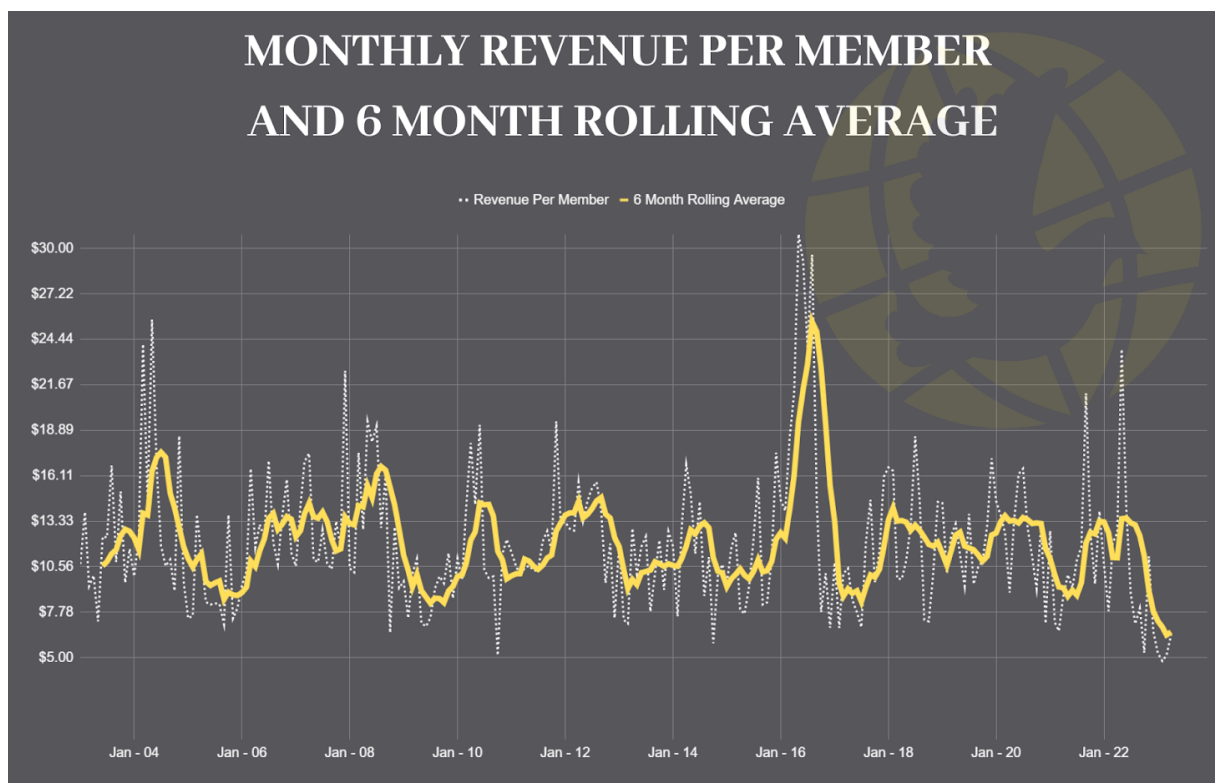


Lifetime membership growth was strong during Reno, and the May/April of 2022/23 was the 3rd best election year since 2008 (as far back as our month to month data goes).



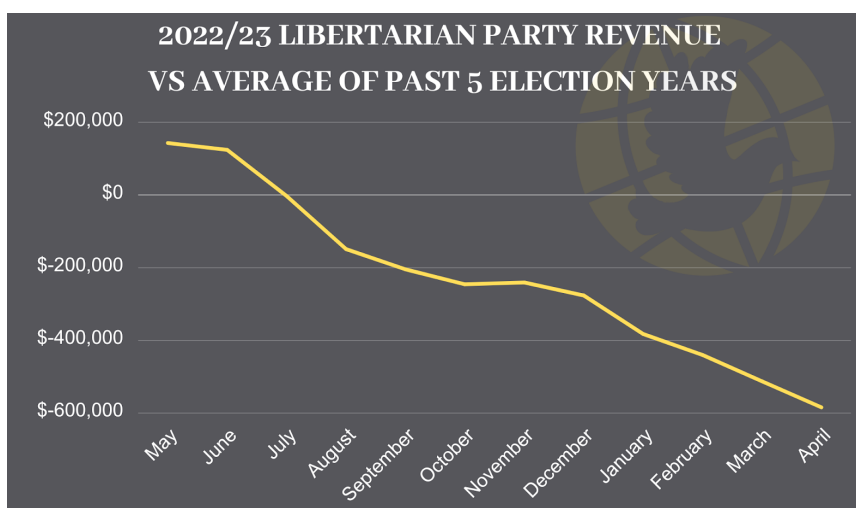
But just like with membership numbers, we see a worrying trend at the beginning of 2023. In the first four months there has been zero growth in Lifetime memberships, which is unprecedented.

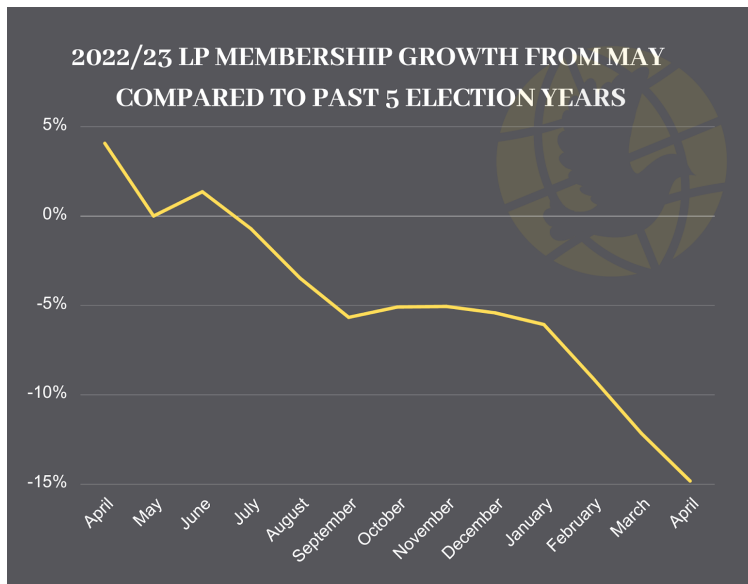
Summary of Financial and Membership Reports



Monthly revenue per member is also at all time lows. In the past 20 years, the 6 month rolling average had never dipped below \$8.33, until now. And we have been below that number for 5 straight months and in March 2023 the rolling 6 month average bottomed at \$6.38.

