

Mainstream Media Versus Liberty

I need your help, this column needs your help, your freedom and Liberty is at stake. It is getting tougher and tougher getting this column printed, it is getting almost impossible to get the word of liberty out to you and the world. It is not some foreign terrorist organization that is threatening this column getting printed and it's not the possibility of losing paying sponsors if my words of freedom get shared, sponsors enjoy having their products viewed over and over again, getting exposure is the fundamental reason why they would pay money to advertise, no friends what threatens this column and my ability to keep sharing my views on what's right and what's not, is the very newspaper you are reading this column in , that's if it gets published at all.

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At a risk of sounding like I'm generalizing, mainstream media has become our roadblock. This paper and others that you might be reading this column is trying to muzzle our voice they are trying to manipulate me and anyone else fighting for your rights and for your liberty and now it's time you let your voices be heard.

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It is not accepted by mainstream media if I or yourself believe in God or creation it is not tolerated if I say I believe in the free market it is frowned upon by this and other mainstream publications if I yell out loud the benefits of Capitalism and everything good that Capitalism produces. Our freedoms are quickly dissipating and we need to take a final stand here and now. Why can't we ask questions? Where are our tax dollars going? Who is enjoying our hard earned tax dollars? Why am I responsible to take care of your children? Why can't we question the science behind global warming or global cooling or whatever they want to call it this week? Are you and I not human? So why are we being treated as if we are criminals if we question our governments or its puppet masters?

The word liberty means to be free, to be free to think for ourselves free to make our own individual choices and free to live life the way we see fit. Liberty to the government and its allies means danger, it's dangerous if we are free thinkers it's dangerous if we ask questions and it's dangerous if we take notice and stand up for our rights. They want us all to be neutral to be lifeless to be exactly how they want us to be, under their control.

Take some time and read some of my older columns you will see that almost everyone I wrote is relevant today and not a week goes by that I don't get an email that reminds me of something I wrote and many times asking how I knew the outcome, this past week two older columns I wrote here at Liberty Rules re surfaced in part because of the conflict in Syria and it was viewed over 2000 times in two days bringing up the importance of having this platform to spread the word of Liberty.

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If its artists or welfare recipients or questionable government actions and sometimes just some good old fashion storytelling, you need someone like me to give you something different you need me so I can ask the questions you always thought about was too afraid to ask. I want you to enjoy reading this column and more importantly I need you to show support, visit the website shop the sponsors and send this paper an email or give a phone call and say you want Liberty Rules to be included in your favourite newspaper. Long Live Liberty!

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Untitled and Rejected by the Examiner

I never fight with anyone; that's what separates me from the left socialist green communists. -- If you don't agree with any of my ideas or beliefs I'm fine with that. I love sharing ideas and listening to ideas, but what distinguishes a capitalist like me from a communist socialist green is that I never want to force my ideas on you. -- I would never think I'm so perfect and my ideas are so righteous that the government should use the power of the gun or law to force you to believe me. -- I can handle you not agreeing with me, but I dare you to try and confront a left socialist communist green and go against what they are force-feeding you. I dare you! -- The LSGC (left socialist green communist) will attack you, will claim that you are a racist or a homophobe or that you are an idiot for believing in God or creation. They will come at you in numbers with loud, angry faces demanding that you give up your right to any self-thought or free speech. -- Yes, the LSGC will make you feel bad for having a mortgage and a bank account and a job, at the same time they are talking on their iPhone or checking the time on their IWatch and driving around in their German imported cars. -- Yes, the L.S.G.C wants you to feel ashamed for loving your family; heck they want you to be ashamed that you actually have a family and that you're calling your son, your son and your daughter, your daughter. How dare you. -- It's getting tougher and tougher surviving nowadays, with the cost of living soaring and the cost of trying to keep your family sheltered, clothed and fed that it takes both husband and wife working everyday just to make ends meet. -- How does your government respect you, how does your government show appreciation for your hard-earned tax dollars? They give it away to people that don't deserve it or haven't contributed anything to society. -- Now the LSGC will say that working for years on creating a music CD is a contribution to the community, and will also claim that giving tax money to these well-deserved artists will be a benefit to society. They will also force you to believe that these music projects bring culture to us, because you know that without these artists taking our money we would be left with no culture. That's to say we are culture-less without them. -- Many of these so called musical artists that sit around all day working on their music feel that capitalists like myself are the evil demons of the world. Without this devil working all night long, I wouldn't be able to keep seven employees employed. Without this devil keeping these employees employed, there would be no tax collected and with no tax collected the government wouldn't have any money to give away to LSGC wannabe musical artists. -- I'm a capitalist and I show my displeasure or happiness with my money. If I

don't like a company's environmental policy or how they treat their employees, I will not patronize them with my business. If they want my business it's my capitalist money that will get them to change, not some forced government policy. -- Capitalism is what keeps this country great and it's capitalism that will move it forward to bring better healthcare, better workers' rights, and it's capitalism that gets companies and people to change. -- So if you think your LSGC beliefs will bring you prosperity, just look into the ocean. I have never seen people escaping capitalism on plastic bottle rafts to head over to a socialist paradise. --

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Federal election wrap-up

I tried so hard to stay away from writing about the federal election, what happened and why it all happened. Mainly because it's been covered by every news department and every online blogger that I thought it would be just too boring to write about. First of all I don't know who these consultants are that the Conservatives keep hiring, but can you never hire them ever again. First Tim Hudak and then Stephen Harper; it's so frustrating being on the sideline, watching these disasters just unfold before our very eyes. I never believed in the power of a consultant, but after this past election I'm convinced you win or lose by them. The Liberals hired some genius, whoever they are, and they kept Justin Trudeau under wraps for the first few weeks. They didn't allow him to say anything, which was so incredibly smart of them to do. Just shut up - that's been my motto for years now and finally I see it work on a big level. The Conservatives set themselves up with terrible commercial after commercial. It confused the average voter; are they supporting Justin Trudeau or putting him down? No one knew. Who can forget the line 'But he has great hair.' While the Conservatives were killing themselves with ridiculous advertisements, the Liberals hid in the bushes - just waiting for the right time to pounce on wounded prey and boy, did they ever pounce on them. 'Real change now!' Looking like a GQ model, Justin did a Jose Bautista to the Conservatives and New Democrats, and did the biggest bat flip. Even Bautista would have been impressed. Home run Liberals, game over. What a powerful commercial. Even I got tempted to vote Liberal. At that moment I remember the Saint's reaction when she said "Wow, he does have nice hair." I'm not sure who the Saint voted for, but the twinkle she got every time Justin Supermodel Trudeau was on TV might have given it away. I could have saved them; if the Conservatives came to me, I would have thrown all their ads in the garbage. Harper's attacks should not have been focused on a religious piece of clothing that makes him look anti-minority or anti-women. Who am I kidding; Harper was so disliked that not even my consulting powers could have saved him. The anti-Harper vote was coming in strong and loud. As for my MP, John Brassard, I'm happy he won because I know he's a good man even if he is a Conservative, and I respect him. Of all the political people I know, he is the most honest. I respect him for being such a strong family man, but more selfishly, he responded to one of my very first columns I wrote. I knew back then that he was a real person with real feelings, and I believe the voters in my riding saw the same thing. I'm not happy that Liberal Colin Wilson isn't going to Ottawa. It's too bad that they both couldn't have gone to serve the people of Barrie, but I can think of another way that we can get his services. Wilson can run to replace Brassard in the Ward 7 byelection. I think his talent would serve us well. Now back to Trudeau; it is 2015 and shouldn't we all be equal by now? Why should we be judged on race, colour or gender? Shouldn't we pick who has the most talent? What if there were 20 women who were more talented? Or what if there were five visible minorities who had a better resume? It is 2015 after all, prime minister, and putting people in categories is so anti-2015. http://www.thebarrieexaminer.com/2015/11/12/federal-election-wrap-up?fb_action_ids=10153106442395178&fb_action_types=og.recommends

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Are your children familiar with the Magna Carta?

This week was very exciting for me, as my friend Nunzio had pointed out to me that the Magna Carta was going to be on display in Toronto for few days. Then it would continue travelling to another city, so if I play my cards right I would actually be able to see with my own eyes the Canadian birth certificate of our democracy. Eight hundred years, that's how old this King John document is - 800 years of living history and proof that our founding fathers had it right when King John declared that this document would keep those in power in check, and it would remind future leaders that they lead the country by the will and consent of the people. The Magna Carta for me is a big deal; it's sort of like an insurance policy against bad governments and is something that I always have hope and faith in knowing that we can always rely on this document to keep us on the right path. Imagine how excited I was to tell my family that we were about to witness Canadian and world history. Imagine how happy I was to see the smiling faces on my children when I tell them the good news that we were going to spend a day together being part of this great moment. You can also imagine the look on my face when they all stared at me with complete blank looks on their faces and said "The what Carta?" Believe me, I try to teach my children as much as I possibly can about history or politics or world issues and if they have no idea what Agenda 21 is or what UN stands for or what pasta carbonara is, I swear I can handle it. But for them not to know what the Magna Carta is was a little bit of a shock. The first time I ever heard of the Magna Carta was when I was boxing. My coach would tell me "Fight as if you're defending the Magna Carta" and it would always get me riled up and I'd fight harder. We would spend 20 minutes before every training session talking about history, world issues and anything else I would have questions on. My coach knew everything about anything, so I was pretty blessed having a teacher that gave me so much knowledge. But what happened to today's kids? I see what's happening in our education system and I can't help but get upset. We have always had this mentality of 'what about the children syndrome', yet we don't really care about our kids. Why would we think a one-size-fits-all education system would be beneficial to our children? Don't we want our kids to be individuals, don't we want our kids to believe that every single one of them is special? So why do we turn them into walking zombies? Our kids today spend 10 years in the elementary school system, just to enter high school without the basic skills of reading and writing. The education system here in Ontario has failed our children and it's not our fault; we are too busy commuting to work and trying to keep our heads above water. We don't have the time to stop and look to see what's going on with our children. We are all brainwashed by the government, which has convinced us it would take care of our most precious assets - our future, our children. Imagine if I had been teaching your kid baking for the past 10 years; today your kid would be a red seal chef looking at a six-figure salary. Now look what 10 years of government education gave your kid. <http://www.thebarrieexaminer.com/2015/11/04/are-your-children-familiar-with-the-magna-carta>

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Government using media to manipulate

I hate you, I can't remember why I do but I do, I mean I must hate you. Yes I do hate you; it must be because you're black or white or Catholic or Jewish or Russian or Muslim. I can't remember why but I do. Mainstream media and your governments have been working overtime convincing you that we all hate each other and they're doing a great job at it. In case you haven't noticed, I have toned down my anti-government rants in recent months. I'm worried that I might disappear in the middle of the night, but more importantly I don't want to see my column get cancelled. But today I'm going out on a ledge and take a chance. Someone has to point it out to you that the government has been manipulating us through the media. The government uses mainstream media to plant stories that they know will

turn us into angry mobs. Look at all the reports today being reported on our news broadcasts; videos of mass refugees, and instead of the media portraying them as victims and people trying to obtain freedom, the media portrays them as invaders and shows them smashing and breaking stuff. What's our reaction? We don't want those people here, oh please save us from this terror. What about American presidential candidates using mainstream media to get us to hate Mexicans? Yes, all our problems today have to do with immigrant Mexicans and all of a sudden a segment of our population hates Mexicans and sees them as threats. The governments will never blame themselves and their thirst for war and their thirst for power, spending billions of taxpayer dollars and putting many countries into irreversible debt overload. Imagine what we could have all done with the money that our governments have spent? The Americans are a trillion dollars in debt, with that amount growing every day. The Americans have hundreds of army bases located strategically all over the world, costing millions to operate. And the Canadian government has spent us into oblivion; imagine what we could have achieved with all this wasted money? The media doesn't know which angle to take anymore, maybe the ISIL threat. Wait, maybe ISIS, maybe al-Qaida. Better yet maybe the Russians. I know we will make Syria the enemy. Oh wait, we're trying to help them right? I'm dizzy with whom to hate or be afraid of next, but the media won't take a break. It will keep hitting us with videos and made-up stories to keep us in line. The American politicians want you to believe that the biggest threat to our freedom today is the Iranian government; yeah the same Iran that has over 40 American army bases within a stone's throw. Right, Iran is the threat. We can never forget the war on Iraq and how it all started, with media and government constantly hitting us with the same pictures over and over again of Saddam Hussein looking so menacing. Weapons of mass destruction? No, just made-up stories to get us to hate people who have never done anything to us. And don't forget the outcome of the Iraq invasion - billions of wasted dollars, thousands of dead Americans, thousands of dead innocent civilians and, of course, the turmoil that has occurred since the freeing of Iraq. Useless wars and constant military threats have put all of us in danger, not by some foreign terrorist but by our own government. The American government has just passed legislation making it legal for the government to obtain constant invasion of your privacy; that's right, you officially have no privacy anymore. They can watch you 24 hours a day; that way they can protect themselves from you. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Canada is an open border within itself

The last time I talked to all of you about open borders the reaction wasn't quite what I was hoping for. I was lambasted by both, people who thought it was a crazy idea and by those who support open borders. The open borders supporters didn't like some of the words I used in my column by referring to the refugees as illegal aliens, and the readers who thought it was a bad idea accused me of being anti-Canadian - with one reader e-mailing me saying that I'm anti-Christian. At the time I wrote my column my feeling was who cares what religion you believe in or where you were born, as long as you respect common laws like no murdering, no stealing and other sensible laws. You should be able to travel and live freely anywhere you want to be without persecution. Go where you want, live free, work hard and enjoy the rewards. I love the idea of living free and my philosophy my whole life has been I don't care what you do with your life, as long as you don't hurt anyone. Go and enjoy yourself and your life. But something has happened since the last time we all talked about this. World situations like the refugee crisis that's going on now with hundreds of thousands of people fleeing Syria and Iraq and other war torn countries have changed things. It seems like the people who were opposed to open borders all of a sudden are pushing governments to help the refugees, with some governments

accusing other countries of not doing enough. Here is where it gets confusing; people who at one time hated the idea are now pushing for lessening border restrictions with citizens of this very country - demanding that the government do more to accommodate these refugees at any cost. Doesn't matter if they have any ID and it doesn't matter if they have money or skill or what health they are in. The voices of the people here are loud; save these people, welcome them and give them whatever they need to settle here and start a new life. Now, more confusing, is the people I know who supported open borders now don't support it, calling this a government scam and that the government wants to attack Christianity by bringing in thousands of non-Christians. This is all a government plan to bring us closer to a one-world government by tearing down borders and by turning us all on each other. This would be a normal day in my life, with me usually being the one warning all of you that the governments of the world all hate you, they are all evil and that it's the governments' fault for your misery. But I'm not the one saying it this time; it's people like you who are feeling this way. Some of you are blaming our own government for the death of Aylan Kurdi, the little Syrian boy whose body washed up on a Turkish beach. Many Canadians hearts were broken when they saw a very cute and well-dressed Aylan's body lying down on the beach lifeless. Every life is precious and with all that we have there is no reason why this should ever happen again. I always believe in the goodness of people and that we can live together, no matter what religion or colour or race or language. I know we can live peacefully. I know this because we all have been living it for so many years here at home. Canada is an open border within itself. We have so many cultures living here already. Look and learn world. We already live with no borders. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Many of us seem to be working for others

I want to start off with congratulations to all you working people who wake up every day, take care your families and yourselves. Thank you for putting 100% into your work every day. It's vital that you keep working because so many other people depend on you so keep up the hard work. We also need to ask you to donate to local charities and volunteer in the community. We all need to try and do more; that way others who have difficulty contributing to society don't have to worry and can keep living the lifestyle they are currently enjoying. You all know who I'm talking about, that certain friend of yours who refuses to find a job because work is pain, so who would enjoy pain? We all know that person, or family, who has made a profession out of taking from others so they don't have to experience pain. Many of us are so preoccupied with work that we never actually wonder how effective are these social programs? When I say social programs, I'm talking about welfare recipients. This past week we hit a milestone; it's tax freedom day. In theory, all the blood, sweat and tears that you had to endure at your jobs have been all for the government. Imagine, since January to now, all your pay was for the government. So if you use math, and for my green friends, use science, it equals about 40% of your pay, maybe a bit more, depending on how much you made. So where did your money go did you say, taxes? Yes, that's true it went to taxes. But what did your government do with your money? Local government would have used it for our local roads, water treatment, social programs and other priorities. These are all tax spending dollars that I can see in action. So when I see great roads and clean water and safe streets, I can say 'well, at least my money is doing some good.' But when I see things like the Sunshine List and see many of the people who are taking our money, I have to wonder who is watching our money, who is making sure it is going to worthy places and worthy causes? The sad answer is that no one is watching out for us; it's as if Genghis Khan himself is ruling over our land and it's pillaging time for those in power. You have so many examples of government workers taking advantage of us. Look at the Senators. They used us as their personal bank,

just taking what they want without any remorse. In fact, they want us to feel sorry for them. Poor Senators, how can we expect them to fly and eat what the airlines are serving? We can't trust anyone with our money anymore. Sunshine lists haven't worked and you can forget about asking to see the welfare list. Imagine how many years some have been on the list. We just spent over \$20 million investigating the Senate. When is it time for us to investigate the client list as well? Keep working my friends, so many people depend on you. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.

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What about personal responsibility?

What happened to all of us? Are we so lost so confused, so demented and delusional that we all have lost the concept of personal responsibility? Why do you need to be told that sucking on a cancer stick is bad for you? There is no way that any of us still think that there are no health dangers that come with smoking. Impossible. Even a hard-core libertarian like my self knows that smoking is bad for your health. If you decide that you want to slowly kill yourself, then by all means kill yourself, but do so knowing the risks. And when you do get sick and believe me you will, don't come crying to the government pretending that you had no idea that you would end up on a hospital bed grasping for air. Be responsible for your own actions and understand that everything we do has ramifications somewhere down the line. I don't care if you smoke as long as it doesn't affect me, and I don't care if you drink so much booze that your liver is swimming in vodka. I really don't care. Go ahead enjoy yourself, but be prepared for reaction to your action; save money for your health-care bill, start canvassing for a liver donor, do whatever you have to do to be responsible for your own life choices. This week the courts in Quebec came out in favour of a class-action lawsuit against the big tobacco companies, claiming that people named in the lawsuit had not enough information about the risks of smoking, and that the tobacco companies didn't do enough to list the health hazards that come with a two-pack-a-day habit. I'm very lost; do we live in some different universe where it's a secret about smoking? Geez let's see. What will happen if you put a chemical-filled cylinder wrapped in tobacco, then light it on fire and inhale its content in the form of smoke into our lungs, duh? You get sick and die, that's what happens. We have all known this for a long time but wait, it gets better. The government runs the health-care system that is supposed to take care of us, but also allows tobacco to be sold legally that ends up getting us sick. Then we end up in the health-care system, where big pharmacy companies make billions treating our fellow Canadian citizens. Duh again. I'm lost here. So is the government more responsible for getting all these poor, confused smokers sick? If the government allows something to be sold legally, doesn't that mean that the product is safe for consumption? I don't get it. Would the government allow me to use meat that has been contaminated by mad-cow disease in our lasagna, and then sell it to you? The answer is no, it would arrest me and all of you would be outraged and want to see me hang in the gallows. So why are the tobacco companies getting sued and not the government? Tobacco is legal, by law, and is taxed by the government. Is it because the government makes so much money selling you cigarettes and then makes more money treating you when you are sick? All I know is something doesn't sound right. Should fast-food companies get sued because some of us have heart attacks, or get other kinds of illness because of obesity? Or what about the ski resorts. Should they get sued every time a skier breaks a bone? Well, why not? It's not our fault we're fat and it's not our fault we got sick, it's someone else's fault - not ours. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Ontario needs a PM

When I was a little younger, I used to dream up crazy ideas on how I thought the world around me should be. One of those dreams or ambitions I had was to one day be prime minister of Ontario. So as a speech topic in grade school I decided to talk about how wonderful my reign of power in the free country of Ontario would be. Most of my teachers reacted very strangely, listening and looking at me as if I just fell off some alien spaceship. Excuse me Mr. Fabrizio, you do realize Ontario is a province? Yeah, I knew that and in my head I made a snooty comment 'thanks brainiac', but I kept going, trying to explain to my superiors that there was no good reason why my Ontario should include any other province or territory. In my speech I explained that Ontarians have more in common with Americans located just hours to the south of us by car than we do with people in British Columbia - which would take you two weeks of steady driving to visit. I had visited Buffalo and upper state New York more times than I had ever been in any other province, and I really had no idea who lived out east. I will never visit the western part of North America; we Ontarians have nothing in common with the rest of Canada. So I kept going pleading my case for a separated Ontario. My main complaint was the three or four-tier government system that we are forced, and I repeat forced, to accept. We had no choice in the matter; government decided it would be able to control us more by expanding its power and its reach. I had a hard time understanding in Grade 8 why we needed so many levels of anything. If you came by the bakery to buy a loaf of bread, you would only have to deal with one person who would take your money and in return hand you the loaf of bread. So why have multiple sets of cashiers? You wouldn't pay one cashier, then pay a second, then pay a third to get your groceries. You wouldn't want to go through three sets of people to enter Canada's Wonderland. My speech didn't even make it out of my classroom level. The teacher picked some kid who wrote about the 1972 Summit Series, proving once again hockey always wins in this country. This week really brought me back to my idea of an independent Ontario: teacher strikes, hydro scams, senate scam, sunshine lists, gas plant scandal, MaRS building scam, ORNGE, half-built buildings in downtown Barrie. And the list goes on and on and on. Your governments keep proving they don't care about any of you, and your governments keep proving they are completely useless. So once again we come back to my dream of me being prime minister of Ontario, and as your PM I would get rid of the senate. I would get rid of all government departments. I would introduce a flat tax, cut the number of MPPs to 10, allow municipalities to operate without my interference and reduce my government's role to just border protection and operation of the courts. That's it; no involvement in hydro, education, healthcare, booze, drugs, cigarettes, television, and I would get rid of flag waving. No flag unless it's the Ontario flag. Keep religion out of the state sounds good to me and I would also add sexual preference. The state wouldn't care, and shouldn't care, what your sexual preference. In fact, I would do so little that you wouldn't even notice me. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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'Orange Crush' is fine with me

Some of the most-asked questions I get are why don't I ever say anything negative about the New Democratic Party and why don't I mention the Libertarian Party of Canada anymore? The main reason why I never talk bad about the NDP is because the party never gives me a reason to; they are what they are and they never lie about what they would do or how they would govern. I can respect a party which comes out and is honest about what their politics are all about. Do I agree with all their policies? No I don't, but most of them have some good value and if you think about it the NDP and a true libertarian share some of the same values. Also I have known some really good people who are members of the NDP, people like Marco Colletta and Paul Donofrio, both good men. When they talk every word they

say is said with honesty and I respect them. Both the NDP and a Libertarians want to do what's best for everyone. We just disagree on how to achieve our goals. Libertarians feel that using government to solve our issues only compounds the problem and makes it worse; using charity and community are two examples, and believing that we are still good people and that we can help each other out in our own times of needs. Governments are rarely the solution and often cause more hardships. NDPers are big union supporters and unions support capitalism by trying to achieve as much money as possible for their members. A libertarian also believes in capitalism. It's one of the reasons why I'm a libertarian. I'm a capitalist and I love making money. I also love giving money away in support of many different charities, and I love to help as many groups as possible. If government was involved less in my life, the theory is that I would have more of my money to give away and Canadians love to help. So I'm sure that if many of you paid less taxes and had more of your hard-earned money, more people who needed help would get it from private charities. You would all have more money in your pockets and most of us would donate to charities like the Salvation Army and other private charities. An elected official's job should be to spearhead the initiative in donating more to those less fortunate and give less to governments' endless need to spend more and more of taxpayer money. Less government means more help for those who need it. I have many friends who will be running as NDPers in elections and I wish them all good luck. So far as saying anything negative about them, I'm sorry. I don't have anything yet. Maybe their colours; every time I see their sign I think of Orange Crush, which is my favourite soda. But then again that wouldn't be anything negative. Oh well, maybe I will come up with something. As for the Libertarian Party of Canada, I have no idea who they are anymore and many of the party members have little to no respect about party history. Maybe if they took time to study where their roots came from and what the members had to do in the past to keep the party alive maybe, just maybe, they would get a little further in the political scene. Until then I will not support them and I fully anticipate the same results as always. Many of us spent a lifetime to build what is taking no time to dismantle. Good luck to all. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Brown's victory could spell trouble for fringe parties

