

# Gov. Gary Johnson (L)



## Biography

Current: Honorary  
Chairman, Our America  
Initiative

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Education:  
University of New Mexico,  
B.S., 1975

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Religion: Lutheran

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## Libertarian Candidacy for President

In a normal election year, Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson would garner very little attention and support, like most third candidates do. However, with the GOP establishment at odds with their own frontrunner, some are starting to speculate whether Republican party leaders are starting to look for their own ‘Naderian’ spoiler candidate to prevent real estate mogul Donald Trump (R) from winning the presidency. It’s unlikely that Republican elites would ever rally around someone like Johnson, but as a firewall to prevent Mr. Trump from taking over the Oval Office, the Libertarian Party nominee — whom they disagree with on many subjects — may be their best shot.

## Previous Experience

- Governor of New Mexico, 1995-2003
- President and Co-Founder, Big J Enterprises. 1976-1999

## Major Milestones

- Climbed to the summit of Mt. Everest 2003
- Publishes Book: Seven Principles of Good Government: Gary Johnson on Politics, People and Freedom 2010

## Stance on Issues

- Supports expansion of free trade
- Opposes Obamacare
- Strongly favors gun rights
- Supports privatization of Social Security
- Strongly favors same-sex marriage, abortion rights and the legalization of cannabis

## Election Results

2012 General		
Barack Obama (D)	Votes: 65,899,660	Percent: 51.3%
Mitt Romney (R)	Votes: 60,932,152	Percent: 47.4%
Gary Johnson (L)	Votes: 1,275,804	Percent: 1%

Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; LinkedIn, 2016; Fox News, 2016; Zach Montellar, “Johnson’s Libertarian Party Preps for Battle as Third Party,” National Journal, March 23, 2016.