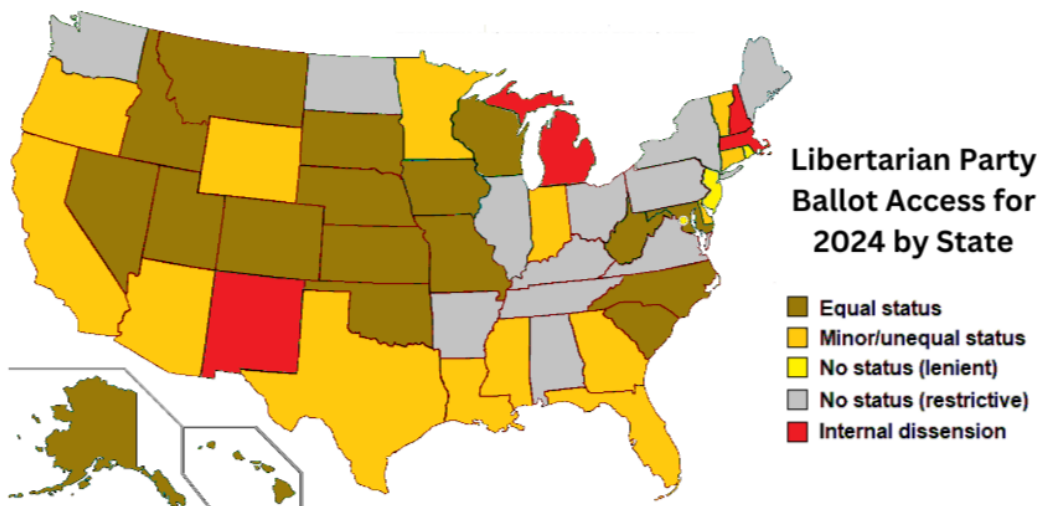
And if we compare the 2022/23 cumulative monthly revenue to the cumulative monthly average of the past five election years, we see the convention bump, followed by quickly falling behind the average. By April 2023, the Libertarian Party was a total of \$585,293 behind the average of the past 5 election years.





If we compare the membership growth of each month of 2022/23 to the average growth of the past 5 election years, we again see the convention bump and a drop off. The Libertarian Party is 2,200 members behind the 5 election year average.

Ballot Access Report



Source: independentpoliticalreport.com

The Libertarian Party faces significant challenges in achieving 50-state ballot access for its 2024 Presidential candidate due to recent attacks on third parties and our own internal party disorganization. Compared to four years ago, the party now has to undertake

significant petition and legal efforts in several additional states, including New York with high barriers put in place by former Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Some states have competing Libertarian organizations, adding to the distractions that weren't present during the last presidential election cycle. To overcome these hurdles will require a considerable unified effort and focus that may not materialize given the state of the party.

For a state by state summary of the ballot access situation, please see this [article](#) by the Independent Political Report.

Conclusions

Last year after Reno, [the CLC stated](#) that “we see a future for the national Libertarian Party characterized by electoral failure, irrelevancy, and pandering to small niche political groups. The party is already experiencing a wave of disaffiliations from candidates, donors, and recurring members.”

Sadly, as this report has shown, this prediction is proving accurate. The past 12 months have been among the worst in Libertarian Party history, with the past 9 months having the lowest revenue in 30 years. And there is nothing that suggests that trend will change anytime soon. It should be obvious that few are excited to join or donate to the party. The party needs a serious shift in direction, especially with a presidential election on the horizon. We need leadership that is willing to set a vision and work with others to build up the party, not one that is pointing fingers and pushing members out of the party.

While financial contributions dropped immediately after Reno, membership did not really start dropping until January 2023. This tells us that members were reducing donations and waiting to see what direction the LNC was going to take the party in before deciding on whether or not to support it. This timing also aligns with several high profile embarrassments for the party: Rage Against the War Machine rally, lawsuits against Libertarian Party members, and continued hateful and edgelord messaging.

This “quiet quitting” shows that many members still want to be involved in the party while they waited to see how this LNC would lead. Those that remain support the party, but do not support this leadership’s direction, and are clearly voting with their dollars. People don’t quit because of what happened a year ago, they quit because of what is happening now. Membership has had a full year to judge the changes to the party, and are reacting to it.

The LNC would be ill-advised to think that this is anything other than a reaction to the direction of the party. This is a lack of members buying into the direction of the party. The good news: this leadership can fix this. The bad news: it's going to take a lot of work, and a change in direction, to rebuild member's trust in the party.

Members donate and support the Libertarian Party because they believe in its mission and purpose. Financial and membership goals are important, but so is how to achieve them. Goals without a plan aren't worth the paper they are printed on. With membership and donations at record lows, it's clear that LP members have lost faith in the vision and message that this leadership has provided. So before any practical steps are taken, leadership needs to focus on putting out a vision and plan for the party that members will buy into and put their money towards.

Recomendations For Today

Recommendation #1: Understanding and Reversing Membership Decline

This LNC also needs to listen to the members, particularly lifetime members, who are leaving. And not only listen, but also act on what they are being told. Real leadership serves those they lead, and that starts by listening first and acting second. Continuing to dismiss members' concerns will only further the decline.