I didn't want to start off with I told you so, but I did. That's why I'm going to remind all of you that I predicted months ago that Patrick Brown was going to win the leadership of the Ontario Progressive Conservatives. Anyone who has been part of the Barrie political scene knows that Brown just might be the best campaigner of all time. I always thought Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua was the best, but Brown takes politics and campaigning to another level. Mainstream media once again proved that they are all useless, and if something is not based out of Toronto, then it really doesn't matter. People in Barrie knew what was going to happen once we all heard that Brown was joining the leadership race. But no matter how many times we tell outsiders to watch out for Brown, it was always the same comments or responses: Patrick who? The name of the game in politics is membership; the party with the most members has the best chance of winning an election, and what Brown proved is he can sign up people and plenty of them. I almost feel sorry for the other main parties. They don't realize it yet, but by the time Brown is done, there might not be any competition left. When I was heavily involved in politics and was campaigning, I would walk into a room and everyone was a stranger to me. I couldn't remember a name, or face, if my life depended on it. But when Brown walks into a room, he knows almost every person by name and has a story to tell that has to do with whoever, or whatever, group is represented. When I walked into a room people wouldn't even look twice, but when the new PC leader walks in, the room grows brighter by all the smiles on

everyone's faces. I have only ever seen that before with Bevilacqua . He also knew everyone by name and it's no coincidence that both Brown and Bevilacqua have always won by huge margins. Brown winning the PC leadership is bad news, maybe not for Conservatives, but he's bad news for all the smaller parties. He is so appealing to so many different groups that he might just spell the end for the fringe. I'm very concerned. I spent years trying to get you all to believe in the Libertarian message and the party was growing in every corner of Ontario. The Libertarians almost ran a full slate a candidates last provincial election and many of the candidates beat, or came close, to beating the Greens. But now with Brown as the leader of the PCs, I'm worried he will shut down many of the smaller parties like the Family Coalition Party, the Libertarians, and even the Freedom Party. We have been through this before when Mike Harris was the leader of the PCs. The Libertarians were left with virtually no one, and once again many of us will be facing this threat. Patrick spoke to a language group based out of Ottawa and he was well-received by this very large language rights group. When I saw the photos posted from that meeting, I recognized almost everyone at the meeting. They were mostly Libertarians and many of them were candidates for us in the last provincial election. The thing that scared me the most was that all of them were smiling. I knew these people for almost 10 years and I have never seen them smile so much. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Baltimore a battle zone

Close your eyes and picture this, a country with a government that restricts freedom of associations, freedom of assembly, the right to move freely and imagine this government oppressing its people with force by allowing its military or police to abuse its citizens with minimum law disobedience and in many cases even killing its citizens while in custody. Picture this government isolating neighbourhoods and not investing any resources into its infrastructure or job training or healthcare or social assistance. Imagine a government so abusive that the people have no choice but to fight back. They are so desperate to try and break the chains of an evil government that they would risk life and limb to protest and show how disadvantage they truly are, a people so desperate that they have to resort to looting and scavenging just to show how desperate things have become. It's a life where the future is not bright; the only thing to look forward to is a destiny of poverty and heartbreak. A people with no right to be out at night and if they are caught breaking a government-imposed curfew, there's the risk of more abuse and a possibility of more violence at the hands of their oppressor. This country's future looks bleak for its people, and maybe the only hope they have is if international powers come together to fight this tyranny and restore democracy. The international community would come out and condemn this government, they would demand action by its global partners to enforce a boycott of that country's exports, begin sanctions and even close their embassies. The world would denounce the military spending of this country and insist it stop spending all the people's money on a quest for military power, and use that money to help its people. The president of the United States would come out against this country and immediately make a case that it is imperative that we arm the protesters, calling them people fighting for democracy. The president would come out and call these protesters freedom fighters and heroes, and would pledge American tax dollars to help with their quest for freedom. Now imagine if this was happening in Syria or Iran; the American government would come out saying that they are disgusted by the actions of the government. If there was a protester who dies while in custody, the U.S. government would be all over it, claiming that the Syrian or Iranian or whatever government has to be stopped and once again promise to do whatever America can to help with the dream of having a democratic world. This didn't happen in some Third World country, or a place overseas

that most of us have no idea where it's located on the map. This happened Baltimore. But what it has become is a battle zone against the poor and a militarization of a country's police force. Don't be fooled by the media and the president calling the protesters thugs and criminals; the real thugs and criminals are the ones who caused all this to happen. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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People can be amazing

Reading the news these days can get very depressing, and when you factor in everything that's going on politically, it can get someone even more down on life. Politicians raising taxes, electricity getting more expensive, everyday it seems there is a war against all of us. The Saint sent me to Cuba so I could get away from the news, away from getting down, but eventually I would have to return to this life. And it would just be a matter of time before the government would do something to try and make our lives a little more difficult to live. The other side of going to Cuba would be seeing all the people living under such a restrictive government, which might just make me feel worse about what's going on in the world. I thought to myself, when I get down to Cuba, I would love to interview and maybe video as many Cubans as I possibly can and get their reaction on how they feel about living in a socialist paradise. When I arrived at the Varadero airport it quickly dawned on me that socialism had failed. The drive to the hotel would bring any heartless person to be upset with the living condition that our fellow human beings had to endure. I was ready to make as many new friends as possible and ask as many questions as I possibly could. By the end of my week in Cuba, I would see life in a new and happier way. I promised myself that I no longer will be upset with myself or with the news or what the governments are doing. I came back with an appreciation for life that I never felt before. While I was in search of asking Cubans my questions, I made friends with fellow Canadian tourists - whose stories have made me see life in a much more positive way. I thought I was there to get these heart-wrenching stories from locals, all about tyranny and abusive governments, but what I found was how great humans can be. My best stories came from Canadians like a brother and sister celebrating life after Ryan from Toronto survived colon cancer, and was on the brink of death, and survived after the best doctors on the world operated on him and saved his life, but with the unbelievable love and support his sister Lisa gave him. The things she did to make sure she was by her brother's side every step of the way, and to see two people care so much, made me think that I'm the biggest jerk in the world for ever thinking I had to deal with adversity in my life. I don't know what adversity means. I have nothing to complain about. I have a great job and a great wife and family and good health. Why and how can I ever complain about anything again in my life? People are amazing; I met another Canadian from the Ottawa area who told me how her child went missing in Havana, and that she thought her life was over when she thought she would never see her child again. That's when humanity takes over. It doesn't matter where, doesn't matter what or who you are, humans are amazing. When news got out that a little blond girl went missing, people in this Havana community went from neighbour to neighbour and it seemed like a human telephone was ringing from house to house, from apartment to apartment. What seemed like hours, but in reality was minutes, these beautiful people of an amazing neighbourhood found the child and yells from the top of apartments could be heard. People can be amazing. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Racism through the eyes of a child

Growing up in Toronto during the late 1970s, early 1980s was challenging. As a kid I had no idea about religious or cultural segregation, and while I was attending St. Nicholas elementary school we were a very diverse group. My fellow kindergartners included kids from so many different countries we looked like members of the United Nations. But we never understood that we were not supposed to get along; we had no idea how racism worked, we just saw each other as friends, as we all played happily together. I quickly learned that senior kindergarten was a fallacy and that the real world doesn't operate like SK. I received my official first beating in the summer after I finished my first year of SK and was going into Grade 1. I was walking on Rogers Road, just before Gilbert Avenue, when two older boys decided to have fun and trip me while I was coming out of LC video. I remember the first kid asking me if I had a problem with something. I said 'no' and tried to walk away - when the second kid tripped me again. 'Well it looks like you don't know how to walk,' the first kid laughed out. This is where and when I got my beating. They slapped, rather than punched, and they scratched me more than anything. But the thing that hurt me the most was when they stamped my face with an ink stamp; the stamp just said PAID. What a stupid thing to stamp a kid's face with. But hey, I wasn't going to criticize them on their style of beating. Mike from Mike's Barber Shop came out and saved me. The two kids walked away laughing and calling out that they would get me, and as they were walking away one called me a 'stupid wop'. I had no idea about racism before this day, but when I got home I started asking questions like 'what's a wop' and 'why am I stupid' and 'why did I just get a beating for no reason'? Being the younger brother of a guy nicknamed 'The Tank' has its perks, and word travelled quickly about my beating. Within no time The Tank found out who it was. The Tank would not allow me to wash my face; he vowed that the two punks would lick it off me. 'They hate you because you're different, they hate you because mom and dad can't speak English, they hate us because that's just how it's supposed to be.' The Tank had a special way with words, but it wasn't his fault. He had already gone through what I went through years ago, and it made him tough and it made him hate. Hate was what divided our community. I started hanging out with only Italian kids and Asian kids hung out with only Asian kids, and white kids only stayed with white kids. I put the beating I got behind me. I ended up making friends with the UN again, we all hung out on Gilbert Avenue and we all got along just fine. For people reading this that grew up in the Rogers Road area, you will remember we had some tough times in our neighbourhood. But most of us turned out fine. Growing up, I was called every name in the book from 'fag' to 'wop' to 'hey, go back where you belong'. But none of it ever bothered me; the racists did their worst and I made it. Words can't kill me and I have kept this policy up to this date. So when I get racist comments slung at me they just bounce right off. Slaps, scratches and stamps might scar me but names will never hurt me. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Cuba trip an eye-opener

Years ago, and I mean years ago when the Saint and I had just got married, we took a three-week honeymoon. We figured you only get married for the first time once so why not start our life on a journey. We spent time in Bahamas and Florida, and my favourite spot, the Cayman Islands. I remember shopping at a store when the clerk asked me where we were from. I'm Canadian, I told the nice man, who shook his head at my response as he laughed out loud. 'No one is from Canada my friend. Where are you and your wife from?' The Saint explained that we were both born and raised in Canada, but our family had emigrated from Europe; Italy, to be exact. I remember being upset as we left the store. I am Canadian. What the heck does that guy know? It's been years since that happened and for some reason I can never get that man's comments out of my head. No such thing as Canadian? I have thought about what makes us Canadians, what is a

Canadian and what defines us as a people? I kept getting the same responses from customers, friends and anybody else who will answer my question; the same answers were repeated over and over - hockey, bacon, maple syrup, healthcare and the best one, snow. Last week, the Saint looked at me and said 'why don't you go away for a week or so, take some time off and just relax'. Like I have always told you, she is a Saint and a great person. So she helped me pack up and sent me to the travel agent, where the helpful lady booked me on a six-day trip to Varedero, Cuba. At first I was a little hesitant, as Cuba does not have a great track record when it comes to freedoms and liberties. But for this time I would check it out. I am glad I did. It took a trip to a communist country that a green socialist would call paradise to help me get the answer to my question of what is a Canadian. Before leaving, the Saint and Ariana, my oldest daughter, prepared gift bags, clothing and shoes - not for me, but for me to give away to as many locals as I possibly could. The Saint explained to me that because communism had failed and socialist paradise hadn't worked out, the people of Cuba have very little. And that we have to do whatever we can to help them out. Socialism, like the greens dream about, had failed; this I have to see for myself. The drive from the airport to my resort was very depressing. To see human beings live like that made me feel ashamed for all that I have, and for everything that I had ever complained about. After checking in I had a chance to wander around in town, and what I saw just made my jaw drop. Poverty everywhere, police on every corner, soldiers walking along the beach. But the saddest part was to see so many elderly people asking tourists for money, or clothing. As soon as I got back to the hotel, I grabbed as many things as I could carry that the Saint prepared. I just gave it all away, and at the end of my week I gave away everything I came with, shoes, clothing and toiletries. What I found out was that all the other Canadian tourists were doing the same thing - giving away everything. No such thing as Canadian, eh? I found out what being Canadian is all about. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Hydro headaches

Sorry, but we have to interrupt my regularly scheduled Liberty Rules column to bring you an important bulletin. Many of you were looking forward to my dive into the culinary arts, and maybe even nominate me for a well-deserved arts award, but we will have to wait till next week. My friends, we have an emergency; your province has an emergency. This might even be a crisis and you are needed to pitch in this weekend and help your government. The province has too much hydro power. That's correct, we have too much, and I mean we as you and I, the taxpayers who pay Ontario Hydro and all its past spending problems. Yes friends, you and I need to consume as much electricity this weekend as possible. Yeah I know, the left-socialist greens will try to shame you into shutting down your power this weekend for (ha-ha) Earth Hour - all the while posting selfies of themselves conserving power all over the Internet, posting all over their Twitter and Facebook pages. Hey, what do I know. I guess computers and phones and Twitter and all the other social media powers itself on magic beans. The province has so much power that we are dumping it almost for free to places like Quebec and upper state New York, where they are enjoying our beautiful hydro power for all their needs. So instead of us losing millions of dollars in possible revenue generated from your already over-inflated hydro bill, we need you to consume more power. That way you can contribute to the government coffers and not see our power get sold off for peanuts. I know what many of you are thinking. It's better we give it to someone else who can actually keep the power on and not have three days of blackout, like we experienced two weeks ago. And don't forget the power outages, not even a week later, when once again I was stuck in the dark watching my crême Brule just rotting away in what supposed to be a fridge. But without hydro it's just a box that's good for

absolutely nothing. Irony struck the poor folks at the Power Workers Union, as the radio commercials they were running - where they warn about the dangers of selling off hydro to private companies - were heard by no one, as there was no juice for us to power our radio. Talk about an advertisement for privatizing hydro. By the way, how many of you are still doing that off-peak thing with you getting up at 1 o'clock in the morning to do laundry, or 3 a.m. to run the dishwasher? Well don't bother, because you don't really save any money as the prices are now almost the same no matter what time of the day you do your business. Want to save money on hydro? Try installing a wind turbine in your backyard, or maybe cover your roof with those solar panels, because if you wait for the government to open up hydro to competition you will be waiting a long time. Hydro One and its workers are enjoying the constantly inflating prices as they keep making mountains of money. I really wanted to talk to you about muffins and donuts, and how to make them a healthy snack. But without my hydro, I was left with a big pile of exploding dough just sitting on my work table looking at me. Maybe next week, if the government monopoly can keep my power on for more than a day or so in a row, we can get back to my culinary art and my upcoming arts award. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Food is the universal truth

As you start this day, you start it with the same question that the majority of people all over the world start it with - what will I have for breakfast? Not long after that, the thought of what will I have for lunch and dinner will quickly follow. Food is something that 100% of us think about, every day; no matter what's going on in the world, we all think about food. Food is such a popular topic that TV shows were created about it. In fact, we now have channels with food as its main focus. We all love food and we all enjoy talking about how food makes us feel. It can make us happy or depressed, energetic or even sleepy. Food is often a conversation piece for social activities. How many of us have used food as an ice-breaker on a date, or when making new friends? Food brings many of us out of our shells and turns us into social beings. Food has no borders and it never shows any kind of prejudice or racism. When talking about specific cultural dishes, it even brings out pride - especially when you're explaining to friends what your beautiful looking dish is all about. Food has no religious restraints and most of the time, no government interference; we can all get along at a dinner table when we are surrounded by delicious, mouthwatering, cuisine. One of the things that the Saint and I love doing is trying different food from every part of the world. We have traveled to some exotic places and one memory we always have is how the food was, or how amazing it tasted, or how weird it looked, and sometimes how bad it might have tasted. But it brings us that feeling of excitement of trying something new and most times it teaches us something about the local culture and its traditions. Have you ever tried cuy in Peru, or what about an enchilada in Mexico? And you will always remember that gelato you had while you were in Rome and that amazing barbecue while you were visiting Rio? Food is worth living for alone, but when you factor in the friendships and memories that you make along the way, and the history lessons and cultural understanding, you come out with an appreciation of life and what living is all about. Most of you have read my political columns for years now, but my true passion and love is the art of food and I'm happy and grateful that the Examiner has given me this opportunity to share my knowledge and love of food with you. Politics can get a person down, but talking about culinary art is a positive direction not only for readers but for myself and the Saint. In coming weeks I hope to bring you to different parts of the world, our country and even our own local fare, with special guests and their knowledge of food - from my father who can teach us to make the perfect loaf of bread, to chefs like Francesco Francella from Vaughan's Rosso Nero

ristorante, to our very own Kevin Richards, who will explain what makes not only the best tasting chocolates in the world but the healthiest as well. Kevin is a world renown 'chocolatier' and with his tricks of the art we will all soon know what it takes to make a great truffle. So I hope you stick with me and come back week after week, so we can all share and learn about our favourite topic, food. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist. And a Foodie.*

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It's hard to stay positive

I'm getting a little too predictable - I hate government, I hate taxes, I hate hydro, blah blah blah. It's always the same whining and complaining about anything and everything that steals my money. It's getting so easy that my life coach pre-writes what he's going to say to me. "Paolo you need to focus on something else. You should find a hobby or get a friend and maybe get a life." But I always wake up with this burning feeling that I have to tell you how bad the governments of the world truly are. Today I will be putting my normal negative commentary on the back burner and try writing about something positive. Well first, the weather is getting better and we are finally getting out of the deep freeze. But of course my scientific friends - whoever these scientists are, because they never give names - still are insinuating that global warming will eventually kill us all. Maybe not now, but maybe and I stress maybe, in a billion years or maybe trillion years. Who knows and who cares anymore. Many of us normal living human beings are getting a little tired of hearing about this upcoming demise when we are struggling to heat our homes deep into March, and some of us still have three-foot snowbanks in front of our corner properties. I'm staying positive, so yes I believe we will all be gone in a million years, that the scientists have it right - so kudos to my left-green-socialist friends. How about we stop funding these fraudsters with our tax money; that way we can send some of that money to the poor or homeless. But as we know, scientists and left-socialist- greens care only about themselves, so they will never give up on this cash cow that's making many of them very rich. Have you ever known a poor scientist? I'm staying positive so let's talk about the cost of oil. It's the lowest it's been in years and for many of us living on the margins, this is the break we have been looking for. But wait, hold on, don't get excited - because it's spring. The billion-dollar gas companies and their tax-starved partners, the government, have actually increased the cost of gas because they are switching to summer gas. What? Why not just tell us the truth and say you hate us all, and that you see us as vermin and you don't want to see us even remotely happy or have a smile on our faces? Some people wonder why I hate governments. Instead of looking at ways to improve our lives, they are only interested in their own lives. Just take a look at what's going on with the Senate scam. Every day we get more and more light shone on just how little respect there is for us and our tax dollars. I'm not giving up on this being a positive column day. The news is always full of sad, negative stories that just fuel my anger. But recently, I spotted a photo in the Examiner that made me happy and then sad, then angry. My best friend and I dreamt for years about opening a video/pinball arcade museum, with an interactive area where the games of our youth could be played. So it brought me great joy to read there was an exhibit of these games available in Simcoe County. But then I got sad that it wasn't me, and then I got angry because it was the government which beat me to it. So much for a positive column. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Blown away by wind turbines

You know what you will never see adoring Toronto's waterfront? Wind turbines. It's because all of Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne's family and

friends live there, and most of her affluent supporters have million-dollar properties. The poor people, and those who can't defend themselves, are going to get wind turbines whether they like them or not. And if they don't like it, the provincial government will ram them down their throats and force them to adore them. I'm tired of talking about these monstrosities. I already wrote a column about them and I have never written about the same topic twice. Well, other than me reminding all of you time and time again that the governments of the world are the reason why so many people are suffering worldwide. But other than that I usually don't write about it twice. I am getting sick and tired of the holier-than-thou left socialist greens who want to force their will upon the poor and the weak. But heaven forbid they get a taste of their own medicine. Premier Wynne can go around calling everyone that doesn't agree with her homophobes, so I can say that all the rich and powerful who will never see a wind turbine in, or near, their personal properties in their lives must be her friends and supporters. I'm so upset about this; no one wants these ugly, property value killing, nature disturbing, bird smashing machines. But rural Ontario is getting a beating again. So rural Ontarians will have to put up with wind turbines in their own backyards, and I mean backyards, with some of them just metres away. NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard), yeah I know. That's what the left Liberal Greens will say. And they will also say that we don't care about the environment. But why not put them in Toronto? Not just one, like the one that's never working in front of the Canadian National Exhibition, but erect hundreds all over the Toronto waterfront. The majority of seats for this government came from Toronto, so you can answer the question yourself on why the Liberals will never put turbines anywhere near the city that gave power to this apparently anti-rural Ontario government. I feel sorry for the families who tried to defend their properties from the government and the giant turbine companies. It took guts to do what they did and I'm sure they knew they would lose; how could they win? Once again, the government wins and the good people of rural Ontario are the losers. Rural Ontario residents are about to get more Liberal punishment, as they don't plan on slowing down with their destruction of our rural environment. The message that the premier is trying to send all of you who voted for the New Democrats or Progressive Conservatives is that next time you better vote Liberal, or you will get even more of a beat down. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Parents should raise their kids

Most weeks after I write this column I ask the Saint to read it before I send it in to the Examiner, and many of the times we just argue about it and I send it to the newspaper anyway. She disapproves of the way I put things in a negative way and she tries to get me to change it. Be more positive, be nicer and my favourite one is when she says "geez I wonder why we have no friends," and 100% of the times the Examiner agrees with her. I don't mind if the Saint gets angry and I don't get upset with the newspaper when it gives feedback on my column, but I never listen and just go with the column as is. Well this week I'm putting my big mouth and bigger ego on the shelf, and I will listen to the Saint and the Examiner. I know how to read, surprise yeah I know, but I can in fact read, and when you wonderful readers send me e-mails like you're doing this week, there is no way. You know that I will not even touch this topic with a 10-foot pole, no how, no way. You can call me soft, it doesn't matter I won't get phased. This week I will write about how beautiful Barrie is and how wonderful the Barrie Colts are and I can't wait for the Barrie Baycats, but I am not talking about 'Premier Wonderful' and her new sex-ed curriculum for school children and I refuse to talk about Benjamin Levin. I'm covering my ears, I can't hear you, I will not talk about the desensitization of our children and I am not bringing up the fact that Mr. Levin, one of the brains behind this curriculum, is facing child-porn charges, no way. Yes, I appreciate your comments on Premier

Kathleen Wynne's agenda, but I will not be commenting on them. I may be a big loudmouth, but even I know when to stay quiet and commenting on anything the premier says or does might make me look like a homophobe, or anti-woman. You won't get a peep from me. I think the premier is fantastic and she's a hard worker. I am aware that she is a role model to many of us, and she may well be the reason why my daughter has a bright future. My little princess will be taking child psychology and child psychiatry this year, and the hope is that when she graduates it will be just in time to mend the many children who may be seeking professional help to cope with the traumatization that the sex education curriculum could cause them. We are doomed; you can't even be the parents to your children. I warned you the government will be taking over our lives and slowly, but surely, it's happening. What's sadder is that we are also losing freedom of speech, as the premier appears to be protected by a giant shield and can't get criticized for anything she says, or does. I'm sure they will find parents who say how great this new curriculum is, and I'm sure the government will keep statistics and show how great this curriculum turns out. But stop allowing the government to dictate your lives. It has no idea how to run a province. We can't rely on the government to raise our children, teach math, science, art and history and allow our children to grow up. Stop playing mind games with our kids. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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No respect for taxpayers