Recommendation #2: Addressing internal challenges

The near [80% turnover rate](#) in staff since Reno and rumors of a toxic environment is also a contributor to membership's lack of faith in leadership. A concerted effort should be made to create a positive working culture and to make sure staff aren't hampered by badly defined roles, lack of tools, or micromanagement by LNC members.

Recommendation #3: Revitalizing Major Donor Relationships

It's clear that relationships with large ticket donors have been lost. We are glad to hear that a fund-raising committee is being formed, but wonder why it took 9 months of the worst revenue in 30 years to make it happen. Regardless, this is an effort that every LNC member should be finding ways to support.

Recommendation #4: Refocus Messaging

The LP should refocus its messaging to appeal to the broader liberty movement, not a small niche of it. Messaging has fallen into an echochamber, and isn't representative of most members. As Members, Donors, Candidates, Elected officials, and even affiliates disassociate, it is clear that the current messaging needs a change to stop driving people away. (More on how messaging could be used to unite libertarians, instead of divide them, in the next section)

Recommendation #5: Restoring Customized Candidate Training Programs

It's also time to provide donors with as many reasons to give as possible. The LNC should restart the training that they ended; our candidates and affiliates deserve customized training. Third party candidates need more than just what the conservative Leadership Institute is providing. Libertarian Party candidates will get far more from a curriculum customized for our candidates, than a curriculum designed to develop conservative activists. Members are looking for a value add, and this is one way to give them that. (As a side note, the CLC is planning on providing customized training later this year)

Recommendation #6: Stop suing Libertarians

Libertarian Party donors simply do not want their dollars going to sue other libertarians. The cost of attorneys is one the party can ill afford, much less the hit to donations these lawsuits will bring about. Instead of using the force of the state against each other, let's get to the mediation table and deal with these disputes in a way that doesn't drive members away.

Recommendation #7: Fewer Secret Meetings

Executive sessions have proliferated during this LNC more than any in recent memory. Even if there weren't [rumors of its misuse](#), excessive secrecy leads to members distrusting leadership. Restoring openness and transparency with members should be a top priority moving forward.

Recommendations going forward - Dallas Accord 2.0

The Libertarian Party needs to get back to its basics: work to get candidates on the ballot, get candidates elected, and get legislation passed, while staying true to its principles. These

are the purposes for which it exists, and anything outside of those goals can be done better by other organizations. The very nature of being a political party means that it will always have far higher barriers to other activities, and so they are best left to other organizations.

By definition, a political party must appeal to the largest possible group of people. Also by definition, a libertarian political party must do so while still remaining true to its principles. But we harm our common cause by gatekeeping through creating a toxic environment for others, or skewing our messaging hard to one side or the other.

If the Libertarian Party wants political success, we won't find it through continually pushing each other out.

It's time for a Libertarian Party that is neutral ground for libertarians, that focuses our efforts on fighting the state instead of each other. The last thing members and donors want is for it to whiplash back and forth between one side of the libertarian spectrum and the other, with one side trying to push the other out.

To that end, we are calling for a second "Dallas Accord" style agreement, to bring leaders across the party and movement into the same room and work towards finding an agreement that turns the Libertarian Party into a space that all libertarians can work in. Whereas the original Dallas Accord called for a Libertarian Party that was inclusive of anarchist and non-anarchist libertarians, this new one should address the divisions of today. We need a party that is tolerant of the entire intellectual and personal diversity of all libertarians. One that recognizes that the Libertarian Party is first and foremost a political party with specific purposes that requires broad buy-in.

This agreement should also work towards a Libertarian Party that doesn't use its messaging to push out other libertarians. Libertarian Party messaging that goes beyond our platform has almost no positive results, drives away far more members and donors than it brings in, and is a large source of internal strife. We have seen the results of a year of the current messaging from National, and the results from several years of the same style messaging from state affiliates. Just like the messaging failures at the beginning of Covid that it attempted to replace, the results clearly show that it drives away far more people than it brings in.

It's time to leave "edgier" messaging to candidates and caucuses, who are far more effective at using it to bring people into the party. Let's keep official Party messaging unabashedly focused on the things we have agreed to in our platforms. We can have bold and principled messaging that remains firmly on what we agree on. Ultimately, professional messaging isn't focused on causing reactions, it is focused on achieving real world results: attracting members, donors, and candidates. And the current messaging has harmed those real world metrics.

Libertarian Party messaging should also avoid the distraction from our mission that is the culture war. The culture war is little more than an excuse to give the government more

power over individuals. Many LP members left the duopoly precisely because of them using the culture war to sell authoritarianism. Politics should be kept separate from the culture war, and the LP should lead by an example. The message of the Libertarian Party should be clear: liberty is not a participant in the culture war, it is the solution to it.

Ultimately, the Libertarian Party should be the framework for all libertarians to come together and work within the political process. Anything that hampers that ability should be left to other organizations. After all, working within the political process is the entire point of being a political party.

We know these may not be popular suggestions, but coming to an accord requires compromise. The sign of a good mediation is when everyone walks away equally unhappy. So these are our suggestions, if someone disagrees with them, or has different suggestions, there is a spot at the table for them to discuss what they think would get libertarians to work together.

This LNC was elected with the promise of bold change, and all we have gotten is more of the same, just with less fundraising and more people driven off. What could be bolder than rejecting the way it was done in the past and figuring out a way to get everyone working towards the same goals?

Regardless if a consensus on a neutral LP could be reached, the CLC will endorse candidates for 2024 LNC who will exemplify this behavior. The Libertarian Party needs leadership that is focused on the future, not on the past. Around the beginning of next year, expect us to issue a more extensive guide on changes that will help the Libertarian Party work towards the purposes we have laid out.

If there is one thing this year has shown, it's that returning to how things were done in the past isn't an option. The Reno Reset may not have intended to set the party so far back, but this is an opportunity to get away from past stagnation and move towards gearing the party to achieve real growth. Ultimately, it's up to all of us to get motivated, step in, and help lead the new era of the Libertarian Party.