J'suis taxpayer. That's right, I am life. This past week I have received some interesting e-mails on the life of a taxpayer. It seems some of you believe that the taxpayer is not the be all and end all. I think you're wrong. The taxpayer is king, the taxpayer is god and the taxpayer is life. There is nothing that happens today that could have happened without the taxpayer, people like me and you who wake up every day with pride and go to work to serve our family, our country, our fellow man. We do so knowing that if we don't get up and work hard. life will end. I hear some of you right now saying "the government will take care of us, we don't need you." Really? How do you think the government gets all the resources to help you? With other people's money, blood, sweat and tears, that's how; the government doesn't create anything, it doesn't have a business plan where it invests money (our money) into some venture that creates wealth. The government just burns and burns and burns our money away, do you know why they can burn it with such ease? It's because the government didn't have to feel the pain of earning that money, never had that feeling of your body aching and slowly dying. The government stops jobs from getting created. It's people like you and me who create jobs, and we could have created many more jobs if the government would stay out and allow us adults to create wealth by creating jobs. The taxpayer is the only reason why the roads are paved, the taxpayer is the only reason why we have a police force, an army, a health-care system, homeless shelters, money for those who are mentally incapable and even money for those who just flat out don't care about themselves - and their families, their country or their fellow man. Yes, taxpayers take care of everyone and what respect do we get? Zero. Those who take want more. The government keeps demanding we pay more, roads and infrastructure wants more, health-care wants more, safety is looking for more and even fun wants more. The disrespect the taxpayer faces every day is mind-numbing and the fact that we keep enduring this abuse day-after-day shows how much we care for all of you - including all my friends out there who have made it a life job to just take and enjoy life from every last drop of taxpayers' blood they can extract. Drama queen? Maybe I am, but I'm sick of being bullied by so many people that I can't take it anymore. Look at our provincial government. Do you want a little understanding on why more and more of us hate the government? I had two days off for Christmas break; the government had nine weeks. That's right nine. Don't feel so sorry for this government

because in a few short weeks it's the spring break, then a few weeks after that it's, you guessed it, Christmas break all over again. Again the taxpayer is disrespected and we don't get fair market value for our money. I'm sure if they had a real job they wouldn't be able to get away with not showing up to work, like a certain local politician we all know, but I'm not naming names. The government can get away with anything simply because it is the government. I believe it's time the taxpayer gets respected and I think it's time to dedicate a month in our honour. J'suis taxpayer; you're welcome. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Trying to keep track of the injustices

I find it very difficult these days to understand people. I don't know what offends you or what gets you mad or even what some people are even thinking about. Let's start out with my American friends to the south; the bad word of the day is Brian Williams. Many are in a frenzy over what stories this news broadcaster has been telling, or at least what he perceives as news or just fantasy. I have to admit it's a little weird that this guy made up some of his stories but really, friends, this has you all offended? You're not offended that your government made up stories of 'weapons of mass destruction' and sent thousands of sons, fathers, brothers, sisters, daughters and mothers to die for something that was made up? Instead of questioning this guy on the validity of his chopper getting shot at, question why the heck were they there to begin with? The media and the government like to turn and twist what is news, and what is brainwashing, and lately our governments have spin mode in overdrive. Williams wasn't the cause of the story, it was the government who put him and the troops in a position in which their lives were in danger. It doesn't matter how it was told. The bottom line is that government members, who wouldn't be caught within a thousand miles of the action, put Williams and all the crew in danger by creating the largest lie ever told in world history. Iraq or Saddam was never a threat to you or me or his neighbours. In fact, the biggest threat turned out to be the American government causing thousands of American lives and billions, if not trillions, of taxpayer dollars to be wasted. We shouldn't be offended by the details of the story, we should be offended by the original author of the big picture. Here in Canada it's not any better; this week social media was ignited over something a beloved sports broadcaster had said. Don Cherry called Ron MacLean a savage and barbarian for eating baby seal meat. So what? I too wouldn't eat baby seal meat, but if you think he meant to put down a whole part of Canadian culture you're crazy. Cherry has done more for Canada and the Far North than any other Canadian, but many of us are offended by his comments. Oh please shake it off; what you should be offended about is the Ontario government being investigated again by the OPP for another scandal and maybe even election fraud. What you should be offended about is over a billion dollars wasted, millions on the MaRS development, millions in so many other scandals, smart meters that catch fire, and what about the great idea to build windmills that nobody wants? Get offended by the way our federal government treats not just our native people, but every Canadian living in the north. Be offended by \$45 steaks or \$12 bags of milk. There are so many injustices caused by our governments, right under our noses, and we decide to get offended by such trivial words that are said in the heat of the moment? Be offended that our taxes are going up, that gas prices remain high while oil is so cheap. Be offended that governments all over North America give themselves raises while we all struggle to make ends meet. I'm offended that politicians see us as nothing more than a cash cow and that were only good for one thing, feeding them! So many injustices out there, but we only believe what the media and our governments tell us, so be upset and get offended. Just be wary where the offence is coming from. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Parenthood today has become more complicated

Today is little baby Eva's birthday and tomorrow it's my son's birthday. Don't ask, it just worked out that way. Eva will be 12 and Luca 14. The Saint and I have had this problem with Eva ever since she was two; she doesn't want our help, for anything. She hated wearing a diaper and quickly stopped using one by age two and she would never allow us to feed her. She had to feed herself and she had to dress herself. She has been a little independent girl since she was born. Eva was always a very quick learner and she has always been full of confidence, very quiet but full of confidence. She was making her own pop-up books by the time she was in Grade 3. Here's where it gets complicated. Our little girl always wanted to walk to school with her older brother and sister alone, no mommy, no daddy. One day I told another parent in her dance class about this and she quickly replied 'I hope you don't allow them to walk alone, that would be so wrong.' Wait a minute. Momma Fabrizio never walked me anywhere and she never thought twice of leaving me home alone, or home with my two older brothers. I can say without a doubt that my parents never, and I mean never, drove me to school or picked me up from school. And I can't ever remember having a snow day or missing a day of school due to weather. I attended St. Nicholas of Bari elementary school during the 1970s and early 80s. I can't recall ever seeing a lineup of cars dropping off kids or picking them up. We lived in a tight community where we all knew each other and walking to school and walking home was just something we did. But apparently momma Fabrizio should have been investigated by Children's Aid for allowing us to walk back and forth from home and school. She should have been arrested for allowing us to learn and make decisions on our own. During the summer my friends and I would go to Cherry Beach every Monday by ourselves and we always had a great time and adventure taking the TTC. We knew which bus to take and we knew how to communicate with the bus driver if we had a question or an issue. The friends that I used to ride the bus with during our young days are still very close with me today. It was four of us and we are still best friends today, all because our parents allowed us to be free and learn and discover the world. We came out learning more about living and life than if we had helicopter parents hovering over us watching every step we made. The Saint and I love the little devils and we would never allow them to put themselves in danger, but we feel handcuffed in today's society - where if we allow our kids to be free and live life, we would quickly get a knock at the door investigating us. It's been in the news more and more where people see kids walking alone and they call the police with a cause for concern. As a parent I want to treat my kids the way my mother treated me; she trusted and believed that I would be able to figure out things on my own. If I messed up once in a while, I would learn from it. But seeing row upon rows of cars picking up kids at their school has us second-guessing our decisions, so we find ourselves in this helicopter watching their every move waiting for them to grow up. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Working hard can be a real pain sometimes

This week my doctor informed me that I would once again need surgery to repair my hand. This time it would be more severe and I would need the surgery on both hands. This is not good. He also warned me and the Saint - yeah I know I'm a wuss, I needed the Saint to tag along like I'm a little school boy - that this time might be my last time, and that if I don't take care of my hands after surgery I could have permanent nerve damage. Well, it gets worse. My doctor sent me for x-rays on my spine, because I have a continuing tingling in my forearms; that is the same feeling as when

someone says 'my foot's asleep'. This tingling went from once in a while to all the time. It must be pretty bad because I already received a call from my doctor's office with an appointment for a MRI. The doctor has told us that I would be missing about 18 weeks of work and that it could be more depending on what's going on with my tingling problem. I have missed two days of work due to illness in the past 28 years. I only take four days off a year for vacation with my family, and three days a year to get away with the Saint, so to miss 18 weeks of work is something I have never experienced. I might have a mental issue, that for some reason I have to be at work all the time. Some of my past life coaches describe it as workaholic, but I see it as making sure my kids are taken care of. Then it hit me, what about money? How would I survive? I have always paid my taxes. Yes I'm a libertarian and I don't believe in forced taxation, but I have never skipped out on a tax bill. My hard work has put food on many people's table who are collecting social assistance, and my hard work has kept many government workers well paid and very happy. And my hard work has made sure that many of the elite class can keep getting their tax breaks and my hands helped make sure the government can spend millions on giving companies bailouts. I asked my doctor what can I do to keep an income so my family can still live? Nothing! My government has nothing to offer this machine that kept working and kept paying. Through thick and thin I kept working, and I kept paying my taxes. Nothing for me to fall back on till I can get back to the job I love to do, no help for me or my family. For years I witnessed our governments waste billions of all our hard-earned tax dollars, and for years we have all known that there are many of us who just take and never contribute and enjoy living a life - thanks to people like me. For years I know that the working class and the middle class has been bombarded and many of us find it harder and harder to survive this daily grind of breaking our backs, just to have other people take it away from us. The government just stole years of my life away and gave it to themselves and other people and now that I need help, nothing. My doctor did say I can try for unemployment insurance, but we know I will never qualify. I would never try to get welfare but even if I tried I would never qualify. Working hard is worth it, but it sure hurts more and more. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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It's hard to stay positive

I'm trying my best to stay positive. I'm doing my best not to get dragged down by what's going on in the political world. As some of you may have noticed, I'm trying to stay away from politics and politicians. I give up looking like the crazy one and I'm giving up trying to convince people that the governments of the world are nothing but bad news. I'm too depressed already with many things in life, so I'm trying to keep myself from going completely insane. My life coach has been working overtime with me and we both feel that I'm going in the right direction. Stay positive and keep active with things that get my mind off politics, and keep me somewhat happy or at least content with my day-to-day life. So I'm doing just that and I try to write about anything but politics. Yes, it's been tough not to notice another tax hike that the provincial government is about to stick us with in the form of a gas tax - even though all of us know gas prices won't stay like this forever. And yes, it's been tough avoiding talking about how a few days of cheap oil has brought the federal government to its knees - so much so that Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has postponed its budget. All of a sudden it's the end of the world and Harper is blaming oil prices. It's hard to stay positive when another major employer closes down and even rougher when a construction company all of a sudden stops construction. And it's been really hard not saying anything when the main sponsor of that downtown theatre decides it can no longer commit to the original naming-rights deal and needs to re-work the contract. My family is half in the real-estate business and the other half in the construction

business, so when both sides tell me we have a problem here I tend to believe them. But hey, I'm staying positive. We did have a few nice sunny days this week and the Colts won a game. Stay positive. Who am I kidding? This stuff is killing me! I hate the fact that the oil companies, after making billions over the past few years, can't tough out a little less oil profits. And I am not a fan of Steve Paikin, of TVO's The Agenda. This guy ruined sports talk radio for me forever. His show Double Play on the Fan was the worst show ever and was quickly cancelled. The fact that many of many got excited about his taxpayer-funded show coming here drives me nuts. So what? Next time you're at the hospital and there is no doctors, think of Steve Paikin. And next time you're enjoying another two-hour commute to get to work, think about all of his friends on that Sunshine List and how the government-paid employees always make more, and how you always pay more and make less. I don't care if my life coach reads this; I'm done trying to be positive and I'm done not writing about politics and politicians. And if you think I'm crazy now, just wait and see what I will be writing about next week. John Tory raised taxes, Kathleen Wynne increased taxes, Harper is destroying the middle class and Barrie is charging more for everything, and don't forget every other week garbage pick-up. Stay positive? Forget about it. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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How can you hate someone you never met?

Tony 'The Tank' Fabrizio is my oldest brother. He's the toughest person I know. They don't call him the Tank because he was in the army and drove a vehicle that's called a tank, they call him the Tank because he is virtually indestructible. He was the original MMA (mixed martial arts) in my neighbourhood; he would organize fights in the back lane way off of Gilbert Avenue and Rogers Road, and way before Dana White ever thought about UFC fighting my brother the Tank was living it. He would allow two guys to take him on just to even out the match and he never lost a bout. He retired in the 1980s as the Gilbert Avenue MMA champion. The Tank is also the smartest person in my life, so when the Tank says something, I pay attention. He would always tell me that there is always someone out there who is stronger and smarter and tougher, and that I should never underestimate anyone or any group and always respect people - even if what they believe in has nothing to do with my beliefs. You would think the Tank was a bully growing up, but he was so far opposite of being a bully. I remember one Easter we were about to leave for my aunt's house to celebrate Easter when we had a knock at the door. It was two very timid-looking Jehovah's Witnesses. My first reaction was not good. I was upset, but the Tank covered my mouth with his hand with a force that could have easily left me speechless for months. I knew quickly that my place was to stand there and keep quiet. The Tank apologized for me being an idiot and invited them in. He talked to them for at least 20 minutes and by the end of the conversation, they had made a new friend. The Tank thanked them for believing in something and encouraged them to continue and not to give up. When the door closed I thought I was a dead duck, but the Tank explained that everyone deserves to be heard - even if what they are saying might upset you or if it's something that you would never believe in. He told me it's smarter to educate yourself in what other people are saying, rather than not knowing, and it's better to hear it from the horse's mouth rather than hearing it second- or third-person. How can you hate someone or be angry with another human being if you have never actually met them? I just shook my head up and down out of fear, and to save my life, but it seems that lesson is more prevalent today with what's going on around the world. How can we hate someone we never met and why would I want to destroy you when I don't even know what you stand for or believe in? I've spent a lifetime fighting for liberty, but I never thought it should come at the expense of an entire religion or an entire race. To me there is a difference between freedom of speech and just plain being a bully, and

sometimes you have to figure out which is which. Respect everyone's religion, even if you don't believe in any of them. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Flying ice becomes a life lesson

I made the unfortunate mistake of leaving the Saint's car out in the driveway during what I knew would be a cold, snowy, icy day and night, so when I woke up to get ready for another enjoyable hour commute to the bakery the Saint stopped me and said "where do you think you're going?" Work, you know, I wake up every night at 10 to get ready and I'm usually out the door by 11 so. Why are you asking? "It's been snowing and ice-raining all day, so before you go you have to clean the driveway and clean off my car and put it in the garage. That way I don't get a ticket for driving with four inches of ice and snow on my car," she said. Really Saint? Who cares if you have ice and snow. Just drive and it will blow away. That smile. Oh how I hate that smile. That's all it took. I spent the next hour or so cleaning the driveway and the cars and eventually I was given the green light to leave and drive to work. It was a typical drive down Highway 400, except this time when I pulled up to get my coffee my window wouldn't roll down. You guessed, it had frozen. So rather than get out and you know, physically walk in and order a coffee and physically walk back to the car in this blowing cold snowy night, I decided to just go without the coffee tonight and continue with my drive. The drive down the 'Highway of Hell' just kept getting worse and worse, with some parts of the drive in complete whiteouts. No coffee, back hurting from the shovelling and the Saint's voice still in my head. I trudged on. During my commute the only vehicles that kept passing me during this stormy, icy night were, you guessed it, transport trucks. They whizzed by as if it was a beautiful sunny day. Oh well, just stick to the right lane and do 90 km/h or so, and with a 4x4 it wasn't so bad for me - just a longer-than-normal drive due the weather. Just when I could see the lights of the Major Mackenzie exit, and right when I thought I was home and cooled out, a huge transport truck drove by as if he was Ben Johnson. Right when I was about to flip the guy the bird, the two largest and thickest pieces of ice came flying off the top of his truck and it came crashing into my windshield, shattering it as if Walter White himself was breaking glass. It took me a minute to get my thoughts together, as I was a little shaken by this attack on my poor Jeep. So I took off after the truck, chased him down and yelled at him to pull over. After a few choice words, I called the OPP and explained what happened to the dispatcher and was told to sit tight, a cruiser was on the way. So we waited and waited and waited and waited for an hour and a half, but it wasn't the cop's fault; he was driving down from Barrie, got stuck in the bad weather and got held up by snow plows. All the while the driver kept telling me it's not such a big thing, your windshield got shattered (all cracked, but didn't fall apart) and that's it, you're still alive. Funny thing, that's the exact thing the OPP said to me. If it's under a \$1,000 damage next time, don't call. All I kept thinking was what I said to the Saint; believe me, I learned my lesson. From now on, I just do what I'm told. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Sometimes, miracles really can happen

Some people in my family like to say I have more lives than a cat. I have come within death's grasp several times over the past 42 years. I was 10 and was playing around a construction site and fell into a foundation of what would soon be my new school, St. Nicholas of Bari. I was standing on top of what I thought was solid ice; nope, wasn't solid. I remember going down and it getting darker and darker as I was sinking. The water was so cold and I had no idea how to swim, so I just sank like a rock. But I

remember the darkness and I remember the cold. What I don't remember was how I got out, and I never found out how the fire department knew I was there. I was alone, so I had no idea how the firefighters knew I was doing my best impression of a popsicle. But for some reason they saved me and I'm here. The funny thing was they found me on the ground when they arrived, and not frozen solid in the water. Was it a miracle? Who knows. All I know is that I'm here. No one can explain how, but I'm here. Fast-forward a few years and I have another run in with death. This time I was 12 and I was minding my own business, when all of a sudden I wake up in the hospital with what seemed like 100 eyes looking at me. What happened? I remember being in front of my house on Gilbert Avenue in Toronto and that's it. I was hit in the head with a 20-pound piece of rock. No one knew where it came from, or why it decided to play catch with my face, but it did. I was a mere millimetre away from this massive rock smashing me in the temple, but luckily it hit me in the head. As most of you know, I have a hard head and no rock will win the battle of smash 'em with my noggin, but for some reason I survived. I spent a few days in the hospital with 10 stitches and a bad headache, but I'm alive. Miracle? I don't know, but for some reason I'm still here. Sixteen years old and I'm living. I just got my driver's licence and I was driving a fantastic Pontiac Firebird and I was enjoying living. I was already working midnight shifts at the bakery, as you all know, and I had a bank account, thanks to the Saint, as you all know. Things are looking good until one Saturday night my friend Ernie put the dough cutter together, but forgot to put the safety pin in. So when I went to turn on the machine, a 40- pound piece of cast iron broke off and got me right in the forehead. This time I knew my goose was cooked. I had internal bleeding in my head and didn't think I would cheat death, but wait. I'm writing this so I must have survived. I did, don't know why or how but I survived. Miracle? Who knows? My latest encounter happened on Big Bay Point when, on Christmas Day, I decided to total my Toyota Matrix and all I remember was I was driving, then the steering wheel was up against my face. When the Saint arrived on the scene she was thinking the worse had happened. The car was crunched and she thought there was no way I survived. But it was Christmas and I knew this time it was a miracle, a Christmas miracle. Merry Christmas everyone, and always believe there is a miracle waiting for you. I'm living proof. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Uncorking some liquor concerns

This has been one of my busiest weeks ever. With Christmas right around the corner, the bakery is in overdrive. And with this busy time of the year sometimes stories get by me, stories like the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) and The Beer Store working together to make sure they have a firm grip on their empire. In 2000 they signed a government-prepared operating agreement that limited competition in beer sales, according to a published report. This is a big story. If I got together with all the other bakeries, we decided what to sell and who can sell what at what price, yours truly would be writing this column from my cell somewhere in one of our prisons. I'm not saying that one day I won't end up in prison, but collusion would certainly put me away. But when pseudo-government agencies do it, no one even gets a warm beer - just higher profits, bonuses and raises, all at our expense. I gave the Saint my Christmas wish list and sadly or happily all of my items are from the LCBO. Hey, I'm not embarrassed to say I love the LCBO, but that doesn't mean we should all get hosed at the cash register, no matter what your poison is. Yes I always talk about freedom of choice and if I don't like it, I don't have to shop there. But the truth is I have nowhere else to get my booze. If I make my own I will end up in jail, and if I try to sell some of my fantastic Italian moonshine I will end up in jail. So if I want to get my adult beverage I'm forced to shop at the LCBO or The Beer Store. Parting with my cash is such sweet sorrow, but I have no choice. It's Christmas time so I find myself lined up at the

LCBO buying bottles that I will be giving away as gifts, and I'm still spending my money - even though I know I'm dealing with a business that in some places of the world might be considered shady at best. But this is Canada, so whenever anything has to do with hockey or beer or alcohol, no one gets upset at how much they pay - as long as we get our alcohol or beer, or hockey. Look at the Toronto Maple Leafs; they keep producing a bad product and keep jacking up the prices, year after year, and the Air Canada Centre is still full. In fact, the scalpers are making record profits, along with Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment (MLSE). So as typical as we Canadians are, this story will just blow over and we will be lined up at the LCBO. We will be buying beer from The Beer Store and some of us will still be cheering the Maple Leafs - even though in all three situations I feel we are getting ripped off. Well, I still will enjoy my Grey Goose and I will pay whatever they charge. People will say, 'well at least the profits go to worthy causes like hospitals and other government projects'. I'm not too sure about that. When was the last time the government provided a breakdown of all the money it collects from the LCBO. Either way this is a big mess that will just be swept under the rug and by Christmas. Or the playoffs. That's if the Leafs make the playoffs. We will be too consumed with Christmas and hockey joy to care about how much we are paying for our love of what makes us Canadian, hockey and beer. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Liberty comes with a price tag

The world is a mess right now, but this is not any news that's earth-shattering. For years I have warned you about how bad governments have been behaving and how the size of governments all over the world are just exploding in size, becoming larger and larger, more expensive and hungrier for power. Once any government in the world tastes power, it gets hooked on that magical drug; power and greed is the most deadly drug in the world. Just look at all the hotspots in the world today. It's all about doing whatever you have to do to hang on to power, and if that means you have to suspend people's rights or force a population with the power of the gun to bow down to you, then that's exactly what the government will do. We can differ on many issues here at home and worldwide, we can have different views on religion or sports or the environment or on whatever, but the one thing we all can agree on is that everyone in the world should have the basic right to their own freedom. That's right, liberty is global; without freedom, we are nothing. Without the ability to be an individual we are a nothing. With liberty comes the ability to have a free market, with a free market we have the chance to have a flourishing community and with a flourishing community we have the ability to take care of ourselves and help our fellow man if he is down on his luck. But take freedom away and we have fear, fear of a government that has the power to at any time do whatever it wants to its own people. If that means killing and jailing to keep people in line, then so be it. Governments never show remorse, they just show more anger and more hunger for power. Governments have many ways of holding on to power and not all of them will result with the army or police smashing your head with a baton. Governments like the one we have here can oppress us by simply making our lives so miserable that we get to the point where we don't care anymore about what our representatives are doing or what the outcome will be. By raising taxes year after year, by raising the cost of living and by forcing more and more regulations on us, our governments here at home have effectively neutralized us to a point where we have all given up. Oh sure, a few of us keep fighting. But sooner or later we will have to surrender as well. The government keeps growing and by feeding this monster fire it will consume all the rest of us, leaving only two classes left - the government elite and the poor. Our provincial government will be negotiating many new civil servant union contracts soon, and you can rest assured that in public they will put on a good show,

as if they are having tough negotiations. But don't you believe it friends. Every single government employee that the government keeps happy is like an insurance policy, insuring that Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and her army keep enjoying the beautiful drug that they have been all high from - power. The next time you think I'm crazy or that I'm some kind of depressed baker, just pay attention to when tax freedom day is. It's the day the average Canadian's total tax burden would be collected by all levels of government if it had to be paid up front. It was June 9 this year, according to the Fraser Institute. So during the 12-month calendar year, five-months-plus of your hard-labour goes to your government. Give me liberty or give me death just might be our new slogan. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Has the government brought us to the verge of anarchy?

What now? What's the plan? What do we do? These are just some of the questions I received after the Liberals won a majority government in Ontario, but my favourite one was 'Is it time to panic?' No it's not time to panic; the time to panic was five years ago when former premier Dalton McGuinty put us on a one-way train to brokeville. I know, it's only time to panic if you're a working stiff like me, those who are on the bottom, and our only purpose in life is to work and keep working harder than ever, just so we can keep the government and all its employees comfortably employed. Don't forget the Sunshine List and all the hefty bonuses. Right when you think we're done feeding the top-dwellers, here come the unions which want their favours repaid with extravagant raises and fantastic health plans. Of course, let's not forget the lotto-style pensions. Yes, for the top-dwelling elite, every time they receive their pension pay it's like winning the lotto again. They must laugh at us losers every time they cash a pay cheque or a bonus or their pension. We are the brunt of their jokes and why not? We keep on losing and some of us even fall for their rhetoric. Oh yeah, Premier Kathleen Wynne is going to make life better. The only problem is it's not your life she's going to help out, it's hers, her friends and government. Are we doomed? Yes! We are doomed and you can't even see it; it's not so much paying crazy salaries to people who sit on wine councils, or even overpaying Polkeroo and his TVO partner Steve Paikin. It's the pensions we will be forced to pay that will doom us in the end. Oh I know, they will tell you that I'm crazy or jealous and maybe even call me an anarchist. But it's not anarchy I'm looking for. I'm looking for justice for the poor guy who just keeps getting poorer, while the elite get richer. Don't be fooled; the government, its employees and its unions are the elite. They are the rich, they are the ones who control everything and crave more. When you and I get more depressed, the government and their friends win. We are too busy trying to shake this depressed feeling and we're too busy running to doctors to cure us from this dark, cold feeling. The government wants you depressed. There's less chance you will notice how badly the government is destroying your lives, and the less chance any of us will rise up and do anything about it. We are just too down, we are beat and most of us have just given up. I'm not the only one. Just look at the recent byelections we had federally; in one of the ridings, Fort McMurray-Athabasca in Alberta, it was a 15% voter turnout. Did you read what I just said - a 15% voter turnout. We are doomed, we have lost and worst of all, we've given up. Is there anything we can do? Yes, but most of them are illegal. Try working for cash, try buying gold, hide all your assets, sell what you have and move in with a family member, then go on welfare. This is survival mode. It's time we working losers do whatever we can to save our own bacon. If you live in Toronto, get out as soon as possible because in less than a year it will be getting a lot worse for you. Looks like I'm not the anarchist - it turns out the government was the one to bring us to anarchy. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Public-private debate still simmering

This month will be our one-year anniversary for the Liberty Rules Radio show, and one topic that listeners keep calling in with is the right of public versus private. Now this column is all about freedom and liberty and yes I advocate it, but sometimes even I know the difference of freedom and just plain stupidity. I get so many people calling in about pet peeves or things that just bother them and then we discuss it; is it an infringement on my rights or am I just being a jerk? Cigarette butts is a favourite and yes I have fought for smokers' rights for 20 years. I have fought for them to be able to smoke and destroy their health anywhere they want. Yes this is a freedom and liberty issue, but that doesn't mean you can smoke and toss your filthy cigarette butts anywhere you want. Would you smoke in your home and butt it out on your living room floor? Yet over and over again I see smokers toss out their smokes as they drive. And how many times do you see a smoker walking along on the sidewalk and just fling their nastiness on the ground? Fighting for smokers doesn't mean fighting for you to be a pig, and please when you unwrap your pack of smokes, can you not just toss that wrapper in the wind so it can blow away and be part of our landscape? Another hot topic is posters or advertising flyers being plastered on everything and anything. I fight for property rights and I believe you can do whatever you want with your private property. If you want to put a giant billboard on your roof or front window, go ahead, go nuts. But when companies decide to decorate public property with their decorations, now that's a different issue. The response from most of these companies is that utility poles and electrical boxes are public and therefore available to everyone. Now imagine if all of us went out tomorrow and put up posters wherever we wanted. Our city would look like a giant pile of garbage. So the battle rages on what is private and what is public. Just because the public is invited to be somewhere doesn't mean you can do whatever you want. The public is invited to Barrie City Hall, but you couldn't attend meetings naked. The public is invited to shop at large department stores, but you can't just take whatever you want and walk out. There is a difference between private and public. Public means it belongs to all of us and has to be used within a set of public rules. Private means you can almost do as you see fit and this battle will rage on. Most local governments will not take on these companies, to make them responsible for the trash they are erecting on our public property. But just try and put a poster on one of their executives cars and see what happens. Please clean up your mess. Our city property is not for your personal uses. I hate to use the word force, but maybe this time we have no choice, maybe we need to gently persuade these individuals and companies to be responsible for their actions. But force as in using the law or creating a new law to stop them. Yeah this column went off the normal path this week, but that's OK. This week think of it as a 'what bothers me column' and if you have something that just bothers you that has to do with private versus public issues, post it on the Examiner's comment section or e-mail me or write a letter to the editor. Do whatever you can to make a change in our city and get involved. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Nationalism gets corner kick

The World Cup of Soccer has brought up many emotions inside me; seeing so many different flags on so many cars brings up that special feeling inside. I look around and I think to myself what a beautiful place I live in, that so many people can show their feelings without being persecuted or hated. I didn't always feel this way. I used to think that you're either Canadian or you're not, you live here or you move back to wherever you came from. I would get so angry when people would tell me they had

multiple citizenships and carried multiple passports. How can you say you're from one country and then enjoy Canadian perks. It would drive me nuts. You either come here to Canada and be a Canadian citizen and do whatever you can do be part of this country, or stay where you are. Now I feel different. I feel we should do whatever we can to help as many people worldwide get to Canada and be part of our growing society. I'm no longer upset about duo citizenships. I feel we should take down as many borders as we can and open up our way of life to everyone to enjoy. The latest news from Egypt has me very concerned not only for the safety of Canadians, but for the safety of journalists reporting. A Canadian journalist with duo citizenship was arrested, convicted of supporting the Muslim Brotherhood and has been sentenced to seven years in jail. Yes he carries an Egyptian passport, but he is a Canadian citizen and the Canadian people and the Canadian government should do whatever it takes to free this man. He's a Canadian. I feel the major reason we end up hating other people for being different is religion. In the name of religion, people hate other religions. In the name of religion we kill and fight wars. In the name of religion, we persecute people with different lifestyles or way of life. Religion can be beautiful, but in many cases it's abusive and deadly. I know not too many people believe in an open border, but I feel we can do so much good in the world today by helping getting as many people here as possible - who are facing serious threats from where they live now. We should accept everyone and not be selective or inclusive. We should show the world why we are the greatest country in the world. Immigration and refugee status have been a big story lately. Many participants in this year's world pride festivities have decided to claim refugee status, based on gender discrimination and threats of harassment and or death if they return back to their oppressive governments. In many countries homosexuality is seen as forbidden and is punishable by law; in many countries being a member of a different religion is also seen as breaking the rules and is punishable by law, resulting sometimes with a death sentence. Many of us here in North America are not affected by the plight of our fellow men and women miles away from us, on the other side of the world, so why should we care or why should it affect our way of life? In my eyes it makes no difference if you're facing religion discrimination or sexual discrimination. They are equal and should be treated the same. We should help as many of these refugee claimants as possible stay here in Canada, where they can live life freely, and we should also help as many people being persecuted for their religion as possible. We do live in the greatest place in the world and we should do whatever we can to share this paradise. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Hudak's campaign doomed from start

Many of you who come week after week to read this column know exactly how I felt before this election was called, and many of you know how I felt about the wet paper napkin leading the Progressive Conservatives into this election. And I don't want to say I told you so, but hey, I told you so. About six weeks ago I predicted in my last column, before I was put on hiatus, that the Liberals were going to win a majority and that PC leader Tim Hudak, would be the main reason. But not even I could of predicted the things that were going to come out of his mouth. If the Conservatives had hired me as their consultant, and believe me they should have, I would have put duct tape over his mouth and told him to just smile and wave. I have no idea who was on his election advisory team, but they should never work again in politics. Why would you alienate yourself from all those voters? He did just that. As soon as Hudak said he was going to cut 100,000 union jobs, every union in Ontario instantly became a Liberal supporter. Most union members have families, so right away Hudak and his geniuses lost the election. I had customers at the bakery tell me how upset they were that the Conservatives were coming after their unions, but worse is

that Hudak did not know how to explain his plan or at least explain it in a way that most of us could understand it. My customer is a member of the carpenters union; he and his union had nothing to do with Hudak's plan, but that's the way the members of unions across Ontario took it. So now not only did the Conservatives lose the votes of over a million government workers and their families, but he lost any votes he would have received from any other unions. All you had to do was spend one day listening to the radio and you would have heard a minimum of four different unions put on ads against Hudak and his Conservatives. This was a doomed campaign from the start and it just got worse as the weeks went on. Not even a \$1-billion gas plant scandal or sky rocketing taxes or story after story of government agencies involved in scandals could have helped the PCs. The biggest loser in this election in my opinion is Andrea Horwath and her New Democratic Party. Before this election, she had a say and had some power. Now because she had a Hudak moment and decided to bring down the government, she got rewarded with being an insignificant part of the legislature. I would like to say congrats to Tim 'wet paper napkin' Hudak and Andrea 'I'm not important anymore' Horwath on a great idea to bring down the government, and give the Liberals a majority. Why Horwath didn't step down is mind-boggling. She was just as bad as Hudak. I'm glad the election is over and I'm happy we don't have to do this for another four years. I just hope the Liberal government doesn't 'Detroit us' during this term in office. But the biggest loser in all of this is the federal Conservatives. This provincial election proved that the shining armour they once enjoyed has been punctured, and my newest prediction for the next federal election will be that we will see changes and don't be shocked if Barrie gets a Liberal MP. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Politicians must serve the people first

Happy New Year! I hope this year turns out to be better than the past year. I know it can seem tough to see any kind of political bright light anywhere in what is a seamless political darkness, as we were plagued with constant bad government and bad government choices. We were all blessed with billion dollar gas plants, ORNGE, OPG, OLG and the senator scam, with so many of us losing our jobs and more and more companies closing down, inflation going up, the cost of Hydro getting to point where soon it will be a luxury, out-of-control government agencies, salaries with millions in bonuses, property taxes rising and rising, services getting worse and worse, and the out-of-touch reality that has plagued so many of our political leaders. It is almost so depressing that one wants to just give up on any hope of ever having good government again. This past week, Ontario faced one of the worst ice storms in its history - with so many taxpaying citizens left in the dark, Christmas with no lights and a holiday with no holiday cheer. Many families did what any good Ontario family would do, and that is rely on each other and help give support to one another. Having no power due to a natural disaster is not the governments fault and the amount of time it took for the power to get turned back on can't be blamed on our politicians. Many of us are very grateful for all the hard work that many of the workers put in to get the power restored . But what caused me and many of my fellow Ontario friends to be concerned was where exactly was our government representation in this time of chaos and time in need? Where were the different councillors? MPPs? MPs? The majority of them were nowhere to be seen. Here in Barrie the downtown should have been abuzz with Christmas shoppers giving much-needed business to the downtown. With just days before Christmas, the sounds of cash registers should have been singing carols. But as anyone who lives in Barrie and tried to shop downtown found out, many of the sidewalks were covered with snow and ice, making it a challenge for anyone to use them. As a result, many of us shoppers heading to the malls with free parking and clean parking lots that were much more safer to use. Where was our

political representation, MP, MPP, or local councillor? Why become the people's representation if only to abandon us at such a critical time; if your job is to serve the citizens of this city, then you must do it and it doesn't matter what time of the day or month or year it is. Whatever the situation, your promise of serving the people comes first. For all you elected politicians, please don't post your pictures of you and your families enjoying the beaches and don't Tweet how great the weather is in Florida - because it just proves how out of touch with reality you people are. If any of you are looking for a glimmer of political hope, just look at the County of Renfrew near Ottawa. It has a mayor that has been chosen by Liberty Rules as best mayor in Ontario. Briscoe made headlines when she refused to accept the Queens Diamond Jubilee medal. She is the best mayor, and I hope that the mayors of every city in Ontario take a look at what it means to serve the people. Thank you, Mayor Briscoe. You have made me a believer in good government again. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Charities do better with our help, not the government

If you're reading this column, and if you read it on a weekly basis, then you know how I feel about governments - not just here at home, but all over the world. You know that I always write stories about how the government comes in and makes life for us taxpayers worse and worse, year after year. I almost always write a negative column and I would like to apologize. I would love to write columns that tell you how great life is, how happy all of us are and that our growing and overbearing governments don't cause us stress and pain - but that they bring us great happiness and joy. But that's not happening, not today or anytime soon. What am I looking for? I'm looking for all of us to finally realize that if we keep waiting for some miracle to come from the government, we will all be waiting for a long time. I'm looking for all of us to realize that we don't need the government for everything, and there is nothing the government can give us that we can't get for ourselves. In fact, we can do it and do it with a better outcome. We can do it without causing division amongst the people of our city, province and country. I'm looking for all of us to wake up and stop asking the government to solve all our problems for us. I'm looking for us to take responsibility seriously and help take care of each other and have faith in one another. There are good people in this world and there are some great people right here in this city; they always step up and contribute to the community, and they do so freely, not forced. Helping in times of need should come from the heart and it should be meaningful. When you help your fellow man and see the outcome, it's always a catalyst in getting other citizens to step up and join in helping those who need help. When government takes our money by force through taxation and takes on the responsibility of taking care of the less fortunate, it leaves most of us with a sense of emptiness. Who did we help, where did our help go to and did our tax money get to the ones that need our help? With government we never know and it's always a gamble, a bet that we more times than not end up losing. I know that in today's economy we are left with less and less, and that it's getting more expensive to keep our homes heated, our lights on and our families well fed. It seems that the never-ending scandals that our elected officials are involved in is putting a major hole in our pockets and our bank accounts. The more they get involved in our lives, the less we have to help our fellow man. I believe in personal responsibility. It should be up to me to provide for myself and my family, but I also believe we should do everything we can to help families in need. We can help in so many ways and we can help out so many worthwhile groups. The Salvation Army, food banks, and different area churches all do better with our money than any government agency can. I know it's been a tough year for all of you, but it's that time of the year where we can all put the needs of others before our own - no matter how small the donation, every little bit will help. Don't let the failures of our government kill the spirit of the season. Happy

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It won't be a Merry Christmas for many of us

It's that time of the year, you know. Christmas. So it's the time when we all spread some cheer and love one another and well, just be merry, spend time with family and buy each other beautiful gifts and sit back and look at what was a very good year. Yeah, that is if you have a government job, because the rest of us are sick with worry about how we are going to survive another year like this one. If you were a manager with no title working at Ontario Power Generation (OPG), yes it's been a great year for you - with great bonuses up to \$1 million, which in some cases is double their salaries with pensions that would make even a politician blush with jealousy. And don't forget while you're struggling to get little Johnny's teeth taken care of with whatever little bit of money you have left, the employees at OPG are enjoying the best health-care package taxpayer money can buy. Yeah, I know some of you government supporters will say that it's not the government's fault in this case - as the OPG has its own board; well, that makes it worse, that the government has no idea who's partying with our money. I'm so angry. This is Christmas and I should be feeling happy, but instead I'm writing a column about how the government Grinch stole Christmas again. When you're crunching your entire budget for this Christmas, please don't forget the new Bob Chiarelli Tim Hortons tax. Ontario's energy minister thinks you should all suck it up and stop your complaining about the \$1- billion gas plants, because it's only going to cost the taxpayer about the cost of a Timmies every year for 20 years. Bob, it's apparent that you never go to Timmies because a cup of coffee is about \$1.60-\$3, not \$100 a cup, as your math would indicate. As you and your family stare at a hydro bill and wonder what the heck is this, think about Chiarelli and Premier Kathleen Wynne's great energy plan and all the Christmas joy it's bringing to all of us. The Saint warned me not to continue with this column and that I should think positively. OK Saint, I will. If I were an MP, this would be the most positive time of the year - the time where we go on paid Christmas break from mid-December to sometime next year, when some of us will be very grateful for a few days off. Our hardworking MPs will be nowhere near Ottawa. Please, all you MPs, don't post on the Examiner's website that your working hard for your constituents and that you don't have any down time. Well boo hoo. High taxes, high hydro rates, red tape, obstacle after obstacle to operate. It's a wonder we haven't turned into Detroit yet. Merry Christmas government, and thank you for sticking your nose in where it doesn't belong and making life for us worse. Like the government's failed Green Energy Act; thanks to you, we now enjoy one of the highest costs for energy in the world. And how can you make it worse? How about a 10 cent per litre gas tax hike? Have a Merry Christmas. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner.
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Power can be easily abused

I have told you so many times about the power of a bad government. I'm always warning you about what it's capable of. I get many responses from some of the readers here; sometimes, believe it or not, I get an e-mail saying that I'm a crackpot and that there is nothing wrong with our government or nothing wrong about how the governments are governing. But what makes writing this column so fantastic is when I meet some of you and you say 'oh you were so right' and lately I have been getting plenty of those. For years I have been warning you about private property and what I always tell you is that it doesn't exist. You will get hundreds of stories of law-abiding Canadian citizens having their land taken away by the government for its purposes, with such wording as 'expropriate' and

things like 'for the best interest of the country'. Governments were created to help protect property rights. The government was supposed to bring justice to the landowners who were victims. But who protects you from the ones entrusted to protect you? For the victims of government land stealing, the answer is nothing. So if you're a 85-year-old Frank Meyer, whose family has been farming the same land for over 200 years and you decide to resist the government and fight for your property, what you get is the power of the gun in the shape of the RCMP, local police and even the army. You have no rights as long as big government exists, because the bigger the government gets the more it needs and the more governments get involved in your life the worse they make it. Can Frank Meyers call the OPP to charge the RCMP? Does any landowner who had their land stolen by the government have the right to hire their own private security army to protect what's theirs? The answer is no, we can't fight back. First, most of us are too scared to take on the government. Most of us have no time to fight back because we are already in a struggle to survive ourselves. We don't have the ability to help others and we are too afraid that the government will use force and inflict pain on us. We are helpless against the powers of the government. We all talk about healthcare being a major topic during every election, yet year after year we are left with a system that makes the sick sicker and those with a major illness to live everyday as if it's going to be their - last because the government has left us with a broken system. But it leaves citizens like 12-year-old Madi Vanstone without life-saving drugs to keep her alive. Madi suffers from cystic fibrosis and the government has decided her life is not worth paying for; that's what we get when we leave our children's lives in the hands of the government. Imagine if this was your child suffering and struggling to survive, while the government which says it can't afford to pay for her medicine is the same one that blew a billion dollars. And it goes on and on! Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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The evils of governments know no borders

NOTE: *The Barrie Examiner's title places quotation marks upon the word "evils," thereby insinuating that the real evil I am writing of, is not there; that it is my imagination. I respectfully disagree with their decision to place those marks. The evil I wrote of, is real. The story follows: My grandfather is mentioned in many of these columns and I'm sure he will be in many more, and for good reason. My grandfather lived a life that gave him so many life lessons and he experienced so many different situations, that he acquired so much knowledge which will keep getting passed from me to my son to his son. My great-grandfather, Pantaleone Fabrizio, was a hard-working man who began farming in the early 1880s. He grew olives for olive oil and had the best grapes in all Abruzzi, Italy, which produced the best wines. My grandfather Umberto worked on the farm and continued the tradition of farming way after Pantaleone passed away. When my grandfather returned from the war, he had so many new ideas; one was land expansion, so he worked so hard and eventually purchased many of the land around his farm. Every member of my family worked on the farm and was part of his success. The farm brought us not only financial stability, it also gave us family stability - as it brought all of us together. That's where today's column comes into play. My family owned the farm for more than 100 years; we had been a part of the community since its beginning and the farm employed and fed so many people. One summer day in July, we gathered for dinner as we always do and my grandfather leaned over to me and said "one day they will take this land from you." I was stunned, I had no idea what he was talking about. He explained to me the Sangro River, which went through the farm, would one day destroy us and that one day the government would take the land he had worked so hard for. It was the start of the construction boom in Italy, and homes were being built at an alarming rate. One of the lures for home buyers was a home along the*

Sangro River, and real estate along the river was going fast. Builders were complaining to the government that in order to keep the economy going, they would need more land and they would need that land for infrastructure like roads, bridges and office buildings. The only land left they didn't have was our land; that's when the government started to expropriate our land in the best interests of the country, and just like that, in a blink of an eye, we lost half of our farm. The government wanted us to be grateful it left us with something. I don't grow tobacco anymore and we don't grow olives; we were left with a small amount of grapes that we're lucky if we break even. The government had destroyed my grandfather's years of hard work, it destroyed any chance of me and my son continuing the family traditions and worst of all, it broke our family and left us with a feeling of emptiness. My grandfather got shot for his country. He fought in a war where his own country left him behind to survive or die on his own. He did so much for so many people and number one, he loved his family, his country and would do anything for either of them. Today, King George III is turning in his grave as the Canadian government has done the same to Trenton's Frank Meyers, 85, and his 215-year-old farm. The Canadian government has decided that in the best interests of the country, Meyers' land is better off in the military's hands - rather than his and his family's. Our government expropriated more than 200 acres from Meyers to expand a military base, This proves the evils of government has no borders and has no remorse or regret for destroying families, no matter which country we call home. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Barrie Arts Awards a winning event

I was torn when I started today's column, I had so many different ideas and I couldn't decide which way to go. I started writing about the arts and me attending the 2013 Barrie Arts Awards ceremony, which drew some dirty looks, but hey that's what you get when one lobbies to get art grants killed. I wanted to write about what a night it was, with the city's culture department putting on a show that even left a cold guy like me feeling very warm. Well how you could not; you had a funny host and co-host that left me and other attendees with tears of laughter. I wanted to write about how Tony Grace and Andrea Murray were fantastic and kept the night going so smoothly, and every line was in perfect sync. I had a very busy week, with so much to write about, but for some reason I keep writing about this art award night - which included the first time I ever heard a band called The Morals. They were amazing. I was memorized by the vocals and that drummer, sheesh I had that beat in my head all night at the bakery. I YouTube their music and next thing you know everyone at the bakery is moving to the beat and our night went by a little bit more easily. I'm too busy. I need to write about how the government is brainwashing our children, but wait, let me tell you about the Chainsaw Masterpiece. No, it's not a horror film; it's a film on what my kids said is the coolest guy ever, this guy who can turn any piece of wood into amazing things like an eagle or a bear. I think this film won an award at the Barrie Film Festival. Well it was awesome. OK, I'm ready to write about the government now and how they will bankrupt us and hold our souls hostage. But wait, let me tell you first about another performer at the art thingy night, a 15-year-old local dancer who did a routine that would kill in any dancing with the stars competition. Jamie Reisch left the crowd stunned with her moves. OK, enough with the arts that suck up my tax money. Let's go talk about how the government is killing the travel industry and is ruining my Christmas vacation plans in Bahamas, but first let me tell you about Barrie's own poet laureate. What you didn't know we had one? I was rolling my eyes and ready to hold my wallet when I glanced at my kids' wide eyes, listening to every word Dr. Bruce Meyer was saying. Hey I listened too, and the poem brought chills to my cold soul and I didn't want the doctor to stop. It was inspiring. OK, enough with this artsy stuff - let's talk about how we as