What Libertarians Can Do Now

Join and donate to the LP, especially to the [ballot access fund](#). We know many people have concerns about those funds going to other purposes, so if you can't bring yourself to donate directly to the LP right now, there are other ways you can help ballot access. State affiliates with ballot access needs and even presidential campaigns will be looking to do some of the

heavy lifting for ballot access. We know many disagree with the direction of the party, but the party desperately needs help, and nothing will be solved by starving these areas of funds or volunteers.

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Get involved with the LP. Even if you can't stomach the direction of the party, there are still plenty of opportunities that create a lasting impact for liberty. State and local affiliates are always looking for help. Ultimately, the party won't get turned around by people refusing to get involved. We have internal elections every two years for a reason. If you don't like the direction of the party, it is up to you to change it in 2024. You won't become a delegate and have an influence on the direction of the party by sitting on the sidelines.

[Join the CLC](#). We are organizing to move the Libertarian Party in a positive and professional direction. If you agree with our vision for the party, we would love to have you on board with us. We are looking at raising leaders up in the party to join in our vision, so [reach out](#) to us if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of local, state, or national leadership. We need professional and experienced people, who want the LNC to serve the state affiliates, instead of dictating down to them.

Methodology and Data notes

MAY-APRIL YEAR: We will refer a lot to the "May-April year", this is to generally align with years following conventions, and the year leading up to conventions so we can accurately compare apples to apples. Some conventions were held in June, but this won't change the data enough to make much of a difference. It also offers the added benefit of incorporating the most timely available public financial information from the party into this analysis.

FEC REPORTING: All monthly data will be referred to by the month being reported. FEC reports are officially titled as the month in which the report was filed, which is the month after the month being reported. So an FEC report titled "May Monthly 2021" will be reporting for the month of April 2021. But in this report for example, we will refer to the "May Monthly 2021" report data as April 2021. During election (even) years, FEC reports for PRE-GEN, POST-GEN, and YEAR END roughly line up with October, November, and December. The reports don't exactly line up with the month, for example, in 2022:

PRE-GEN was Oct. 1 thru Oct. 19, POST-GEN was Oct. 20 through Nov. 28th, and Year End was Nov 29-Dec 31. This has no impact on the outcome of this report since it will still be an apples to apples comparison, and so these FEC reports will be referred to by the month they roughly correlate with. 2001-2002 FEC Reports were filed quarterly, and so were averaged out to each month for this report. [FEC Reports can be found here.](#)