Canadians have sold our identity with embracing Black Friday and adopting American Thanksgiving, but hold on. OK, I really don't care about art, but let me tell you about the winners. Brina Romanek gave a kick-butt speech that left not one dry eye in the room. Then there was this up-and-coming genius named Alex Dault, who you know we will all see his work in the future. Then there was this woman named Joy Thompson, who has done everything and helped everyone. She also gave a great speech. The best part of this art night was when Sterling Jarvis hit the stage. That's right people, my kids and I got to see one of our favourite actors and he didn't disappoint. He was the show stopper. Darn you art people, I had a great time. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Rob Ford may actually be looking good right now

Has the world gone nuts or have the governments of the world got so messed up that they have to keep our brains occupied with anything and everything but the truth? This week in Brazil, the government made headlines by announcing they were pursuing the arrest of Justin Bieber: did I miss something? Has Brazil solved its government scandal situation? What about the murder rate? Has the transit system become affordable? What about the unemployment rate? Did the government of Brazil not realize that the world leader, U.S. President Barack Obama, had been spying on them? Did I miss something? Why use diversion tactics to get the citizens to forget how corrupt the government is? Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne has been talking strategy when it comes to the Rob Ford scandal. Really? All the crack Rob Ford can smoke doesn't even come close to the \$1.1 billion the Liberals flushed away on gas plants. Why ask the province to get involved with getting rid of the Toronto's mayor, when it should be the province under investigation for criminal behaviour. In fact, there is an investigation ongoing into the cancellation of the gas plants. The governments have gone insane. We have a provincial government which has been plagued scandal and it wants to be the moral authority? Where is the federal government investigating its options into shutting down Premier Wynne? The provincial government has done way more to harm taxpayers and citizens than anything Rob Ford has done. What is wrong with us? Where is the anger? Where's the outrage? We now have Olivia Chow calling the mayor a disgrace. Really? What's a disgrace is the way our taxes keep rising, poverty keeps growing, the homeless get to go hungry and cold. What's a disgrace is that our governments have spiralled our communities further into despair, while they help themselves to anything and everything. What's a disgrace is that you think a mayor who was properly elected to that office be stripped of his power by politicians, and not the people, is a good idea. We now have governments deciding who will represent the people, making elections useless. What's a disgrace, Ms. Chow, is how your government gang have taken a step towards killing democracy. What's a disgrace is that while you and your club members are sending our brave soldiers into conflict, all in the name of fighting to give a poor oppressed country the right to vote freely, in a democratic election, you are working so diligently here at home to kill democracy. The government is a disgrace for trying to push its righteousness on us - the soon-to-be-oppressed people. Governments all over have gone insane. We have a want-to-be-world president, Obama, spending countless tax dollars spying on so-called allies for the reason of national security. Do you believe that? He was waging a war on Syria and now magically the Syrian situation isn't as dire as he was trying to portray it. The government is going bankrupt and poverty is rampant and the government has tried to push Obama-care on the people. Mix that with a government shutdown, spying on their people the legalizing of killing their own citizens with drones. All of a sudden Mayor Rob Ford looks like a pretty good choice over these others. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Grandfather taught a very valuable lesson regarding those less fortunate

My grandfather was the best Libertarian I ever knew; he was always preaching that we should help each other and never look to governments to help because whenever they do, they most likely would make things worse. He always believed every man should be respected and treated fairly. I didn't always agree with my grandfather, but I always listened to every word he ever told me and I remember every life lesson he ever taught me. One of my visits turned out to be one of the hardest lessons I ever was taught. Antonio Fabrizio was a very large man, he served his country very proudly during the Second World War and he was very patriotic to his fellow man. He would say 'be proud of your fellow countrymen because it's your fellow countrymen who will come to your aid when you need it the most, and be weary of the ones taking credit in helping especially when they are the government.' In other words, when the chips are down, it's you and I helping one another and the government won't be anywhere in sight. My grandfather was a soft-spoken man; although he had the strength to break you in half, he never showed any anger or aggression - a very calm guy who's appearance did not match his demeanour. Antonio asked me one day if I would like to come with him into town. He needed to run some errands, and I quickly said yes. The drive from the hills of Abruzzo, Italy was beautiful, and the city of Pescara was always a big deal for me - as it was the city my parents were from. We arrived at the sea-side city and it was busy, as always, but what greeted us at the downtown core was something new to me. I had been to Pescara before, but had never seen people of less fortune hanging around ever before. I was quickly disgusted by it. I was much younger than I am now and my life knowledge was very limited. I was about to get a quick life-and-death lesson, real quick, from my grandfather. I turned to Antonio Fabrizio and said with a pathetic voice "look at these losers, why don't they get a job." I quickly realized I had made a mistake. The look on my grandfather's face told me so. It was as if I was talking about his best friend or some platoon mate he lost in the war or a very close family member. My grandfather was never violent and he never beat me, but on this day he wasn't going to take the insults I laid at the feet of his fellow countryman. I remember him grabbing me and squeezing me so tightly that I thought I was going to die. In a quivering voice he explained to me that loser is a human being and instead of me being a jerk and insulting, I should be washing his feet and doing whatever I can to help him - because if we don't help him, who will? He brought me down to where the ocean and the cement wall met, where many of the less fortunate were and he introduced me to many of them. My grandfather knew so many of them. He would make regular visits to the waterfront to make sure many of his friends had what they needed, to be comfortable for another night being out. Many of these guys had many different reasons why they were in the position they were in, but being losers wasn't one of them. Everyone deserves dignity and respect. Thank you, grandfather. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Easing taxation could help end homelessness

Whenever I get together with a group to discuss activity plans of some sort, or plans for charity or whatever, it always ends up with hours of talking and nothing getting done. Years of experience have brought me to a conclusion and that's if you want something done and done right, you most always do it yourself or with a maximum of one or two people. More than 20 local groups are teaming up to end homelessness in an organization called Barrie Pathways. I know what you're asking; does Barrie have a homelessness problem and if so how bad is it? I have lived here in Barrie

for a long time now, I have been in the downtown core many times and I have yet to see this homeless problem. The left socialist will attack me and my column as being anti-poor, no it's the opposite. I'm all for fighting for the poor; what I'm against is the cause of poverty creation and of course that would be your tax-eating government. It's the politicians who cause homelessness, it's their decisions to spend our money on failed gas plants and on reckless spending senators. I'm sorry Barrie councillors, but if you want to find the root of the homelessness problem just look into the mirror - because it's government that causes homelessness. Why would you think you could change that? Our tax money already goes towards social assistance and other community programs. We already fund the cause to end homelessness, but now we could be forced to fund it some more. These folks are using our own tax money to make them look like award winners, at the end of the 10 years, or whatever they have planned. However, they don't have a time-frame, they don't have a plan and they don't know how much it's going to cost us, soon to be homeless ourselves. What they do have is consultants and many groups. What's going on at city hall? For anyone who remembers 2003, the mayor at that time created a task force to end homelessness. Surely some progress was achieved? Mayor Jeff Lehman and Coun. Lynn Strachan have been representing Ward 2, the downtown, for years. Lehman was Ward 2 councillor before he became mayor, Strachan is the Ward 2 councillor now. Ward 2 is where Barrie Pathways wants to build its facility, although its 25 potential sites have been short-listed to 10, but one hasn't been chosen. The way I see it, this is a real-estate deal - nothing more, nothing less, with the chance of someone making money. I said chance. If you want to help the few homeless we do have, please don't spend millions just buy each one a house. That way we can save some money. We are being crushed by all levels of government, but the one that stings the most is the one right here at home. If you really want to help the homelessness problem, start by easing the pain of taxation on families. Make it easier for people to find jobs, help the ones most vulnerable get the help they need. Try to give families hope, and with hope maybe we can help each other, but please, stop glorifying yourselves. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Canadians can turn their government around

Oh boy, this week produced too many topics and stories and thoughts that my poor brain is ready to explode - and yes I know some of you would be OK with that, but I will survive at least for now. This week brought us the Mike Duffy experience from Parliament Hill as he battles Prime Minister Stephen Harper for the title of who is the most hated person in Canada. The White House gave us a great reality show that people like me can't get enough of, as President Barack Obama keeps up his denial of knowing anything about anything. Hey, he's only the president of the United States; why would he know what's going on with his spy agency? Why would he know anything about those drone strikes killing women and children, and why would he know anything about his administration taping and recording phone conversations all over the world, including Canada. All those e-mails they intercepted from you and I and another million or so people were all in the name of national security but hey, Obama knows nothing about it. In this crazy White House reality show Edward Snowden is the bad guy and the president is the victim. Huh? In these Libertarian eyes Snowden is a hero and many people in the Obama administration should be facing some tough questions. Oh, and don't forget the Obama-care fiasco, as the Canadian company hired to get Obama-care up and running at a cost to the American people of a measly \$500 million. And yes, CGI Group will accept it in Canadian or American currency and is having a very difficult time working it out. For all my American friends who are looking for work or are thinking that your government is hard at work to get jobs to the US, well, you better stop reading because your great leader gave the half-billion-

dollar contract to a Canadian company. Better yet, not only did you get the wrong end of the stick on where your tax dollars went, but your government is dealing with a company that cost us Canadian taxpayers millions of dollars. Remember the failed eHealth site that our Canadian government had to scrap due to the site being unusable? So there is a chance that at the end of this you, my American friend, will be out millions of dollars and will still be without any Obama-care registry; oh joy. Things will not get any better for you as more and more citizens of countries who Obama has victimize will hate you more. Poor excuses from the so-called leader of the free world, excuses like he had no clue or knowledge of what his government was doing, will just make him and your country look very bad. As for here in Canada, Harper is keeping pace with Obama as he and Duffy keep proving why I'm always right and that governments everywhere can't be trusted. With so many politicians breaking so many laws and not only still being free, but keeping their high-paying, tax-stealing jobs is just so wrong. If it was you and I, we would already be in jail or out of work. I keep telling you about the greatest man on earth. I keep telling you that Ron Paul should be looked at as the bar of government decisions. Before any politician in North America does anything, they should always ask themselves what would Ron Paul do and then do it. It's not too late for us here in Canada and the United States. We can turn our governments around and it's easy. Before Obama or Harper does anything they should ask themselves 'what would Ron Paul do?' Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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What would happen if we wasted \$1 billion?

Many of you know me by now, you know how I feel about governments and how I feel about what they do to make our lives a whole lot worse than better. I'm always on my guard and always trying to point out to you, the readers, what is going on from this side. I always do my best to use all my information that I collect, either from a source or from what I collected myself. I never write a column to advertise me or my party or any company, and I never write a column to make friends with any political figure. My goal with this column is to prove we can live a better life without the majority of these politicians. I want to share my strong belief that in a majority of situations governments are the problem, and never the solution. I have written about how cancelling the gas plants cost more than \$1 billion way before any mainstream media reported it. My Liberty Rules website reported the stepping down of former Ontario premier Dalton McGuinty months before any of you caught wind of it. I still have many friends; they may not be politicians or they might be and they may work for different branches of government, or they may not. I have spent years building relationships in this business, so when I write a column you can be very confident that it's almost 100% accurate - or at least my opinions are a pretty close to being bang-on. In recent months the provincial Liberal government has been under fire for cancelling the gas plants to buy votes in five ridings in which they did end up winning during the 2011 Ontario election. It spent a billion dollars of our money and just flushed it away, or did it? When McGuinty announced he had cancelled the gas plants, I quickly went down to Mississauga to see what was going on. I have a friend who has a business right across the street from the gas plant, who was also relaying video of the scene. He quickly notified me that the construction had turned to a 24-hour operation. Why? The gas plants had been cancelled, so why has construction productivity increased? I arrived at the scene and started to ask questions and the main answer I was receiving from people on the site was they had to get the construction past a point in which it was too late to go back; if a certain percentage of the construction was complete, the government would be on the hook for the whole amount. No government official was there to stop the construction from continuing. There was no one there to protect the people's investments. This wasn't

just a bad deal gone worse, this was more like a scenario crime in which someone or some group knew what to do to get every penny they could from us, the unprotected taxpayer. The liberals had made a big mistake, but a bigger mistake was allowing construction to carry on. An even bigger mistake is taxpaying citizens not asking who collected the money and why did the government pay it? Who was behind the contracts, who signed them and why wasn't there a safety clause put in the contract to protect taxpayers from this situation. Don't pay your business tax bill and the government will have you in court with two lawyers representing it and spend \$20,000 to collect \$5,000. Yet something as big as \$1 billion and breach of contracts, and we just pay out the money. Like I said, governments are the problem and never the solution. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Parties should be wary of an election

Don't be fooled. The Conservatives are in no hurry for an election and if I was their adviser I would advise the Conservatives who actually got elected last election to shut up and enjoy your pay cheque, because if by chance an election is called they might not have any MPPs left. I have been at this political game for a long time now and I'm really good at predicting the future; I'm predicting a colossal disaster for the PCs. If you don't believe me, just spend five minutes listening to Tory leader Tim Hudak and you will be heading for the hills. I always compare him to a wet napkin; good to have sometimes, but most of the times you just want to get rid of it. I know the campaign office for their candidate in Vaughan shut down before it had a chance to open. If that's not a bad sign for them, how about Hudak's ineptness to get the Ontario voters angry about Liberal scandal after Liberal scandal. The PCs have no hope in forming the next government. In fact, if they are not careful they might end up with the fewest MPPs in their history. The Liberals were on political death's door with former premier Dalton McGuinty quitting in shame. With so many scandals and so many MPPs resigning, you would think it would be a slam dunk for the PCs. But instead of taking advantage of all the Liberal misfortunes, they come up looking like the worse alternative. Some people might think that since the PCs are more like Libertarians, I would be hoping for a Conservative wave of power with Hudak being the premier. But believe it, the Conservatives are not Libertarians and would spend Ontarians into financial ruin just as fast, if not faster, than the Liberals. The only alternative would be a Libertarian MPP, but since I'm a reasonable person I know that won't be happening. Well, not yet, anyway. But in the meantime, if you're not going to vote for a smaller party than please vote NOTA (none of the above) and if it's not available then destroy your ballot or spoil it. Just please don't reward these political parties for all their mistrusted deeds with such a precious thing like a vote. Votes to a politician are like gold or blood, and without that blood they will eventually die and go away. So if you want them to go away, stop voting for them, give another party a look and a chance. Don't just settle for the status quo because the status quo has not been so good for us lately. Barrie MPP Jackson got very lucky last election; the Liberals ran a candidate who didn't even live in Barrie. Next time the Liberals will have a better talent pool to choose from and look out, you never know, maybe even Mayor Jeff Lehman might take a run at MPP or MP. Who knows, but it will be a better race next time. The New Democratic Party is having major problems deciding on their brand and now have MPPs from the north sounding a lot like a Libertarian and this has NDP members scrambling. The point of this long-winded rant is that the PCs and NDP should hope for no election because we just might wake up to a big Wynne win. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Additional MPs won't help matters

I started this morning off with a positive column. I swear I did! It was full of praise and gratefulness for another one of Barrie's most popular city staff workers, it was all about pride and happiness and how I was starting to have some little faith in government and government workers. But it all came to a crashing halt when I got the news that Election Canada will be adding 30 new MPs in the next federal election, 15 in Ontario alone. You can bet on Elections Ontario doing the same, as whatever the federal government does the provincial follows and does the same. I'm so upset not because it's more seats that a Libertarian won't be filling in the near future, I'm so upset because we all know we are heading for economic disaster and many of us can't even afford shelter or heat or hydro. Some of us can't afford to live. How does the government help us by helping themselves? All these new positions will be filled by friends of politicians already in power and many of the newly elected politicians will hire their friend in a 'it's who you know' game. None of us hard-working, taxpaying citizens will gain from adding more useless politicians. Our lives won't magically get better thanks to the new Canadian elitists and all the new millions that will be going to cover the cost of having more government. What the government should have done was reduce the number of MPs and figure out how to become more efficient, more productive and how to protect the taxpayer from themselves. We know all too well the taxpayer has been a victim at the hands of the greedy, elected and non-elected officials for far too long. My best friend the bakery supply guy said more is better; the more MPs, the better the representation. You're kidding me, right, friend? All this is has become is one big giant party for them and now they have invited more of their own friends to the party, and we the taxpayer are paying for this great extravaganza. Just look at my hometown as an example. We have an MP, Patrick Brown, who currently is not working because his boss has prorogued Parliament instead of working for us and coming up with ideas to help us get better service, and at the same time trying to reduce the cost and give us better value. What he will be doing soon enough is campaigning for Alex Nuttall to be the next newest Barrie MP. Don't believe me? Please save this column and keep it aside; when the election is called pull it back out. It's a private party and there is no chance a regular citizen will be our next newest MP. The politicians gain and we lose. I have a dream. Yes, it's a Libertarian dream where one day we reduce the size of government and we reduce the salaries of all elected politicians. I have a dream where our governments eliminate useless laws instead of creating more nonsense and where the best interest of the taxpayer is always first and not the best interest of the politician getting re-elected. If you do a good job and do what's best for your constituents, you will get rewarded with re-election. Who am I kidding? Just one look at our city hall lineup makes me think we will never have that beautiful dream and it might be safe to say that as long as we have the current elected representation we may never have the service we deserve. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Barrie's Mona Boyd the force behind Communities in Bloom

Most weeks many of you come here to the Barrie Examiner and read my column to read what negative thing I have to say about our governments, not just one level but as Mayor Jeff Lehman called it this week, all four levels of government. Yes usually I can go on forever giving you examples on how much the government ruins our lives and contributes very little to all of our well-being and how little the governments really care. Yes I can mention all the scandals going on and I can mention Prime Minister Stephen Harper proroguing Parliament. I can mention Ontario and the minority government and how little it is getting done. And I can also mention how Barrie's new transit changes don't appear to be working and

have many seniors coming up with alternatives to riding the bus. Today's column will have no such negativity. Instead it will be full of surprising praise of good work and a side of government that has some good value; sometimes even the most negative, cynical people like me are taught something about how to treat people, and in this case, how to organize a perfect balance of government and citizen participation. I didn't find it in the federal branch or provincial body of government, I found this right here in my hometown of Barrie. Yeah I'm still paying over \$5,000 in property taxes and yes we haven't landed all those good paying jobs we were promised, but what we do have is Mona Boyd. For those of you who don't know who Mona Boyd is, she may be the most loved city worker in Barrie. Mona is in charge of the Communities in Bloom program and has been running the program ever since I got involved. Her official title is parks horticulture co-ordinator, but for many of us who are part of Communities in Bloom, Mona is more like a real green super-hero who has all of us inspiring landscapers, growing and planting. Mona not only has us encouraged to be more green, but also more environmentally friendly. I never knew Communities in Bloom was also about how we take care of our natural resources and how we manage our water treatment and waste management. She really has our community blooming not only with flowers but with city wide pride. I am a Libertarian and I usually campaign that we can do without many government departments and that many public service workers are overpaid. But today, I'm hiding my Libertarian hat in the closet and I'm saying whatever the city is paying Mona, it's not nearly enough. Mona and her co-workers continuously restore my hope in my city and restores my faith that there are some useful parts of government. My children have never asked if I can bring a thank-you card to the mayor or any other member of council. Instead they have made a beautiful thank-you card for Mona and always ask when the next time they will see her. Mona is one of a kind; she is loved by young and old and more importantly has brought this cold soul to admit that I too love Mona Boyd. Thanks also go out to Coun. Brian Jackson, who has also been a big part of Communities in Bloom and has helped take the program to a higher level. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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A few ideas how the province can ease its money troubles

Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals are in some serious trouble, money trouble. The province can't pay for any new services and can't keep up with the growing debt or any desperately needed money for infrastructure. We are broke and the future looks very bleak. So, the premier has decided to come up with a task force to look into ways to garner new money from an already stressed and tired taxpayer. So, I put my thinking cap on and organized my own task force to come up with new ways to raise money for the Wynne government. Notice how the government never looks into ways how to cut government spending? I wanted to make the group politically balanced so I picked two Liberal friends, two Conservative friends, two socialists and myself. We decided to sit down and come up with great ideas for the Wynne government. We started with my Conservative friend, who owns a successful bakery supply business and his idea was a quick favourite amongst the group. He wants to see the government combat the traffic gridlock and the government's money woes at the same time, so his idea was that not only would a driver need to purchase a sticker for their licence plate, but would have to purchase a different colour plate for different times of the day. A yellow plate would allow you to drive from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a red plate if you want the right to drive after 6 p.m. A hefty tax would accompany the red plate and for good reason. The cost of night driving costs the government more money than day driving mainly because of the hydro bill to illuminate the thousands of lights that line our highways. This was a unanimous decision amongst the group and they all agreed with smiling faces. My idea of cutting government spending instead

of this crazy idea fell on deaf ears as the group accused my Libertarian beliefs for clouding my thought process, and my idea was quickly shot down. My Liberal friend was next and her idea was quickly agreed on and, again, the group had happy, smiling faces. Her idea would take on the money problem and help the environment at the same time. She observed many cars idling at drive-thrus waiting for their orders. She came up with the idea that every restaurant with a drive-thru be charged a 25 cent per car idling tax and to top it off, if the restaurant takes longer than 90 seconds to produce the order, the restaurant will be charged an extra 50 cent environmental fee. Of course the extra charge would be passed on down to the consumer. My opposition to this idea was quickly frowned upon. I stressed that it would be bad for business and that it should be up to the individual to decide if they wanted to use the drive-thru or not, and instead we should look at cutting the size of government. This brought out laughter with my friend asking me if I was serious. Well, my idea got shot down again. The best was my socialist friend who wanted a weight tax. Weight tax you ask? Yes, every year you're forced to visit your family doctor for a checkup and if you weigh more than the government suggested weight, you should get fined for every pound you're over. This would fight the obesity problem and the money problems. Again, I passionately pleaded my case that we should be focusing on the size of government and its ever increasing size. Again, I was laughed at. Here you go Premiere Wynne the Liberals, Conservatives and socialists are ready to sacrifice the taxpayer again. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Government and religion mix can create a recipe for disaster

I'm a Libertarian not just a small L libertarian, I'm a hardcore Libertarian. I feel I can take care of myself and my family better than any government agency can. I'm a free-market believer and a big-C capitalist. I have faith in charity and that all of us good people living on this Earth can come together to help those who are less fortunate. I feel that a majority of the time governments are the problem, and rarely offer any concrete solutions to solve any problems they inevitably make worse. I almost never believe in foreign intervention and for one reason - because most of the times we end up making the situation worse. The only thing that could be worse than governments is religion, and when you mix them all together it is a recipe for misery, torture, suffering and in more extreme cases, murder. We have a situation like that now in Syria, where not only do its people have to endure different governments getting involved with their plight - now there is an element of extreme religion. It doesn't matter which religion is responsible for causing the pain and it doesn't matter which religion is right or wrong; what matters is people are suffering and worse, the most defenceless innocents are the children and right now they are the targets by all sides, religious and government. Since my last column on Syria, I have received so many videos and pictures of the most disturbing variety - images that should never have to exist in today's times. But I had the unfortunate duty of viewing these horrible images; some readers want this story to be put out for all of you, so that we all know what is going on in this insane Syrian civil war. Some of these victims are Christian children, victims of the so-called Syrian Free Army and other extreme Muslim groups with ties to al-Qaida and other extreme religious groups. But one thing is for sure; the world has to take notice that no matter which group is responsible, the killing of innocent children must stop now and those responsible must face justice. I'm a Libertarian and I love Ron Paul. I believe in a non-interventionist approach to world issues, but this has gone past just adults killing one another to be free from government tyranny. This has become a religious war which has caused the death of thousands of innocent civilians and most heartbreaking is the murder of so many children. If the United Nations has any real power or any real guts, it would investigate who is behind these murders and which world leaders are

behind the scenes, supporting these different groups behind these murders. If the UN finds out that any world leader is behind them, then appropriate measures must be taken. American President Barack Obama has not hid the fact that he wanted to support the militants fighting the Syrian regime, with a military strike. If there is evidence of his involvement then he should be charged with war crimes against humanity and brought to justice. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Global-warming fears are being pushed too far

Some people might love today's column, some people might hate it. And that's OK as long as you read the ads and recycle the newspaper, because we libertarians care about capitalism and the environment. See I'm going to talk about the biggest scam ever put over on all of us poor suckers, a scam so devious that it has cost us taxpaying slaves not only money, but for some of us the worldwide scam of global warming has cost us our minds. Since the beginning of mankind, the one thing that has been unpredictable has been the weather; hot one summer, cool the next, tons of snow one winter, no snow the next. But what has been consistent is it has always balanced out. We haven't had 50-degree days as the fear-mongers wanted you to fear. We haven't had the return of Noah's Ark and so far the snow hasn't melted away. Yeah, I know, did I see the movie with the polar bears? Yeah, I did. So what? You can steer a movie and your audience to believe anything you put in front of them. And anyway, I also saw a commercial of a polar bear drinking a soda, so TV is the last thing I would use as evidence of the end of the world. Weather will always change, it will always be unpredictable and we are more likely to be killed by 'Obama bombs' than global warming. The Toronto Maple Leafs have a better chance at winning the Stanley Cup than all of us perishing due to climate change. That's what the regime calls it now-a-days. They rarely say global warming since, as we here in Barrie know, the winters have been colder and longer than ever. I was shopping at a grocery store when the cashier recognized me and said out loud, 'When will global warming help us here in Barrie?' as we both stared out the store's window at a another major blizzard. My sweet dear, global warming will never help us here or anywhere. If I was a scientist being paid by governments to study the effects of global warming— and when I say paid I mean to the tune of millions of dollars — why would I ever want you to think that global warming was a hoax? My job, if I was getting paid by governments and other sources, would be to ensure I keep my cushy job and this sweet gig. Keep you afraid, very afraid, and if you want to be saved pay me more millions to study what to do about nothing. What we should do to ensure Mother Nature is treated fairly and with care is to live our lives as a libertarian would, mind our own business, take care of our property, do whatever we can to recycle and reuse, buy products from companies that do everything they can to be as environmentally friendly as possible, try and car-pool or be adventurous and take public transportation to work or shop or visit your friends. Only you can make a difference. These same Al Gore wannabes are the ones that want you to use a bike but drive a car. They want you to live in stacked housing here in Barrie, but live in houses. Some of them own more than one home and use them as rental properties. The best one is they want you to live a healthy lifestyle, but they can eat everything and be as round as they can be. The cure for all this Al Gore-esque behaviour is you. Live and stop bothering other people to live the way you think they should and worry about yourself, and most of all don't be fooled by the weather. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Syria first on the list?