FEC Monthly Revenue												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2023	\$85,690.83	\$75,250.80	\$78,205.47	\$95,043.60								
2022	\$174,113.41	\$127,563.88	\$194,471.63	\$201,736.92	\$379,044.20	\$233,151.54	\$147,238.38	\$115,849.93	\$129,581.52	\$86,636.60	\$181,790.94	\$105,633.72
2021	\$236,691.26	\$131,673.85	\$120,866.50	\$160,968.45	\$178,900.99	\$157,827.79	\$176,772.56	\$184,860.95	\$327,187.38	\$201,678.21	\$148,830.25	\$218,026.56
2020	\$197,325.13	\$187,074.79	\$172,905.06	\$126,239.67	\$194,365.61	\$254,552.15	\$270,018.83	\$215,782.94	\$192,033.45	\$159,169.03	\$226,271.62	\$120,497.99
2019	\$175,964.00	\$123,388.83	\$150,683.81	\$159,750.60	\$136,883.38	\$112,891.95	\$162,562.60	\$112,236.78	\$126,016.85	\$133,987.49	\$167,137.81	\$227,208.67
2018	\$201,552.37	\$199,739.84	\$120,458.54	\$120,831.81	\$134,026.10	\$158,517.28	\$224,343.56	\$183,549.45	\$91,695.74	\$90,548.40	\$127,161.34	\$175,964.00
2017	\$169,350.60	\$106,073.87	\$155,307.79	\$156,246.27	\$119,849.93	\$104,919.62	\$87,497.40	\$144,141.39	\$172,515.47	\$112,661.57	\$134,982.94	\$191,515.00
2016	\$129,364.06	\$126,773.74	\$172,004.40	\$209,363.27	\$357,510.19	\$359,384.56	\$318,698.21	\$413,409.05	\$212,964.78	\$114,495.29	\$151,787.99	\$103,184.89
2015	\$91,284.90	\$112,022.02	\$119,391.31	\$74,674.94	\$70,107.65	\$85,400.95	\$110,954.90	\$144,597.16	\$74,487.92	\$73,447.47	\$96,140.89	\$150,804.81
2014	\$126,351.17	\$80,136.43	\$139,488.35	\$182,288.85	\$165,111.39	\$123,778.41	\$159,210.45	\$94,794.57	\$116,665.75	\$61,134.68	\$98,915.05	\$103,681.58
2013	\$129,115.88	\$78,713.75	\$76,811.35	\$139,822.22	\$109,745.63	\$127,471.99	\$132,820.88	\$81,597.43	\$103,215.50	\$124,942.65	\$94,116.03	\$135,436.20
2012	\$137,134.07	\$132,111.10	\$131,926.07	\$159,356.58	\$130,453.32	\$141,530.15	\$148,952.78	\$156,970.31	\$142,624.74	\$99,536.31	\$127,096.22	\$77,605.94
2011	\$121,833.94	\$109,713.82	\$102,143.25	\$104,227.67	\$106,752.96	\$102,153.98	\$100,848.66	\$117,272.65	\$123,553.87	\$111,520.01	\$194,807.07	\$133,404.32
2010	\$114,384.10	\$101,242.89	\$147,192.12	\$191,140.18	\$150,660.96	\$202,176.16	\$110,053.41	\$103,898.49	\$104,647.60	\$53,841.34	\$115,126.37	\$126,856.00
2009	\$104,349.10	\$79,137.21	\$107,185.58	\$118,266.24	\$76,358.71	\$71,560.47	\$75,461.83	\$92,477.86	\$97,344.23	\$92,044.55	\$111,518.21	\$86,551.00
2008	\$102,578.55	\$98,412.51	\$167,635.37	\$120,685.36	\$186,045.23	\$177,899.27	\$193,513.82	\$134,085.95	\$172,292.53	\$72,761.01	\$144,639.10	\$96,498.94
2007	\$83,197.76	\$117,302.32	\$142,843.79	\$149,223.39	\$96,491.08	\$98,538.04	\$118,383.43	\$100,862.19	\$97,224.40	\$121,339.74	\$107,920.61	\$221,084.52
2006	\$92,635.37	\$96,742.29	\$106,234.96	\$115,006.72	\$103,067.22	\$136,489.66	\$92,081.71	\$79,411.02	\$103,225.19	\$118,309.44	\$83,632.64	
2005	\$97,412.23	\$99,223.21	\$183,036.49	\$146,625.54	\$107,658.98	\$103,634.36	\$102,228.02	\$99,439.66	\$82,504.21	\$158,607.72	\$76,219.81	\$81,112.01
2004	\$119,322.41	\$147,003.01	\$291,971.46	\$173,512.77	\$310,631.42	\$207,905.90	\$148,377.31	\$131,241.57	\$136,689.04	\$113,355.52	\$231,742.18	\$123,052.28
2003	\$148,040.22	\$159,286.15	\$131,885.75	\$131,368.74	\$93,022.34	\$156,098.36	\$154,818.41	\$206,590.72	\$132,546.68	\$183,672.56	\$114,664.00	\$137,225.78
2002	\$184,647.44	\$184,647.44	\$184,647.44	\$159,365.93	\$159,365.93	\$159,365.93	\$171,952.34	\$171,952.34	\$171,952.34	\$91,631.63	\$232,205.01	\$124,245.74
2001	\$180,315.50	\$180,315.50	\$180,315.50	\$180,315.50	\$180,315.50	\$180,315.50	\$172,916.48	\$172,916.48	\$172,916.48	\$172,916.48	\$172,916.48	\$172,916.48
2000	\$174,455.00	\$274,192.00	\$307,278.00	\$254,119.00	\$254,119.00	\$363,661.00	\$323,096.00	\$326,820.00	\$237,472.00	\$235,255.00	\$437,583.00	\$166,599.00
1999	\$224,114.00	\$194,217.00	\$277,232.00	\$193,156.00	\$219,911.00	\$341,000.00	\$257,062.00	\$170,013.00	\$186,119.00	\$249,785.00	\$211,786.00	\$158,896.00
1998	\$200,085.00	\$168,943.00	\$269,022.00	\$170,609.00	\$185,986.00	\$339,755.00	\$241,394.00	\$144,954.00	\$217,842.00	\$105,260.00	\$286,347.00	\$188,671.00
1997	\$130,665.00	\$112,460.00	\$115,291.00	\$147,991.00	\$153,266.00	\$142,290.00	\$174,643.00	\$157,127.00	\$204,085.00	\$162,980.00	\$156,960.00	\$191,314.00
1996	\$101,838.00	\$129,834.00	\$138,525.00	\$115,071.00	\$131,346.00	\$146,076.00	\$285,807.00	\$240,300.00	\$300,028.00	\$184,886.00	\$334,701.00	\$79,610.00
1995	\$62,139.00	\$80,590.00	\$103,078.00	\$81,547.00	\$84,582.00	\$82,605.00	\$70,978.00	\$106,676.00	\$93,633.00	\$111,681.00	\$69,221.00	\$89,664.00
1994	\$84,487.33	\$84,487.33	\$84,487.33	\$64,683.00	\$64,683.00	\$64,683.00	\$63,419.33	\$63,419.33	\$63,419.33	\$73,940.50	\$73,940.50	\$89,771.00
1993	\$57,964.67	\$57,964.67	\$57,964.67	\$57,964.67	\$57,964.67	\$57,964.67	\$74,584.67	\$74,584.67	\$74,584.67	\$74,584.67	\$74,584.67	\$74,584.67
1992	\$65,424.00	\$65,424.00	\$65,424.00	\$75,401.67	\$75,401.67	\$75,401.67	\$120,480.33	\$120,480.33	\$120,480.33	\$141,376.50	\$141,376.50	\$61,377.00