American President Barack Obama will be one busy person this week. He will be very busy bombing the life out of Syria and he will do this with or without approval by Congress; once he starts in Syria he won't be able to just stop there. If Obama really cared about people in the world living with less than acceptable human rights condition, then he better roll up his sleeves. It's going to be one long list for the new world president. He will have to bomb China, Cuba, Yemen, Somalia, United Arab Emirates, Ivory Coast. It won't stop there. He will be very busy bombing the human rights violators in Kenya, Pakistan, India, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Tajikistan and many more nations. He will also have to point his missiles of mercy north to the big bad country known as Canada. The United Nations and Amnesty International have named Canada as one of the worst human rights violators in the world. I guess this means we better get ready for the Obama freedom bombs and caring touch of guided missiles, which we helped perfect by allowing the Americans to test them over our land. If Obama thinks the legal Syrian government should be overthrown, then he has to get ready to overthrow the majority of the world. What's that? You don't consider the Syrian government the legal government; then what do you consider the Bahraini government? The Bahraini government is ruled by a single family — has been for years — and it doesn't have any democratic elections. But what it does have is a brutal regime that detains people, tortures them and in most cases kills them. The Bahraini government is one of the most brutal governments in the world; it is also one of Obama's best allies and you will never hear so much as a peep out of Obama about it. Does Obama hate women? Does Obama hate Christians? What about Israel? Well under Syrian President Assad it is proven that he always protected the rights of women, he always protected every religion in his country and was never a threat to Israel, or any Western country. In fact, Assad and his government have an economy that was working well — that was until the extremists decided that Assad and his friendliness to other religions such as Christianity should be stopped. Obama is actually helping the sworn enemy of the United States of America. Obama will be helping the terrorists that have sworn to kill Christians. Obama will be helping terrorist that have sworn to kill Israel. Obama will be helping terrorist that have sworn to bring in Sharia law. If Obama gives military aid, he will be the biggest supporter of this terrorist movement. America is in deep trouble and the president wants to spend trillions of dollars on killing innocent people around the world, while Detroit lays in ruin. Their president wants to spend trillions of dollars while more and more Americans fall into poverty. The president has turned a blind eye to his allies' human rights atrocities, while supporting terrorist regimes. America is on the brink of financial ruin and the president wants to speed this up by sending sons and daughters to die in a foreign country that has never shown aggression to it or its allies. What happened to the proud people of America? Have you all been beaten down? I have always admired the strengths and bravery of the American people, but to just lay down and take what this president is doing to them is shocking. But to be the president of the new world government, Obama will be shocking us some more for sure. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the *Barrie Examiner*. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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America a country in serious trouble

America is in trouble. Big trouble and no longer can people blame the Republicans or George W. Bush for any of their woes. President Barack Obama has been in power for a whole term and is in his second term and his last. Or is it? It seems the freedoms that my friends to the south have enjoyed for many years have been disappearing, and it seems the Obama government is becoming more of a complete police state or what looks like a destiny with martial law. Don't believe me? Let's just look at what's going on. Remember the Boston Marathon bombing? Every single citizen of Boston and the surrounding area lost all their rights on the spot. No special

inquiry, no special vote, just marshal law. Well, they didn't call it that but what do you call it when the police are all dressed in tactical gear and look more like soldiers and barge their way into law-abiding American homes? The government can call it looking for terrorists, even though the accused were Americans, but I call it marshal law. It put fear and terrorized elderly Americans and traumatizing children with armoured vehicles and thousands of armed police marching through homes and businesses. America is in trouble and Obama is the president. Look at Detroit, with thousands of homes abandoned and thousands of its residents fleeing — as if it was a war-torn town in Iraq or Afghanistan. The only difference is that Iraq and Afghanistan have hope, where Detroit has none. Other examples of cities enjoying Obama-living, with a better than one-in-nine chance of being a crime victim, include North and Northeast Auburn Gresham in Chicago, or Gaston Park in Memphis, Baltimore or Harlem. What is the Obama regime doing about it? There are American cities filing for bankruptcy or on the verge of bankruptcy: Compton, East Greenbush, Fresno, Gulf County, Harrisburg, Irvington, Jefferson County and Providence. These are American cities suffering financially and all face a very bleak future. The Obama administration has been spending trillions on wars and its military. Worst of all, the American government has been sending billions of dollars to countries like Egypt, Israel and many other nations where being a Christian is a punishable offence. The people of America are suffering indecencies at home and are living in deplorable conditions, while their government is spending trillions on a terrible foreign policy, one that has the Americans policing the world and spending the American people's tax money. Americans are dying in needless wars that can achieve only more hatred from the rest of the world. America is in trouble, its government knows it and that's why the Obama government is preparing for the worse at home — arming the police like soldiers, giving them more power and taking away more and more rights away from the American people. Most of all, the government is working overtime to disarm the American people — making them easier to manage and contain. A majority of my family lives in Chicago and the surrounding area, and it was always a great time visiting them. But now every time I go I can see times are changing. For all my friends here in Barrie, before you bash our American cousins, things here are changing as well. Just look at our own police force, which can also resemble an army. Just last week a friend of mine was taken down by a special tactical unit armed with military style weapons. All the officers were in complete black-ops gear and my friend's offence? He was on a motorized scooter. North America is in trouble. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Doing government's dirty work a problem

I was born July 9 during the early '70s. I don't remember exactly who was in the room, mainly because I was so young, but I was told by my mother that there was a doctor and two nurses and that was it. I remember working my first job and I remember my cheque was missing some of my hard-earned money, so I tried to get answers as to why and how this had happened. I asked my mother if the government had anyone there to greet her when I was born. Her answer was no. I asked if anyone from the government was there to welcome me to the taxpaying family, and again her answer was no. I'm confused. Was I born a taxpayer? My mother's answer was very interesting. She said she didn't know. When did I voluntarily decide to give the government a part of my living? I wasn't born a taxpayer. I don't remember signing a binding contract with anyone from the government, saying that when I became a working stiff I'd happily hand over my money to a group that couldn't be trusted with running a marathon, not to mention running my life. So what happened? I remember the first real job I landed. It was a great job with a big company and when it finally decided to present me with an offer, it was presented to me in the office boardroom. In there

was the regional manager, office manager and two consultants from head office. Missing was a government representative. It had no one in my corner, whispering in my ear, that I better reject the offer and ask for more because it would be stealing a big chunk of my salary. No government representative was there making it clear on how much was wanted from me. I gave no consent to any level of government to rip me off, yet I became a victim and had my money stolen from me anyway. It gets worse. I spent most of my life owning or managing bakeries in Toronto, Vaughan and Barrie, and in every location I was faced with the same dilemma. The government put me in charge of its dirty work to steal and collect money from customers on its behalf. I'd take money from customers and hand it over to the government. Again, I had no contract and I didn't give the government my consent to use me as their mafia goon to collect money. I'd charge people for a product they purchased, then I'd magically inflate that number by pushing a button that I was told to push that would charge GST or PST, or what is now known as HST. That extra money I charged would be given to the government, and just like that it made a sweet profit. Did I get paid for stealing money on its behalf? No, I received no payment for all my hard work, which included getting up at midnight, baking, stocking shelves, delivering and customer service. If you worked this much for someone else you would demand compensation for your hard work. What do we all get for our hard work? We get exempted from going to jail. See, if I knocked on your door and told you to hand over money or if I forced you to steal money I would be rewarded with a hefty jail term. But if we all steal on the government's behalf, that's a different story. To top it all off, the government never gave me formal training in collecting tax money. In any part of the world if you help organized crime make money, you get a piece of the pie. Not with government. It keeps everything taken. I'm against forced tax collection. What I favour is the mutual agreement of payment for services. I bought my Barrie home knowing a yearly property tax bill would be included. I'm OK with this because it was agreed upon and I wasn't forced to buy the house. We need some mutual benefits, but it shouldn't come from being forced. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Neighbours didn't become savages

The past decade has seen steady growth and constant interest in liberty and, in particular, a rise in the Libertarian movement. Most of this can be attributed to the endless hard work of what some people would consider the godfather of freedom, Ron Paul. Paul has been a champion of freedom and liberty for decades and it is his hard work that has people like me here today believing in the same beliefs as the good doctor. I was a libertarian my whole life, but when I first heard Paul speak, I was convinced that I was on the right path. I already felt that the government was too large and I also thought it was too instructive. Mix that in with Paul's teachings and I was on my way to spend the rest of my life fighting for the taxpayer and against the ever-growing government that is showing less and less respect for its citizens, year after year. I didn't need much convincing. I believed there was a better way to live rather than the way we were living. And I already believed the government was not there to help us, but was there solely worried about keeping their existence alive. Why not? They get to enjoy a good life and worry about very little while the rest of us struggle with just keeping our heads above water. Today, the fight against big government has a new name behind it, but it has a familiar last name. Rand Paul is Ron Paul's son, and in many eyes he is an even bigger boost to the cause, as he is so well spoken and has the support of many of the American people. I love Sarah Palin, but I think Rand Paul will be the Republicans' best chance to beat Hillary Clinton in the next U.S. presidential race. Rand Paul is a senator in Kentucky and has the support of many Republicans, Libertarians and people in the Tea Party movement. Rand Paul could be the next president. That brings us back to Ontario and

the eastern coast of the United States. I know why I believe in the Libertarian cause, but why has it gotten so popular? And why has it been talked about so much for the past 10 years? This week is the 10th anniversary of the blackout. Mainstream media and government would like you to forget this part of history, because it was big government's nightmare. When the blackout hit, the government was licking its chops as they anticipated the citizens of North America would be begging them for help. They were also anticipating all of us turning into savages. Government was hoping you and I would turn on each other, and the media was hoping for fires and destruction the tag team of government and media were banking on an outcome that would keep both of them in business for years to come. Do you remember what happened? Do you remember what you did? Where were you? Did all of us go insane and burn each other's homes? Did we murder and rob one another? What about smashing your neighbourhood store and rob everything you can get your hands on? No. In fact, the opposite happened. I remember my neighbours taking shifts directing traffic at Highway 7 and Weston Road. Some say traffic never ran that smoothly. Strangers were bringing bottled water to neighbours who were volunteering. Complete strangers all of a sudden became friends. What the government was hoping for never happened. What did happen was people realized that we didn't need to run and beg for the government to help us. What happened was people realized government monopolies were not reliable and that we all deserved better and that we were all capable to help ourselves. What happened 10 years ago gave birth to many good values such as voluntarism and, most of all, hope. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Calling for cell provider change

Do you hear that? Do you hear the crying, the whining and the bellyaching? No, it's not me complaining of too much government or the country turning into a police state or the ever-growing tax burden on families. No, I'm giving that a rest this week. No, all the baby crying is coming from Canada's cellphone companies. See, they are all upset about the government allowing something so beautiful, so amazing and so powerful. The government is allowing us sucker cellphone customers another choice. Oh yes, I love that word, yes you're right I do. I can say it all day. Choice, choice, choice. I love having choices. It wasn't so long ago that we were all at the mercy of Bell and we were all paying a small fortune to use a phone just to make a call. And it wasn't so long ago that it was Bell complaining about the government allowing competition and choice to the Canadian population. Well, I have bad news for Rogers, Bell and Telus. You better smarten up and give us better service, pricing and, most of all, customer service. You had it made until now. You all got away with charging us whatever you want and treating us the way you want. And let me give you some advice: I will be your free consultant today and I did all the investigative research for you. I have three children who each have many friends and most of them have a smartphone, a tablet or some kind of device, so I did a survey. I asked them who the prime minister was and most had no idea. I asked what province was to the left of Ontario and to the right of Ontario and most had no idea. I even asked who was the first prime minister of Canada and most, in fact all of them, had no idea. But I asked about their cellphones and, bam, they are all geniuses. They can work those devices like wizards. So, I took my study a little further. I asked these young customers of the future about their cellphone plans and the key word that kept coming up was "sucks." They all felt that at one time or another their provider left them with terrible service or the Internet was down, or something was wrong with their service. I asked about their packages and the key word was again 'sucks.' They couldn't wait for their contracts to be up. Wait a minute, folks, do you see what I'm talking about? When it comes to cellphone operation and plans, our kids are geniuses.

When I asked about Verizon coming to Canada, all their faces lit up like a Christmas tree. They don't know politics, but they know cellphones and cell service. My daughter is so happy she can't wait to dump Rogers and go somewhere else. I can't wait to dump Rogers, too. Guess what, big three? You better smarten up, you better send me incentives so great, so amazing that I can't help but re-sign with you. Because guess what? I have a another choice soon and if you don't give me a better deal it's goodbye Rogers, Telus and Bell, and hello Verizon. The most annoying part is the commercials the big three are running. They are feeding you comments they have no facts to support, like "It's going to take away jobs." Really? You have so little faith in your product that you know we will all run and dump your companies as soon as Verizon gets here? Instead of making me sick to my stomach with your garbage ads, why not have an ad like this: "Folks, we know Verizon is coming, but we are so confident in our product that we don't care if they open up shop here. We will out-service them and give you better deals, so we know you will stay with us." See friends of liberty and friends of choice, once again competition and choice wins the day so get ready and start calling your provider and warn them now. You want something better. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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More choice leads to more liberty

Imagine waking up this morning, only to find out your favourite daily newspaper was gone and replaced with only one paper in town. Imagine all the groceries stores were gone but one, or every restaurant shut down by your government and replaced with only one restaurant. Only one choice of car to choose from, only one style of home, one style of pants and shirt, only one style of shoes. Imagine only one gas station that you could use to fill up your car. One hotel, only one airplane company to choose from or only one donut shop to get your coffee. And imagine it's not Tim's. You people would think I'm crazy. Imagine a country where we can only choose from what the government gives us. Like to shop at Zehrs? No, you will be forced only to shop at Walmart. Like to eat at Boston Pizza? Sorry, the only choice you have is McDonalds. What about my favourite car to drive, Maserati? Sorry Paolo, you're driving a Yaris now because that's the only choice of car. This would drive all of you insane. You would protest and march in the streets. Or would you? We only have one choice of education. We only have one choice for health care, water supply and public transportation. The list goes on and on. We've been robbed of choice for years. It's getting worse, but we don't do anything about it. Why? The truth is we are losing more freedoms every year, and the government is getting a tighter grasp on our lives. The less choices we have, the less freedoms we have. It's just a desensitized population and once we are all desensitized the government can get away with anything it wants. The government has brainwashed us into thinking its way is the best way, and if you disagree you must be some kind of evil person who is against being Canadian, because giving up our hard-earned tax money and not questioning the actions of corrupt governments is what being Canadian is all about. Right? Don't be fooled, there's always a better way to live your life and being led by government into the future shouldn't be a choice you take laying down. Look what a future government gave you so far: a debt that our children will be burdened with forever, more poverty and corruption, and a one-way ticket to increased taxes year after year. I want choices in health care, I want choices in garbage pickup and I want choices in my police services. I want choices in every aspect of my life. I don't want to live my life by your hands or some politician's greedy ambitions. I want to live my life as free as possible and by limiting my choices you are taking away my freedoms. Why can't I have my choice of public transportation? Why can't we have a choice in health care, fire services or policing? In my world, if I don't give great service at a great price, guess what? You will go shop at the bakery down the street and you can do this (for now) because you have a choice

and you will take your business somewhere else. So in the private sector you get great service and great competitive pricing. With government services you get terrible services and high taxes to pay for the abuse you are getting. I wish I could opt out of every government service and save my tax dollars and pay for whatever services I need. We have a garbage pickup service at the bakery; not only does it pick up the trash, but it cleans around my bin. If there is a mess, it's cleaned up. Do you know why this company gives me great service? Because if it doesn't, I can fire the company and hire the competition. Choice wins again and choice will be the only way for our liberty. So please don't always accept the government choice. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Alaska values its natural resources

I love Alaska. It's my favourite state and my favourite place to visit. The people are so amazing they remind me of a big family, but unlike my family members they are always happy to see each other. It doesn't matter what city you visit in Alaska, you will always have that feeling of being at home, minus the pollution and hustle and bustle and minus that stress we seem to have every morning we wake up with here at home. If my family ever decided to move away from Barrie, I'd choose any city in Alaska in a heartbeat. I love Alaska because of the people. They don't take much when it comes to governments. Alaskans know how valuable their natural resources are and for way too long big governments and big oil companies were making secret deals behind the good peoples' backs. The big governments were selling the peoples' natural resources to the big oil companies for peanuts. The politicians were making back-room deals, lining their greedy pockets, while the great state and its people received little in return. Alaska has many resources, from natural gas to oil, and the government was giving most of it away. It took an amazing Alaskan woman to show how corrupt the government and the oil companies were and change the political landscape in Alaska and maybe all over North America. Ex-governor Sarah Palin promised to expose how bad the political system was and how changing it would benefit all of the people in Alaska. She fought government and oil companies and won. She turned a struggling Alaskan economy into a well-oiled machine. She fought for every citizen and for everyone's rights. She fought for fair deals for Alaska and the future generation. She made sure the future was not bankrupted by corporate and political greed. She believed in smaller, efficient government; she believed in honest and responsible government. Palin changed the future of Alaska by recognizing government was the problem, not the solution. She stopped the oil companies in their tracks. Now come back to Ontario, where a hot issue is water bottles. To me, this battle is similar to Palin's battle with the oil companies. The water bottler feels entitled to our great natural resources, just like the oil companies did in Alaska. In Alaska, the people weren't against oil rigging or piping their natural gas. The problem was the government was giving it away and the oil companies were making billions. In Canada, we are giving away our water — yes, I said our water — for almost free and the water bottlers are turning it into a profit of millions, maybe billions, of dollars. I'm a libertarian and a hardcore capitalist, but I'm not a dummy. I believe in making a profit and I believe companies create jobs, but sometimes the balance is way off to one side. When it comes to our natural resource, it is heavily tilted to the greedy water bottling companies. I'm not against bottled water. I love having the ability and right to buy a cold bottle of water on a hot summer day. But what I'm against are large water-bottling companies claiming we have no rights to our own water supply, when my heavily taxed pocket tells me otherwise. Unfortunately, we don't have any politicians quite to Palin's calibre, who will take on these corporate giants and fight for what's right for all of us and get a deal that would balance out the profit margin to a more even balance. But what we can do is have a nationwide boycott of these

companies, until they stop their practices of using our natural resource and making billions in profits while we all struggle to pay our tax bills. Next election, ask candidates how they stand on this issue and vote accordingly. In the meantime, don't buy their water, which is really ours. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Should we get taxed more?

I'm a Libertarian, a hard-core Libertarian. I don't want to see government just shrink, I want to see it disappear to the size of a pea. I believe in you making your own living and supporting yourself. God gave you hands; use them to make yourself a living and leave me alone and my bank account. I'm all for private charities, but I have always been against social assistance, a.k.a. welfare. I used to get so angry when I would see young, strong people collecting money from the government. You see, when someone steals money from the government they are in fact stealing money from all of us. Yeah, yeah I'm a bad guy. I know I don't want to feed the hungry guy who doesn't want to work because he or she is allergic to work. We all know someone or some family who has been on the system and enjoying free money for so long and we always talk about them, but we don't do anything. It's been years that I have been against any government assistance — until very recently. A really good friend of mine who owns and runs a great business and makes very good living taught me a valuable lesson. He started our conversations with "I like your columns but. . ." When I hear that word, I know it's not going to end up well. Not this time. My friend let me in on a secret; he informed me that when rich people make money they don't spend it, but when poorer people have money, they have a tendency to spend money and when they do spend, they spend it locally. My friend informed me that when he makes extra money, he doesn't hire more workers or give out raises. He keeps it for himself. There was a time when I thought that would be a great idea; he earned it, why not keep it. I buy all my bakery ingredients from my friend and his company does a great job, but his employees are what makes the company great. If he doesn't show up to work for a month, the business will still be running and I will still get the great service I'm used to. But if his driver doesn't show up or his order picker doesn't show up, I'm in big trouble. If you have a problem with your cellphone, do you call the president of the company for tech support? No you don't. All these CFOs and presidents of companies are so overpaid and contribute very little to the local economy. If they all disappeared, the companies of the world would run and run well. So my friend's theory is that we should be giving more to the less fortunate, because they actually do more for the economy than the rich, fat cats. Canadians on welfare spend and contribute. His theory is that the Canadians who are wealthier should get taxed accordingly and with the extra money collected it should be given away to the poor guy, who has a hard time working and thus the economy will be better off. This is all hard for me to take. I'm a Libertarian. I want to see the government out of business, out of the education business and out of the health-care business. I want to see the government out of our lives. I'm a Libertarian, I shouldn't agree with my friend. What do you think? Should we get taxed more? Should the rich give up more? Should people on social assistance get more so they can spend it and contribute to the economy? My friend has some valid points, but it's easy to talk like that when money is not an issue and when you have everything you can possibly have. But for the rest of us working stiffs, we might feel a little bit differently and in the meantime, I will be buying my supplies somewhere else. I am a Libertarian after all. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Centralized control more than a theory

We receive many e-mails here at Liberty Rules. From all over the world I get requests all the time to write about different topics, but the No. 1 request I get is to do a column on Agenda 21. I know what some people are thinking; Agenda 21 is just an urban legend or a myth. So I did some research on it and what I read was very shocking. Friends, this column has always taken views that might not always be in sync with the same themes as this newspaper, or this city. That's OK, that's why Liberty Rules is here. This column is here to give you something different. Liberty Rules is the only column which can tell you about a terrorism that so devious, so sneaky, that it is more potent than any terrorist cell that the media wants you to believe is the threat out there. I'm here to tell you the threat to your family, your religion, your right to private property and our right to have a sovereign country exists here and is working to take away rights that our ancestors have died for. Can you imagine living in a society with precautionary principles where we are all guilty until proven innocent? What? You think this is an impossible scenario? Think again. The United Nations has been building the largest terrorist cell in the world and the terrorist they are enlisting will shock you. It's enlisting all the governments of the world to carry out these treasonous acts on us. UN Agenda 21 includes the Rio Declaration, where all acts that are not considered non-sustainable will be stopped immediately. Acts like farming, which include commercial farming, and any kind of irrigation are all considered illegal and unsustainable. Paved roads — yes you read it correctly — all paved roads will be deemed unsustainable. Fossil fuels are unsustainable and illegal. And don't forget farmlands; pastures and grazing of livestock are all to be deemed unsustainable. Friends of liberty, this is no joke: your freedoms are under attack and we better all take a better look at everything the government is doing. Want more scary words from the 40-chapter document? Humans (this is actually in the document, they refer to us as humans) will be all relocated to 'human settlement zones' where we will all live in stack housing. Education is to be focused on environmental, sustainable development and buildings are to be built by sustainable builders only, and will be exempt from any builder liability act. It is a threat to all of us; the UN has a goal to have centralized control of all countries and it is using the green movement as an excuse to get this all by us. Some will say this is all crazy, and part of a conspiracy theory, but don't fall for it. Do your research, Google Agenda 21 and read all you can and get informed. The Agenda 21 movement is well on its way to a one-world government, with the UN at the helm. We now have a World Bank, we have a World Trade Organization and soon a one world government. Here in Canada we are well on our way in joining our American friends in losing property rights, all in the name of Agenda 21 and sustainable energy. Our government has used the Heritage Conservation Act in confiscating property from hard-working Canadians. Don't just give up your rights, stand up and fight for your freedom. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Brazilians must find courage to stay strong

Can you imagine being persecuted because you're poor? Can you imagine having so little hope that you have very little to live for? What if you lived in a place where being poor means getting harassed and beaten and chased and in some instances even killed? Killed because you are poor, killed because you are a homeless child, beaten because you're hungry. Worse, what if the government was the one behind all these atrocities? Would you want to support that government? Would you want to go on a vacation in that government's country? Would you want your government to do business with that country? Would you want that country to host something like the Olympics? What about something as huge as the World Cup of soccer? Well, we have a situation just like this. Brazil has been awarded the Olympics and the World Cup. Did I miss something? Does the world not see

all the protests that are going on in Brazil? Just search up Brazil protests in your search engine and get ready to be horrified. Ladies that can be our mothers being beaten by police, teens that can be our children being brutally attacked by police. These are regular, hard-working citizens being denied the basic right to protest their government. Brazil's government is everything that is wrong with the world today. The government has offered little hope to its citizens and has turned their country into a complete police state where residents have very little rights and where the police and other government agencies take whatever actions they want, with no remorse, or worry of being prosecuted. This is has been happening in Brazil for years. People who live in the favallas know all too well what government brutality is. Government agencies come in on a regular basis, where it's normal for a loved one to disappear never to be heard from again. The favallas is the part of town where the poorest of the poor live where the only hope to survive is to stick together and try to survive. The government gives little help in jobs or health care or education. All they give the poor is more despair. How does the government of Brazil help its citizens? Raising taxes and raising prices of everyday necessities. In order for the government to pay for all its lavish dreams, it has bankrupt its citizens for generations, all to cover the costs for something as needless as the Olympics and the World Cup. People can't afford to live but the government keeps spending and spending. How do the governments of the world react? They react by turning a blind eye. If this was happening in Iran or in Syria and one of these countries were awarded the Olympics or the World Cup, would the reaction be different? I bet it would. I'm sure Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama would be all over it, condemning such terrible brutal government behaviour. You could bet our governments would be talking about boycotting, but this is Brazil, so it appears to be OK for the police to terrorize the people. This is not over. The protests have just begun and more are planned in the near future. It's just a matter of time before the people realize they have the power, they have the strength and that together they can make a change. Together, they can bring the police and government to justice. Let the strong people of Egypt be your example of what a nation can do together against a criminal government regime. Stay strong Brazil. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Is now the time we should start to panic?

I'm never one to just start panicking about anything. I always think there is a way out of the problem and I always believe in situations working out in the end. I'm sorry I don't feel this way anymore; it is time to start panicking. If you ever wondered how it feels to be poor, well, we will all get our chance as all our levels of governments keep sending us deeper and deeper into poverty. I know I have told you all before that government has lost touch with reality and it has no clue what the average Canadian family is enduring, but this is getting just ridiculous. Everywhere we go we are getting taxed to the point where we are all alive and working just to pay taxes to keep our governments' hunger fed. The hunger is not slowing down. We all get to keep less. I look at my pockets and it's getting to a point where I wonder where will they take more and will there be anything left to take from me? I remember my libertarian grandmother telling me years ago that the government will always find ways to keep their hands on us and keep us under control, because imagine if we were all free and doing well and all of us were living amongst one another and life was good with a free market and people using their hard work and free will to make a good life not just for ourselves but for one another? We would never need the services of the government. In order to survive, it needs us to need them. The favourite words a politician loves to hear coming from a citizens mouth is 'we need a law for that'. When they hear any of us say that, it brings a big smile to their faces — as it gives a reason for their existence. I thought my grandmother was sometimes over-dramatic, but I was wrong

and again she was right as our governments keep putting us in debt and sending all of us to the poor house. Their terrible job at finances is rubbing off on all of us. The government keeps borrowing money to fund whatever scheme they are forcing on us, because it doesn't have the money to fund all its plans the debt grows. The more we owe keeps climbing and guess who has to pay for all these terrible decisions? That's right, you and I. And what is even worse is that our children will be literally forced into a life of slavery as there will be nothing left for them, as the governments will need it all for themselves to keep operating. It gets worse; they have many of us convinced that the way they run government finances is the way we should run our home finances, that if we can't afford to buy something or travel somewhere we should borrow the money like they do. The problem is now many of us will be forced to pay outrageous loan fees and credit card fees that will just keep spiralling into more and more debt. Now we are not only lifelong properties of the government, but now belong to the banks. It is a vicious cycle that many of us will never be able to get out of. The government wants you and I to think it can run our lives better than we can do it — when in reality the government can't even keep its own house in order. We don't need more government in our lives, we need less. I know all of you are smart enough to see what's going on today, with all the government scandals, and I know many of the Examiner readers know exactly what's going on at city hall with so much spending. All of these ingredients equal to one bad recipe for disaster in which I say again yes, now it's time to panic. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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My grandmother never lost sight of the truth

This week my grandmother passed away. Laura Fabrizio was an amazing woman. She grew up on the family's farm and was the hardest-working woman I have ever known. She ran the farm and the business and kept her family together through bad times and in worst times. No matter what the problem was my grandmother handled it; she was an icon in our home town. She helped run the church, raised money for the poor and always helped the local hospital. She was a rock and I loved her more than anyone in my life. Normally, one would be sad or upset after losing someone like my grandmother, but all I can do was talk about her and her life and what she did with her life. My grandmother and grandfather are big reasons why I became a Libertarian. The stories she would tell me about the war and what they had to endure and what the government did to make everything even worse would shape who I am today. My grandmother would always tell me that if you cared about your family and your country, you would work as hard as you can every day and that we should always help as many of our neighbours as possible, however we can. My grandmother would never rely on the government for anything, especially after what the government had put them through during the war; she never forgot. She would always tell me to work hard, and when you work hard, you will keep the rewards. But never forget the less fortunate and when your government comes to take what is yours, never be afraid to always ask them "what have you done for us?" My grandmother was always right. She warned me that the governments of the world would find it easier to suppress the people it once swore to help. She would always tell me that greed would take over hard work, and sooner or later it would take whatever it needed rather than work on solutions to the countries problems. I remember the last time I visited her in Italy. She was so upset we were watching the news and all the news reports were about government scandals — not just in Italy, but in America, Canada and many other countries. She told me that it's just a matter of time before people get so upset that the streets would be on fire with protests. She was so right. It has started with countries like Egypt and Libya, with people so fed up they paid with lives just to change the governments ruling them, instead of serving them. Ordinary citizens are coming together, overthrowing the real global terrorists disguised as

governments. Protests in Spain, Greece, France and now the largest protests are happening in Brazil. All from ordinary people like you and me. Well grandmother, I'm sure what's happening here in Canada would get you just as upset as our government does everything and anything but help the people it was supposed to help, with scandal after scandal and the spending of our money on terrible decisions rather than spending it on who it was supposed to help. Our province and our country are in a major crisis; it's just a matter of time before we start taking to the streets. Our confidence in our government is at an all-time low and how does our government respond? It responds with an early three-month summer break. Work hard my friends here in Barrie and all across Canada, because your government is definitely not. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Councillors might be diamonds in the rough

Are you sick and tired of me always having negative things to say about our government? Maybe you think our government on all three levels is doing a great job and that all I have to say is sour grapes? I wish I could come here today and write about how great the government is and how all the government workers out there have you, the high taxpaying citizen, in their best interest. I wish I could talk about how transparent our government is and that we all know how much our civil servants are making and that all our politicians are hard at work on how they can save us money and give us better service. Maybe you would like to hear how amazing the gas-powered hydro plants are doing and how they are producing energy at an amazing low cost? What about the great service our senators are giving us and the great amount of overtime they are putting in, all in the name of giving us, the taxpayer, a great return on our dollar. I would love to tell you that Mayor Jeff Lehman and his staff are bringing you all those high-paying jobs that were such a priority during the last election. I wish I could but I can't. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is a mess and is plagued with scandals. We will never know how the gas plants will do, as the government decided to shut them down before they ever had a chance to get fired up at a cost of a measly \$585 million (I still think that cost will go up, especially when they start dismantling them) and our overtime mayor has us believing that \$12 an hour is a good, high-paying job. It's very hard these days to have any faith in our government; all they have given us lately is examples on why we don't need them. Well at least we don't need most of them. But wait friends, here in Barrie we have a glimmer of hope on the horizon. I am very critical of different politicians and branches of government and I always let you know about it, so when there is a positive government story I should be just as vocal. Here in Barrie we have two local politicians that have absolutely restored my hope that Barrie might have a bright future. Our council is loaded with councillors that should be paying us rent for taking up those seats at Barrie City Hall, but Ward 6 and 3 councillors have both gone way beyond their duties. Michael Prowse has always been a good politician, but he has really taken over city hall. I watch this guy and all I can think to myself is that he does not belong at city hall; he should be our MP or MPP, that's how good he has been. I have received e-mails from readers writing about how Prowse has helped them or that he has responded so quickly to a e-mail or phone call. It's hard to find any negative words to say about Coun. Prowse; all I can say is thank you for giving me something positive to write about. The absolute diamond in all of the political turmoil these days is Coun. Doug Shipley. This guy is everywhere and does it all for his constituency. In all my days of following politics, I have never seen a politician that has done so much. I cannot find a single person in Ward 3 that has a negative thing to say about Shipley. I have been told by residents there that he still door-knocks and is always having local meetings to keep residents aware of what is going on in the city. I can only dream and hope that Coun. Shipley would consider running for mayor, as he would bring to this city what it so desperately needs.

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Canadian troops should be at home in Canada

Ron Paul has always preached a non-interventionist approach when dealing with international matters and for good reason. The American view on foreign policy is a main reason why they're in the predicament they find themselves in today. It's a foreign policy that not only has the Americans pay with lives, but also with billions of dollars and sending the country into financial turmoil. However, maybe worst of all is dealing with the fallout of a bad foreign policy and dealing with the blowback of occupying foreign countries. This foreign policy has the good citizens of the United States losing many of their once-cherished freedoms and liberties, where the government can do whatever they want against its citizens all in the name of fighting terrorism and in the name of democracy. Imagine the U.S. government sending thousands of armed soldiers to Ontario all in the name of democracy where they claim they have the best interest of all Canadians in mind. They want to make sure that we have our rights respected. What do you think the response would be here? We'd fight back and demand they leave our country, but then they'd portray us as terrorists, a threat to U.S. freedom and step up their efforts. They're now seen as is an occupying force. So the cycle goes on and on and on. We would fight back and call ourselves freedom fighters and consider all of us fighting as patriachs but the occupying force would demand we lay down and give up our land all in the name of democracy. Well, that's what's going on in places like Iraq and Afghanistan where the citizens of these countries are not happy to see their country occupied by foreigners with weapons. This causes the people to get desperate and do whatever they can to fight back and deter their occupiers from continuing to terrorize their country. These acts will quickly be portrayed by mainstream media as acts of terror against Americans or whatever foreign country is occupying and there will be calls to increase the military by the media and the politicians. American foreign policy is starting to rub off on our politicians as they continue to gear our country towards us being viewed as an aggressor where we were once known for peacekeeping and as a country where our citizens were once welcomed anywhere in the world. But this is all changing with our terrible foreign policy. Our recent aggression towards Iran has myself and many other Canadians worried and concerned on how Canadians will be seen in the near future. Our foreign policy should not be dictated by the Americans nor be strong-armed by any other nation that may have a different view on how to deal with certain matters. As far as I know, Canadians aren't terrorists. We're not occupiers. We're not in favour of dictating our lifestyle on other nations, but the government has us going down that path. Killing civilians and destroying private property is not a foreign policy I'm eager to embrace. Our soldiers are brave, but to have them suffer and die in countries where we have no business being in is a terrible experience that I would never want any of my children to endure. So why send our brave soldiers? Is it to protect Canada? To save Canadian lives? To rescue Canadians who are maybe stranded in these countries? Or is it to appease certain other administrations? I'll always love the day former prime minister Jean Chretien said, "Just because we don't like the leader of a country doesn't mean we should go to war. What if one day they don't like me?" Right on, Mr. Chretien. Canadian soldiers should only be stationed in one country and that country is called home to you and I. And that's exactly where our soldiers should be: Canada. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Governments only add to the problem

This columnist loves art, I support art, I live art and I live in a house of artists. The point I was trying to make is that the art one produces shouldn't be publicly funded by all of the taxpayers here in Barrie. The city has a responsibility with taxpayers' money and maybe one of them shouldn't be funding art. Yes, many of you e-mailed and posted that maybe we should stop funding parks and education and maybe funding a health-care system should be scrapped, that funding art is more important to many of you artists. My favourite comment on the Examiner website was that children with autism is not more important than funding art and that children with autism and their families reminds the writer of a seagull. First of all, it was the government that decided it would administrate health care to all Ontarians — so this forces us to pay into the system, whether we like it or not. We are forced by law to hand over our money. This means families with children with autism should be taken care of, as autism can be seen as a health problem. Funding art is not a health-care necessity; I will not die without art. Education is another service the government decided it would have a monopoly on and force us, with the power of the law, to fork over our money and our children. This too means that if you have a child with autism, he or she deserves the same chance at education as any other student and that all families are forced to take what the government offers. City services should include things like roads and water and parks; city services were never meant to include things like health care or education, as these are both responsibilities of our provincial government. So, if the city wanted to put our city tax dollars into things like funding a school or building a hospital, I would be just as opposed to this as I am the city funding art. We pay a huge amount of taxes these days through three levels of governments, and it's time each level gets in check and understand what their responsibilities are and stop encroaching on each other's territory and jobs. It's bad enough the federal government can't do its job properly and the province is making a mess with its responsibilities; the city doesn't know where else to waste our money. Now mix all three and we have a ticking timebomb. We can't have local politicians promise things like a better health care or better education or higher wages, as these are all things that are impossible for a local council to promise. We hear it all the time in our city, how many members of council had promised better and higher paying jobs. Really? How? We heard Mayor Jeff Lehman in the last election promise better-paying jobs. Is \$10 to \$12 an hour a better-paying job? The truth is most of the time local politicians can get very little done when it comes to responsibilities that fall on the province's shoulders, but it never stops them from promising everything under the sun. The fact is, the government on all three levels keeps growing and the cost to keep this growth is outrageous. The confidence we have in all three levels of government is at an all-time low, with so many scandals and so much money being wasted by all of them. Maybe if we get them to pay the taxpayers all the money back, we can fund not only the artists, but every family needing help dealing with autism. Again, the government has caused more problems than they helped solved. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Priorities are clearly not shared by all

What a week! This column got a great response last week, with so many of you amazing readers sending me some great e-mails. Last week was a record-setter and I'm hoping that we keep this growing trend going. I have this column not because I agree with mainstream media or that I share the same beliefs that every other columnist has here at the Examiner. I'm here because I'm the other side, the side of your brain that always wanted to say something but maybe never had the time or the place or the nerve to say it. I share views that I believe in and ideas that I want to share with you. When I share ideas I am not saying I am 100% correct. I am saying that this topic needs our attention and maybe discussing it would be a good

idea — not just for me or the newspaper, but for all of us. Our topic last week was well-discussed with many valid points, either way, on how you feel; the topic of publicly funded art was a hot issue, with the paper receiving so many e-mails. I even got an offer from a Toronto reader to pay my share of the taxes for the art grant program here in Barrie. This is what an artist does, he creates an art that people want to enjoy, an art that people can't wait for the next project; yes, I'm an artist and I created such a piece that so many readers wanted more. But it doesn't always have to be on the same topic. That's what a great artist does, he leaves his or her audience wanting more. So for all my loving artist friends who were expecting part-two, please stay tuned. Come back next week and see what I come up with. See, art students, what I did was called foreshadowing. I'm giving you just enough taste that you can't wait to see what happens next, and the tip is I mentioned the Barrie art grant recipient. Wow, what drama. Please join us next week. Now let's talk about gambling and crack. I had to experience both Tuesday, coming home. It's a gamble getting off the highway and taking Mapleview Drive. It's a gamble that I don't lose parts of my car in all the cracks. Don't get me wrong, the word crack can be a good thing sometimes, like when we crack open a beer on a hot summer day. Now that is a good crack, but cracks on Mapleview are not a good thing. Gambling for some of us is a wonderful experience, like winning a \$200 wager on the Super Bowl champion; not that it was me, just saying, but gambling your life on Barrie city roads is not a good gamble. What happened? I remember Jeff Lehman, the priority mayor, campaigning right off Mapleview. I remember the video, and he kept saying it's a priority and pointing to the traffic. Maybe it was a priority, but he didn't say how much of a priority it was. The truth is we have many priorities here in our beautiful city, but they may not be the same priorities shared by city hall. Paolo Fabrizio is an art enthusiast, thespian, poet and liberty lover! Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Cutting cultural grants makes much sense

This week city council voted to cut off some art welfare recipients from some money that they have been helping themselves to for several years now. That's very nice for us working stiffes, who have been on the wrong side of the stick for so long. It's a small victory, but I can't understand why they would think this would make everything better now. No, I'm not feeling better and my hands are still in pain from all the work I had to do this week to support the starving artists in this city. Do you politicians at city hall think all of us taxpayers are too busy working ourselves to death to realize that we are still paying to support losing ventures like the MacLaren Art Centre, or that the Mady Centre for the Performing Arts will soon be costing us more to keep running? Or that most if not all of us have no idea what a Theatre by the Bay is, or that there is a theatre near some bay out there, and if Talk Is Free Theatre is so free, why does it cost taxpayers another \$40,000 this year? Yes, most of you artists had it made here in Barrie but what happened was you all got too greedy and kept going for more free money. Please don't tell me again that art makes money, or that for every dollar we give you artists for free the city gets back \$12 to \$14 - because if this was true the city would have a surplus and most of you artists would be well off and wouldn't need to help yourself to our hard-earned money. What is it with city hall that it can't understand that most of us are having a hard time keeping up with the cost of living today, or that we are struggling to keep paying sky rocketing property taxes. Have you looked at your bills lately? Everything is up! The cost of living just keeps rising while our pay has stayed the same and in some cases even lowered. What's going on now is that the people here in Barrie are starting to realize what some of our city hall employees are making, and when you compare it to what most of us are making, we can't understand the huge difference. When some members of city staff are on the Sunshine List, of Ontario

public employees who earn more than \$100,000 annually, it makes it tough for us lowly peasants to understand what's going on. Sure, if I make over \$100,000 a year of course I don't care about a couple of bucks being given away to nonsense - but when you live pay cheque to pay cheque, every little dollar counts and every time taxes go up it makes it harder for us to survive here. Want to know where some of your money is going to? How about a grant to study 19th-century Quaker settlements in York County? Almost fell out of your chair? Yeah me too! Why was the money needed, you ask? Well the artist says it's very expensive to study Quaker settlements. Well here is an idea then, don't do it. Or if you want it so badly, do it on your own dime. The fact is that city hall has lost touch with reality and has no idea what the citizens are going through, passing the ridiculously high cost of having a culture department on to the taxpayers of Barrie when there is a priority list that seems to never be fulfilled. This seems wrong to me. It's time the City Of Barrie put the majority of its people first, closes down this department and concentrates on what really matters to all of us here in Barrie. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Very easy to see our tax money being wasted

What job do you need to have where you can break all kind of ethics rules and all sorts of laws and more important, what job allows you to do whatever you like and get away with it? Well, what about Canadian senator? What do Canadian senators do, you ask? Well, they don't know either but they get to steal all your hard-earned money pretty easily. Want to know how much? Well, a base salary of \$132,000. Yes, that's not a typo that's \$132,000, Canadian! A senator gets a lot more, depending on their position. If he or she chairs a committee, it's an additional \$11,000 per committee, and if the senator lives 100 kilometres outside Ottawa, he or she gets an additional \$22,000 per fiscal year and that number grows every year with inflation. If that's not enough pain for all you hard-working suckers paying these elite do-nothings, what about an office budget of \$166,000? You know because these poor senators are all overworked, that they all need a full-time staff to help them swindle mine and your money. Friends, it gets worse; they all get a travel expense. How much, you ask? Well, I don't really know since they use a crazy scheme they came up with using a point system. A senator can keep spending until he or she hits 64 points, then the rest must come out of their pockets. I hear all of you laughing. Yeah, me too! They never pay out of their pockets, unless they get caught like Senator Mike Duffy. Oh no, he didn't get arrested. He didn't even get kicked out of the senate. Heck, Senator Patrick Brazeau got arrested and he's still a senator. What a great job, do nothing, break rules and get paid crazy amounts of money. Right when you think OK, that's enough Paolo, please stop, I have more for you. The government leader in the senate earns \$207,800 each year. The opposition house leader makes \$168,300. The senate is a big joke and we need to shut it down. We also need to get back all the money senators stole from us. This should be happening now, not after some committee meeting or an internal investigation. I sound like some bitter taxpayer? Yes, you're right I am. Today, I just learned that I will be needing surgery on my left hand because of all the years of overtime I worked to pay for all these government freeloaders. My hand has stopped working and decided to quit. I'm really upset now, so forgive me. We are all killing ourselves at work while the government enjoys living in the lap of luxury. I know you're all thinking these senators must work over 100 hours a week and that's why they get the big bucks. Well no, they don't. They don't even have to work at all. They're not even required to show up all the time. The senate sat about 132 days last year with many senators not bothering to show up. Wow! What a dream job. You don't have to look too far to find more tax money being spent on nonsense. Monday's general committee of city council meeting showed what your tax money is being wasted on. The arts

community was exposed as what two councillors refer to as a program being abused. Look at the list from last year of individual art grant recipients. What did the city get back? Great, a program is being cancelled that took our money. But now how do we get it back? If Mike Duffy had to pay back the money he took and two local councillors have already said a program was being abused, when do we get our money back? Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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We should always fight for every life