FEC Monthly Revenue Adjusted For Inflation												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2023	\$85,690.83	\$75,250.80	\$78,205.47	\$95,043.60								
2022	\$177,945.65	\$130,372.84	\$198,755.84	\$206,183.20	\$387,402.12	\$238,294.86	\$150,487.93	\$118,407.90	\$132,443.98	\$88,551.27	\$185,810.34	\$107,970.34
2021	\$257,524.82	\$143,262.47	\$131,502.75	\$175,135.28	\$194,647.86	\$171,721.37	\$192,335.62	\$201,137.96	\$355,999.50	\$219,440.01	\$161,939.22	\$237,232.52
2020	\$229,794.98	\$217,859.82	\$201,360.05	\$147,016.19	\$226,356.25	\$296,451.43	\$314,466.63	\$251,305.13	\$223,647.92	\$185,374.62	\$263,527.24	\$140,339.19
2019	\$207,709.67	\$145,650.64	\$177,871.69	\$188,576.00	\$161,583.99	\$133,264.43	\$191,900.27	\$132,493.27	\$148,761.63	\$158,172.23	\$197,307.86	\$268,224.38
2018	\$243,352.32	\$241,165.88	\$145,442.85	\$145,894.74	\$161,827.13	\$191,400.10	\$270,883.63	\$221,628.62	\$110,719.86	\$109,335.38	\$153,546.05	\$212,476.53
2017	\$208,377.45	\$130,519.65	\$191,101.58	\$192,257.91	\$147,474.14	\$129,103.59	\$107,666.43	\$177,368.86	\$212,285.46	\$138,634.57	\$166,103.26	\$235,670.70
2016	\$162,534.30	\$159,281.06	\$216,111.49	\$263,052.39	\$449,193.68	\$451,552.32	\$400,434.74	\$519,440.20	\$267,588.12	\$143,863.33	\$190,723.13	\$129,653.88
2015	\$117,070.15	\$143,666.00	\$153,118.16	\$95,770.61	\$89,913.76	\$109,528.43	\$142,302.99	\$185,451.64	\$95,534.48	\$94,200.79	\$123,307.42	\$193,419.23
2014	\$163,224.23	\$103,523.45	\$180,198.02	\$235,491.67	\$213,302.45	\$159,906.85	\$205,682.39	\$122,465.10	\$150,721.65	\$78,981.12	\$127,791.32	\$133,950.38
2013	\$168,057.23	\$102,454.60	\$99,979.19	\$181,996.80	\$142,849.30	\$165,923.92	\$172,887.63	\$106,212.93	\$134,353.55	\$162,636.60	\$122,510.84	\$176,298.66
2012	\$181,174.68	\$174,539.90	\$174,296.77	\$210,538.73	\$172,353.62	\$166,989.63	\$196,797.90	\$207,392.31	\$188,440.09	\$131,511.35	\$167,925.88	\$102,537.62
2011	\$163,764.31	\$147,474.03	\$137,298.91	\$140,101.79	\$143,497.33	\$137,316.40	\$135,562.79	\$157,641.41	\$166,086.05	\$149,910.77	\$261,871.35	\$179,331.43
2010	\$158,309.88	\$140,121.17	\$203,713.89	\$264,539.92	\$208,517.78	\$279,817.87	\$152,318.32	\$143,800.71	\$144,838.56	\$74,520.18	\$159,344.11	\$174,745.61
2009	\$146,577.09	\$111,163.25	\$150,563.58	\$166,129.77	\$107,262.61	\$100,523.14	\$106,004.25	\$129,908.27	\$136,745.28	\$129,301.42	\$156,658.55	\$121,585.98
2008	\$148,030.08	\$142,017.12	\$241,909.57	\$174,156.22	\$268,472.57	\$256,715.76	\$279,246.25	\$193,488.71	\$248,619.84	\$104,994.14	\$208,715.67	\$142,135.94
2007	\$120,156.70	\$169,412.70	\$206,302.14	\$215,517.37	\$139,359.17	\$142,316.52	\$170,980.00	\$145,675.26	\$140,422.17	\$175,253.41	\$155,872.97	\$319,321.22
2006	\$139,247.64	\$145,422.04	\$226,050.67	\$159,693.50	\$172,880.40	\$154,933.74	\$205,176.72	\$138,421.83	\$119,375.41	\$155,175.33	\$177,852.21	\$125,724.11
2005	\$150,148.29	\$152,940.67	\$282,130.62	\$226,008.61	\$165,946.63	\$159,744.08	\$157,577.34	\$153,280.27	\$127,176.11	\$244,487.46	\$117,490.55	\$125,032.54
2004	\$190,202.31	\$234,327.21	\$465,414.19	\$276,588.03	\$495,165.12	\$331,416.56	\$236,525.30	\$209,210.87	\$217,896.00	\$180,701.17	\$369,424.84	\$196,161.33
2003	\$243,685.88	\$311,578.25	\$203,923.48	\$216,239.51	\$153,118.49	\$256,942.58	\$254,834.20	\$340,050.39	\$218,171.80	\$302,326.87	\$188,740.22	\$225,877.75
2002	\$309,627.91	\$309,629.76	\$309,631.60	\$267,239.13	\$267,240.73	\$267,242.32	\$288,350.32	\$288,352.04	\$288,353.76	\$153,661.66	\$389,398.51	\$208,356.38
2001	\$309,551.23	\$309,553.03	\$309,554.83	\$309,556.63	\$309,558.44	\$309,560.24	\$296,859.56	\$296,861.29	\$296,863.02	\$296,864.75	\$296,866.48	\$296,868.21
2000	\$304,137.87	\$478,018.11	\$535,702.32	\$443,028.52	\$443,031.06	\$634,010.22	\$563,292.03	\$569,787.79	\$414,018.18	\$410,155.33	\$762,908.46	\$290,460.36
1999	\$403,943.07	\$350,058.66	\$499,688.50	\$348,150.17	\$396,376.38	\$614,635.45	\$463,343.97	\$306,443.33	\$335,475.78	\$450,234.96	\$381,744.27	\$286,411.63
1998	\$370,315.32	\$312,679.70	\$497,908.61	\$315,766.55	\$344,228.47	\$628,832.14	\$446,784.08	\$268,289.56	\$403,197.22	\$194,823.63	\$529,996.80	\$349,211.15
1997	\$245,732.52	\$211,496.77	\$216,822.02	\$278,320.75	\$288,242.77	\$267,583.15	\$328,449.34	\$205,508.75	\$383,824.70	\$306,519.75	\$295,199.38	\$359,811.89
1996	\$194,780.45	\$248,328.30	\$264,952.61	\$220,094.00	\$251,224.18	\$279,399.57	\$546,665.91	\$459,626.62	\$573,872.56	\$353,638.85	\$640,199.34	\$152,274.82
1995	\$122,799.09	\$159,262.76	\$203,704.81	\$161,155.63	\$167,154.33	\$163,248.13	\$140,270.98	\$210,820.58	\$185,045.03	\$220,714.04	\$136,801.46	\$177,203.86
1994	\$171,201.75	\$171,202.60	\$171,203.44	\$131,072.98	\$131,073.63	\$131,074.28	\$128,514.21	\$128,514.84	\$128,515.47	\$149,836.73	\$149,837.47	\$181,918.24
1993	\$120,599.55	\$120,600.13	\$120,600.71	\$120,601.29	\$120,601.87	\$120,602.44	\$155,163.10	\$155,163.84	\$155,164.59	\$155,165.33	\$155,166.08	\$155,166.82
1992	\$120,890.16	\$138,980.81	\$138,961.46	\$161,192.17	\$161,192.93	\$161,193.68	\$257,564.06	\$257,565.27	\$257,566.47	\$302,240.34	\$302,241.75	\$131,215.51

any final numbers. Membership Reports can be [found here](#).

Bylaws Sustaining Member Monthly Totals												
Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2023	16237	15710	15168	14725								
2022	16694	16629	16550	16334	16254	16818	16851	16778	16505	16724	16624	16331
2021	20215	20002	19834	19834	19354	18540	17578	17095	16835	17284	17032	17014
2020	15791	15936	15944	16374	17026	18294	19013	19418	20023	20138	20158	19803
2019	14385	14372	14324	14324	14288	14208	13934	13963	14139	14501	15117	15627
2018	14646	14702	14798	14891	14819	14634	14634	15298	15163	15163	15016	14639
2017	19293	19152	18864	18399	17301	16622	15706	14700	14504	14426	14423	14668
2016	11112	11400	11768	12461	14554	15448	16759	17541	18071	18486	18805	19003
2015	12294	12260	12122	12040	11722	11723	11625	11612	11593	11247	11173	11045
2014	13836	13764	13919	14027	14189	14092	14158	13963	13533	13437	12778	12526
2013	14029	14028	14120	14119	14149	14088	13944	13586	13251	13363	13402	13869
2012	13642	13558	13664	13397	12919	12817	12816	13197	13475	13758	14043	13824
2011	14305	13890	13705	13384	13525	13290	13162	13046	13046	13034	13480	13589
2010	14316	14394	14331	14615	14526	14562	14667	14579	14543	14488	14072	14309
2009	15178	15004	14892	15059	15068	14566	14303	14094	13725	13549	13777	14096
2008	14171	13908	13809	13579	13820	14121	14581	14970	15378	16099	16079	15358
2007	11344	11921	12144	12333	12692	13133	13359	13551	13492	13149	13309	14181
2006	14795	14097	13664	13620	13168	12541	12047	11504	11145	11350	11196	11014
2005	20299	20247	20537	20326	19755	19402	18936	18538	18082	17830	15896	15575
2004	19084	18826	19276	19107	19306	19834	19982	19747	19830	19913	19929	20283
2003	22741	22424	21790	21605	21214	20752	20630	20321	20126	19968	19708	19410

Lifetime Member Monthly Totals												
Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2023	3171	3171	3173	3170								
2022	2989	2996	2999	3004	3075	3121	3131	3138	3152	3159	3163	3170
2021	2888	2887	2895	2898	2902	2912	2920	2920	2934	2949	2954	2982
2020	2730	2731	2736	2741	2763	2775	2825	2825	2854	2861	2867	2874
2019	2652	2658	2674	2674	2679	2686	2687	2689	2698	2709	2717	2725
2018	2567	2569	2574	2580	2585	2594	2594	2635	2643	2643	2646	2652
2017	2574	2577	2580	2588	2596	2596	2603	2605	2610	2614	2614	2618
2016	2459	2461	2461	2473	2501	2514	2531	2554	2560	2567	2566	2571
2015	2447	2447	2451	2455	2455	2455	2455	2456	2456	2456	2457	2458
2014	2304	2308	2309	2312	2319	2377	2441	2443	2445	2445	2445	2446
2013	2216	2216	2229	2245	2264	2266	2269	2271	2274	2276	2290	2295
2012	2146	2149	2149	2153	2155	2163	2170	2183	2197	2201	2207	2208
2011	2097	2099	2107	2111	2113	2118	2123	2131	2131	2133	2136	2142
2010	2040	2043	2049	2066	2070	2077	2077	2084	2085	2088	2087	2096
2009	1995	1997	2005	2005	2005	2006	2013	2020	2024	2026	2031	2035
2008	1930	1933	1936	1937	1941	1947	1952	1955	1974	1985	1990	1993

INFLATION: Financial numbers that are adjusted for inflation are adjusted to April 2023 dollars. Inflation data from: https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

Inflation Calculations											
2023	0.000%		2015	28.258%		2007	44.434%		1999	80.251%	
2022	2.212%		2014	29.194%		2006	50.329%		1998	85.090%	
2021	8.809%		2013	30.171%		2005	54.148%		1997	88.074%	
2020	16.466%		2012	32.126%		2004	59.413%		1996	91.276%	
2019	18.052%		2011	34.427%		2003	64.603%		1995	97.631%	
2018	20.750%		2010	38.409%		2002	67.697%		1994	102.647%	
2017	23.056%		2009	40.479%		2001	71.683%		1993	108.068%	
2016	25.652%		2008	44.302%		2000	74.347%		1992	113.786%	

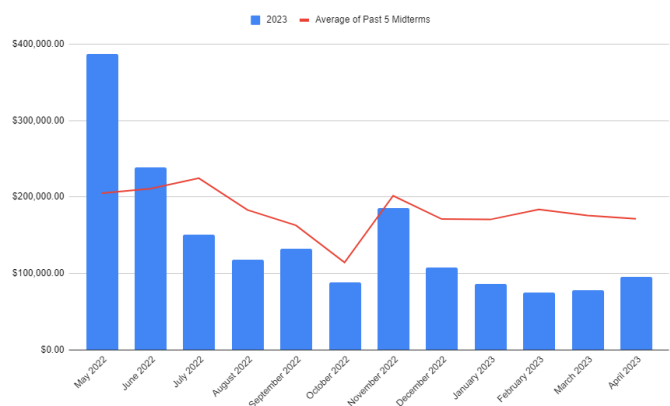
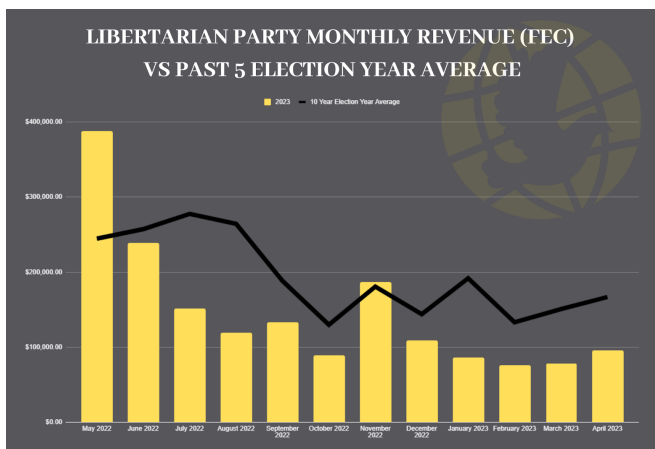
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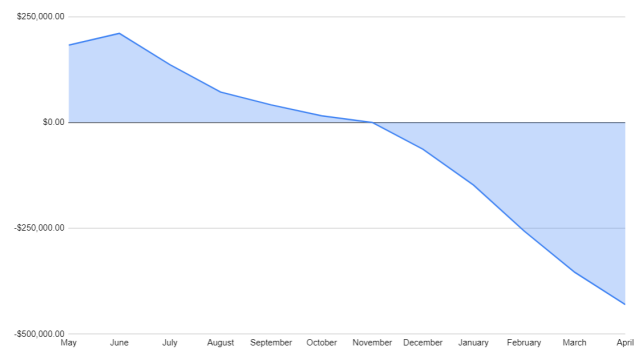
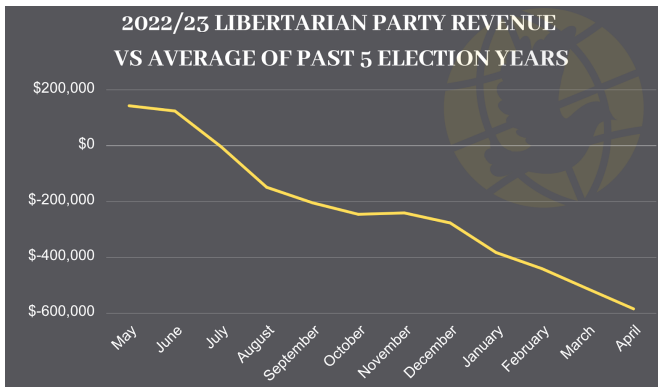
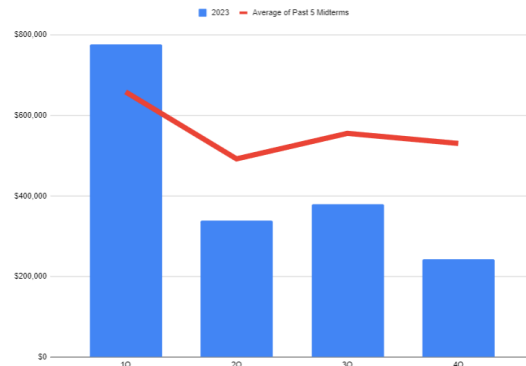
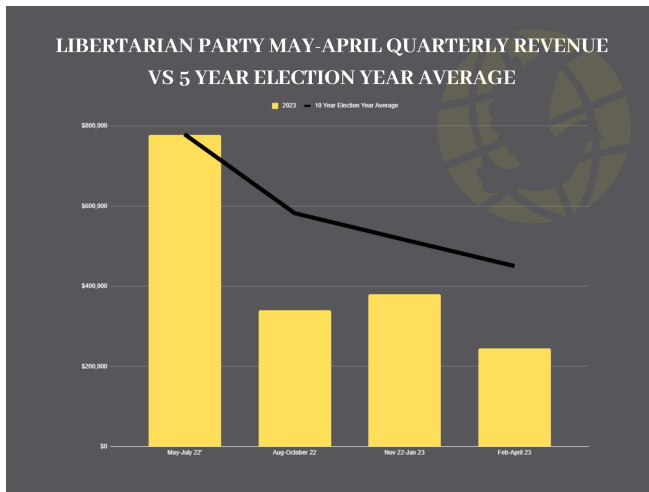
We sent an advanced copy of this report to the LNC, and were grateful to receive multiple responses. Treasurer Todd Hagopian raised several concerns that we would like to address. First, Mr. Hagopian makes the argument that we should not have adjusted for inflation and that we should have compared this year to the 4 year cycle (midterms only) instead of the 2 year cycle (all elections).

First, we adjusted for inflation because that gives us the true value of the dollars being donated to the LNC. The cost of doing business has gone up, what 1,000,000 dollars was able to accomplish 10 years ago is different from what it can accomplish today. The ultimate purpose of dollars to the Libertarian Party is to accomplish things. So adjusting for inflation means that we know the accomplishing power of those dollars compared to the past. In no way does a million dollar budget today equal a million dollar budget in 2010, no matter how much we might want it to.

Second, there are good reasons to look at 4 year cycles and good reasons to look at 2 year cycles. The goal of any report should be to show an accurate picture of the health of the party. In this report we decided on going with the past ten years of two year cycles to keep the data as current as possible. The last 10 years are far more relevant to 2022/23 than the 90s or 00s are. We were also limited by the monthly membership only going back to 2003, which means that we only have data for 4 midterms, not 5. We decided that looking at a consistent time period across both the membership and financial reports was important.

Below are several of the original charts (left side) that show 2022/23 to the past 5 election year averages, and charts (right side) that replace the past 5 election years average with the average of the past 5 midterms. Regardless of which method you go with, comparing this past year to either cycle shows just how far behind it is.





There will be plenty who disagree with how we looked at the data. That's why we included all the data we used so anyone can look at it for themselves. But what is beyond dispute is that the past nine months of revenue have been the worst in 30 years. If we are going to turn things around, particularly before the next presidential race, we are going to need to work together to implement solutions now.