There are countries that when you mention them, they automatically give you an impression. Think of France and you get visions of great bakeries, amazing restaurants and romance. Think of Italy and right away you get the taste of pizzas and great wines, beautiful architecture everywhere and Vatican City. These countries and many more bring us thoughts of happiness and desires to visit, because it brings out life in all of us. What do you think about when I say Switzerland? Chocolate? What about fine watches? What if I say Switzerland makes me think about killing myself? That's right. Switzerland is the only known country in the world to have legalized euthanasia, and business is booming. You would think your visit to Switzerland would bring you and your family memories of life, but to many families Switzerland is their family member's last visit. I had a very close family member suffer through cancer — it devastated the family. We knew she would pass away, it was just a matter of time. I was very young and I began to ask questions on why we couldn't help her with medically assisted suicide? I remember the doctor pulling me aside and explain that as a doctor he took an oath to try and save lives no matter what the situation. It was a very emotional time for the family, so maybe it was those emotions that made me think medically assisted euthanasia was an idea that should be explored and maybe even be a right that as Canadians we should have. I spent the next year investigating everything I can on euthanasia; there are different terms for this. One is voluntary euthanasia, meaning that you are giving consent to ending your life. Then there's non-voluntary euthanasia — this is when your life is ended against your wishes. This was used in Nazi Germany when Adolph Hitler had decided to legalize euthanasia and make it the state's right to decide who got euthanized. The Nazis euthanized thousands of people. Euthanasia divided into two groups. One is passive and this is when your life is ended by withholding any treatment you might need to stay alive. The other is active, and that is when you're given a lethal dose of medication to end your life like King George V of England was given. He took a dose of morphine and cocaine to speed up his death. Then there is the one Switzerland has and that is assisted suicide. This is when the patient ends his or her life with assistance of a physician. No, it's not medically supervised. The patient gets a prescription from the physician and gets it filled by a pharmacist and then proceeds to take that medication to end their life. I began to think where would we draw the line? Who would be able to get euthanized? Would it be only on the request of the patient? Would the family physician have a say? Would it be only patients with a terminal illness? What about the patients who are suffering from depression? Or what about patients that had been born with a birth defect? It's been many years since our family had to go through the pain of our loved one passing, and I'm no closer today to the conclusion that euthanasia would be good as a Canadian belief. I have been a Libertarian for many years and always advocated the rights of the individual over the state, but also as a Libertarian I believe every life is sacred. We should always fight for life no matter what life has put in our way. In the meantime, we are still left behind with the pain of losing a loved one. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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It takes a village to stop bullies from taking over

I write this column for one reason, and that's to get us all involved and to get us all discussing situations and topics. I never write thinking my opinion is right and everyone else is wrong. No. My dream is to have all of you involved with this column, be active with my website and post as many stories, or comments as you want. I don't spend time doing this to win an election or to advertise a particular party; yes, once in a while I mention the Libertarians, but it's been rare. I love making all the new friends that I have made thanks to this column, people like Ray, Tom, Dave, Jenny, Arthur, Amanda, Jane and many more. I even enjoy getting e-mails and comments from readers who always think I'm way off and post comments to show why I'm off my rocker. I love it, that's what this should be all about. We are a community and we should all respect one another. This is where this week's column comes in. I get very upset whenever I hear some member of government, or police group, or school official talk about bullying and that we should all stop bullying. The truth is it's all BS. The government gives us nothing but lip service, the police almost never get involved and the schools rarely do anything. Yes, all these groups will spend a day or two a year having some kind of rally where they all claim to care, but no one does. I'm a father of three kids and nothing in my life is more important than their happiness and safety and well-being. I can never picture my daughter finding life so terrible that she would find solace by ending her life. I can never imagine this, but it's happening to others. A child should never feel so lonely, so sad and so distraught that they would take their own life. What has happened to us? Where did we fail? Yes, we did fail. One child who takes her own life is one too many and is something we should all feel. A community should help one another with the safety of all our children. I can write about this because my family went through this. A child at my daughter's school had made a Facebook page using my daughter's name and picture. She then began to post comments that no 14-year-old should ever post. This child began to post photos of obscene nature and post sexual comments. My daughter endured a year of hell at the hands of this bully. When we found out about this, we quickly copied the page, called the school and the police officer assigned to the school board. When we all sat down all the groups thought it was terrible, but the police statement was that being mean is not illegal and as long as the bully is not profiting from using my daughter's name and picture there is nothing they can do. What? The school had talked to this bully and she agreed to take down the page, but no disciplinary action was taken. The damage was done. It will take time for my daughter and my wife and I to get over this. The school, police and government had failed my daughter, and the only reason why it didn't get worse is because we got involved. I make sure to talk to my kids every day, I check every device they use; iPod, BlackBerry, e-mails, Twitter, etc. I don't care about their privacy; my job is to make sure they are safe and I feel my job to ensure their well-being. Bullying doesn't stop with children. It can happen to adults too. We need to get everyone involved in this discussion. Did we fail as a community? Is the family so broken down that our kids have no guidance from us, as adults? Whatever the reason it's time to stop the lip service and come up with solutions before we lose more of our children. Please get involved in your kids' lives. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Wind turbines whipping up ghost towns

Have you ever wanted to live in a ghost town? Have you ever dreamed about your home being worthless? What about your town losing all its schools and banking institutions? If you live in rural Ontario, all these wonderful dreams are coming true and it's all thanks to our provincial government and all in the name of sustainable energy. It's happening all over rural Ontario. The government is building wind turbines at an alarming

rate all throughout what were once beautiful tourist destinations and are now scaring everyone, including local townspeople, away. The term ghost town is running rampant these days in rural Ontario. The government is purposely bringing down property values, making it more and more difficult for families to survive in their towns. The government is forcing families to drive further and further away for everything from jobs to banking to education for their children. The government needs to put its wind turbines somewhere. It needs to show the green people of Toronto that, yes, its is moving towards an Agenda 21 style of policy where the destruction of rural Ontario is disguised as sustainable green energy. Here is how I see it; the government destroys the value of land. This leaves the local towns with much smaller tax revenue than what is normally collected, since most townspeople have already left. The few properties that remain are worthless and don't fetch much tax revenue. This leaves the town in a very tight bind. The only hope they have is to take the money the province and the green turbines are offering. Since there are no longer any homeowners left to pay a tax bill, the local town sees no other way but to accept the offer. The government builds massive wind turbines and offers a fraction of what a home owner would be paying in taxes and gives the city a glimpse of financial hope. The few home owners left have a home that is worthless. Would you buy a home where a turbine is in your backyard? Most of rural Ontario is deemed agriculture, this brings a cheaper rate for the industrial wind turbines and these rates won't bring the town much of a return. With unsafe turbines in rural Ontario's backyard, the people have no choice but to abandon their worthless homes and move out. Rural Ontario has been sold off all in the name of 'sustainable, renewable and green development' and more importantly, to appease the City of Toronto and its false quest to be green. I know what some of you Toronto green lovers are saying, this is all a big conspiracy theory and that I'm might be a little bonkers to even say such things. Well, I would like to point you to the town of Zurich, Ont., where once residents had hope; they now have a ghost town with wind turbines as the only thing left to mark their existence. You want a good example of a country's economy being destroyed, all in the name of sustainable energy, just look to Germany — where the country will join the rest of Europe in financial ruin; the country will lose 100 billion Euros by 2030, as reported by Thomas Heinzow, a leading environmental economist at the University of Hamburg. Future ghost neighbourhoods include places like Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Haldimand-Norfolk and Lambton and if any Toronto green would like a second opinion, I dare you to visit these neighborhoods. Better yet, invest in property in these places and you will quickly understand what the good people of rural Ontario are going through. Just the drive to Grand Bend will bring tears to your eyes and make you realize that we are destroying the earth and causing nightmares for rural Ontario, all in the name of a false, green and sustainable dream. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Parents must be responsible for their own kids

Years ago, before my wife and I even got married, we made a decision that we were going to have children. I remember having detailed discussions about this with her. We were very young and we hadn't even decided on getting married, but we did decide that we wanted to have a plan before having children. We spent the next five years working every possible hour we could, depositing every penny we could in our account, while our friends went jet-setting around the world and spent money on things like new cars and electronics. We found a part-time job each to go along with our full-time jobs. We kept our old television that was given to us by a friend. We travelled to the beaches in Barrie as our getaway. All this was because we decided to plan for a family. Never did it occur to us that our children should be your responsibility. We never thought that the government should be in charge of raising our children. We both wanted to be part of

our children's lives and the only way for us to do this was to have a good plan. First was to have enough resources that my wife was able to stay home and raise our child as I continued to work, but it still gave me the comfort and accessibility of seeing my child grow and be part of our child's life. The plan was to raise our children ourselves and not be at the mercy of some government agency. We had our spending habits under control and had our expenses in check. Most importantly, we made sure that one of us would be able to stay home for at least five years by having a savings account that actually had savings. All these factors were in place and we had the support from both families, just in case our plan fell through; we would have a backup plan. We decided it was time to have a family. Sounds boring? Yeah, you're right, but my family did not cost you and every other taxpayer a cent. Did we do something wrong? Is the raising of children all our business? Should the government be responsible for your kids well-being? Should daycare be paid by every single taxpayer in this city, province and country? I have a hard time with the thought of my tax dollars going to pay for the raising of someone else's children. Is it fair that couples who have decided not to have any children still have to pay taxes year after year to pay for someone else's decision? That's right! You decided to have kids. Why should I be partners in your family life? What about seniors? Do they not count? Why should they pay taxes to raise your children? I have some ideas as how the government can help everyone out. Lower our taxes and put more money back into people's pockets, so that families can afford to have mom or dad stay home to help raise their children. Giving out subsidies puts more of a burden on the taxpayer and in fact makes it more difficult for families to grow together. Government subsidies and high government taxes actually hurt the family. The more you take from us, the more we have to work and the more we have to work the more daycare we're going to need and the more daycare families need the more taxes the government takes. It's a terrible, vicious circle created by the government to keep you under control and always wanting more. It's so important for parents to spend as much time with their children as possible. Working so many hours just so you can have enough money to pay taxes to subsidized daycare is not my idea of family planning. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Government has no right to define what marriage is

Love is a hard thing to find these days and sometimes you think you found it only to realize that you were not in love. So when a couple finds love we should be happy for them no matter what type of a couple they may be. That takes us to this week's Liberty Rules column. I was reading the Examiner online and read about some guy who was distributing anti-gay pamphlets and how upset he was because he was told he can no longer distribute such materials. I know what you're saying; Paolo aren't you the freedom-of-speech lover? Yeah I am but hold on, there is a difference between freedom to say something and freedom of being a jerk. This guy is just being a jerk. I have a suggestion for him and all other homophobes. Instead of explaining how bad and evil other people's situations are, why not express how great your love and relationship is in your life? Wouldn't that be a better approach? Tell people how much you love your family, set a good example of what a good person should be. Libertarians accept everyone as they are; we don't care about the colour of your skin, we don't care about how much money you have and we don't care about your sexual preference. I'd rather have you as my friend than be sucked into hating you because some group or person, or media, wants us to believe that's the way we should feel. I'm sorry if you feel this is a sappy column, but I was just so upset when I read the Examiner article that day. Why hate someone you never met, or you know nothing about? If you hate someone because of their sexual preference, that makes me think you just as easily might hate me because I'm Italian, or hate someone because they are Jewish.

Once you show hate, it shows the rest of us what kind of person you are. I have a few gay friends and I never, ever heard a negative word uttered from their lips, even in the worst situations. Most of my friends are too busy being happy and enjoying their life partner and their lives together. I can never understand why people would spend so much energy to show how terrible someone else's lifestyle is. Mind your own business and let people live life the way they want. To a Libertarian, you can live however you want as long as you don't harm anyone else. Please go ahead and enjoy your life. When the talk of marriage comes up, it always drives me crazy. Why should you care who gets married and who doesn't? If you're a very religious person and believe in a particular religion, I'm sure your religion has its own rules on marriage. So if the Catholic church, for example, does not believe in gay marriages, that's the church's right and it can enforce that on its own members. But it shouldn't try to do that for the rest of us. I don't think the Catholic church, or any other religion, should be forced by the government to allow gay marriages if they don't believe in it. They shouldn't be forced to participate. I believe in freedom of association. I believe there should be a place where anyone can exchange vows and spend a lifetime of happiness together. In this Libertarian's eyes, the government should play no role in marriages. Marriages can be looked at like a contract between two people and as long as a contract is in place, go live your life and pay taxes like the rest of us. Freedom of association should be a right enjoyed by all. Believing in freedom of association, I don't think there should be restrictions when it comes to who you or I decide to be with. So enjoy your life, and let me and everyone else enjoy life, too. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a freedom and liberty activist.*

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Barrie needs its own Dr. Ron Paul

I'm a big advocate for less government and I strongly believe in freedom and liberties; I came to these beliefs by the teachings of people like my grandfather and his life stories of how government had affected his life, and reading books like; *The Law*, from one of my favourite authors of all time, Fredric Bastiat. My dad had some impact on me as well, as he too had his battles with government, but no one and I mean no one had the impact on my life as Dr. Ron Paul. Dr. Paul is to the liberty movement as the Pope is to Catholics. He is the father of the movement. In all his years Paul has never wavered from his beliefs; he has always voted against the federal government. Unlike most of his colleagues, he voted against the Patriot Act and he voted against the Iraqi War. He had advocated the end of the war on drugs. He does not believe in a foreign policy that includes invading or occupying a foreign nation. He has always stressed living by the Constitution. Paul was the United States Representative for the Texas 14th Congressional District. He's had this position since 1997. He has authored many great books like *Liberty Defined*, *End the Fed*, *The Revolution* and more. He's delivered over 5,000 babies and served as a military doctor from 1963-1968. Paul made history during his 2008 presidential nomination campaign when his campaign raised over \$4 million in one day, all online. He managed this by bringing many people together, old and young. It didn't matter; they came from near and far, all to support a man with a great cause, liberty. My favourite Ron Paul moment is when he stood in front of Ben Bernanke with a silver coin and told the Federal Reserve chairman that in 2006 a silver coin could get four gallons of gas and in 2013 he could get 12 gallons of gas — whereas the American paper currency lost value and it actually got you less gas in 2013 than 2006. He called the American money a fiat currency. Paul has always been a strong advocate of competing currencies and allowing people to use different forms of currencies to pay bills such as taxes or a mortgage payment. He has always been a big believer in gold as a staple in the economy and not to trust paper, as gold will never lose its value but paper will. He is a politician who understands what the people of the world are dealing with.

Then there is our city hall. I have had it with city hall. I am tired of the city politicians not understanding what we, the people, are going through. No! The city is not having an economic boom, no! We don't have the homeless problem resolved and last time I checked all those great jobs the mayor promised during the last municipal election have not arrived. Whatever happened to the overtime we were promised or what about all the councillors, who promised to do politics differently? How exactly are they doing this? By losing their grip on reality on how the rest of us are living? Where is our Ron Paul? Can we trust no one? The people of Barrie are commuting further and further away to work. We spend less and less time with our families. We are all struggling to pay our tax bill, but still the city has not listened to us. It continues to spend hundreds of thousands of our dollars on artists who should be struggling like the rest of us to survive, and the city continues to blow thousands of your dollars on sports owners and their toys (Barrie Molson Centre change rooms). The mayor and councillors have lost touch with reality. Do you know the Elizabeth Fry Society's elevator doesn't work and it will have to turn away women with disabilities? But the city will give a king's ransom away to freeloaders posing as artists. What have we all become? Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a Barrie resident and Ron Paul believer.*

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Don't believe what government force feeds you

The government alone is something we need to watch out for, but mix it with mainstream media and it's a deadly combination. When the government gives us information or tells us statistics on a subject, it always gets me thinking. But when the media joins in, that's when we all have to be on high alert. They can convince us of anything. The provincial government convinced us that banning a breed of dog was a good idea and closing down half-built gas plants was a good idea also. Now add in the media and presto! Government was right! We see pictures of people bitten by a Rottweiler, or a little child with bite marks on her leg, oh my, thank you for saving us Mr. Government! Then we have the gas plants closing, again we add in the media, pictures of the Earth dying and people suffering from health problems and presto! The government was right again! The government and media like to paint a half-painted picture, but they want to convince you it is a full portrait; don't be fooled. The one thing government and media won't cover is the facts. Why is crime up? Where is it happening? What do we do about it? I like to think that crime is up in certain areas because people are desperate; they are so poor that they would do anything to survive. How does government help? By adding more jails and adding more judges and adding more police. Where are the solutions to make the situation better? No real solutions, no real help for people who need it, just half-painted pictures. They will add as many laws as it takes to get your vote and convince you you're safer, thanks to their heroic actions, but first they need a villain. They need to create a bad guy and, sure enough, here comes their partner, mainstream media. The media will show you footage and more footage of legal gun owners and they will convince you that they have figured it out. Do you know who is behind all these terrible things? Legal gun owners, yes, why didn't we think of that? These honest and law-abiding Canadian citizens must be the problem. They are the ones we need to go after, and bingo! They have all of us convinced that all the gun crimes are the fault of honest, law-abiding, taxpaying Canadian citizens. The media and the government never paint the other side of the picture. Never. Why is gun crime up? Why are murders up? Why are there more robberies? Why are there more break-ins? No answers, just footage of law-abiding Canadian taxpayers and more footage of law-abiding gun owners holding their legally owned guns. The government and media have us convinced that if any of us support legal gun ownership we must be supporters of gun violence and crime. Legal gun owners are some of the most stable and brightest Canadians we have. I would trust any member of a sports shooting club with a gun over any criminal with an illegal gun, but

who will the media target? Who will government attack? You guessed it, the legal gun owner. It's easier to go after them, we know them, they register their guns, pay a crazy fortune to go by government laws to store their guns and pay crazy amounts of fees just to do what they enjoy. It's easy to target a legal gun owner, but it takes work to go after a criminal. I think there are some people who shouldn't own a gun and some who would never choose to, but I would think that if the government was ever looking to get a better understanding of what to do, they would partner with Canadian gun experts like the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA) and get their advice rather than joining the media to make them the scapegoats. We can't always believe what the government and media together are force feeding us. Always try and paint a full picture. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a liberty activist and a CSSA supporter.*

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Freedom of speech must be protected

I love writing this column, I'm very happy with the Examiner. Even though it might not like what I write all the time, the column is still published. It shows guts or it shows poor judgement by the Examiner. Either way, the support given to freedom of speech is huge. More important are the comments allowed on the website after the column has been posted or printed. It's a big boost to freedom of speech. The paper takes some posts down if they seem libellous or are personal attacks. I love having the ability to say what's on my mind, and I love that anyone reading this can post how much they like my work or how much they don't like my work. I love freedom of speech so much that I even enjoy getting bad comments. More important than freedom of speech is my column has never been censored. My grammar is occasionally fixed, but I'm never censored. To me this is such a great accomplishment, for the newspaper and for liberty. I have spent a lifetime fighting for freedom of speech and I have fought against censorship since the day I was born. But what happens when one day the group you have been fighting for, and all for free, and doing it at the cost of hundreds of family time hours and endless nights without sleep, what happens when that group starts censoring? Well, that's the surprising situation I found myself in this week. The Libertarian Party of Canada, which I helped save years ago from getting de-registered by Elections Canada, had deleted all of my posts from its Facebook page. All of them. The reason? I write for the Barrie Examiner. I was told by the party's vice-president of political action that it is censoring me because it is afraid Elections Canada would be upset. Well that's a bunch of you-know-what. I have been working at this political game for years and I know what I can and can't do. Liberty Rules never mentions any political party, the column or Examiner have never asked anyone to donate money on behalf of any party. The column is all about liberty and talking about Libertarian issues. So what it all comes down to is the party which stood for freedom of speech and non-censorship has become as bad as anything that I have ever fought against, except this one stings and hurts a little more. The VP's advice was to give up my Barrie Examiner link. Yeah right, that's not happening! This person felt the column is generating profit for me, the paper and my city. For anyone who wants to know, I work for free, the Examiner doesn't get paid by me and there is nothing wrong with supporting and promoting the city you're from. These days I'm feeling particularly proud; one, because of my column and the other is my hometown. I will never put down any of them for anything or anybody. I love writing Liberty Rules and I love talking about my city. So as of now I am still the guy behind Liberty Rules, I'm still linking to the Examiner and to the City of Barrie - but I no longer will support the federal Libertarians, ever. My newspaper, my city and my family deserve more respect for all we have done. I will always fight big government, I will always work for freedom of speech and non-censorship, but we don't have to be part of a political party to get this done -especially a party that supports censorship. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in

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Memorial Cup shouldn't be a priority for city

I had to do it, I had to. I know what my friends in Barrie tell me all the time; if you have any aspirations of getting into local politics there is only one rule. You do not and I mean do not talk bad about hockey. Hockey is like a curse word. You just don't mention it no matter what. Well, I never listen to anyone and I'm not about to start now. Our politicians have this great idea to sink your money, yes your money, into a hockey venture, one that will bring us the Memorial Cup. Is that important? Is it important enough to sink tens of thousands of dollars into? Important enough that our roads can wait another two years to get fixed, or important enough that we can ignore all those people living downtown who have no place to call home? Or is it important enough that all the councillors are willing to take a 50% pay deduction so that this hockey venture can get funding? Did Barrie win a lottery? Do we have so much money that wasting money on crazy ideas can be a city hall hobby? Hey, why not make the biggest pizza in the world that will put Barrie on the map. I know what you hockey fans will post or e-mail; do you hate Canada? You must hate Don Cherry? You're an American right? No! I love Canada. I think Don Cherry was a good American Hockey League player and no I'm not American. I was born and raised right here in Ontario, but I'm so fed up with the government telling us that we have to love these ideas because we have to. We're forced to support something out of fear that if we don't, the rest of society will look at us as if we don't care about Canadian values. Please stop forcing us to think the way you want us to. Stop spending money on ideas and fantasies you want to live out. I don't care if the Memorial Cup comes to Barrie. I hope it doesn't. We have so many other important issues that should come first. Mayor Jeff Lehman kept saying "it's a priority" during the municipal election, but he never mentioned spending money on the Memorial Cup as a priority. Think about the homeless, think about the roads, think of getting jobs to Barrie as a priority. Same as the artists. I know the councillors will say this is great for exposure and it will bring in money to Barrie. But to whom? The rest of us who don't care about this venture have to put up with traffic, pollution, rowdiness, drunkenness and the worst part is that some rich guys who own the teams involved will be laughing all the way to the bank. No thank you. If you really want to put Barrie on the map, have the best-paved roads in Ontario, have a 0% unemployment rate, have the best downtown of all cities in Ontario, stop with the expensive gimmicks. In today's age of technology we can reach all parts of the world and do it very cheaply. For example, I took Liberty Rules on the road to Belleville for a Libertarian pub night meeting and almost every person there knew who I was and where I was from. The waitress even took time to ask me about Snow Valley, all from a little column and a little Facebook page, and I did it for free. We can all work together to promote Barrie. All we need is bold, new and innovative ideas to get our city out there for all to see. But spending money on a rich guy's hobby should not be a dream for all of us to share, but a nightmare we should all avoid. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a liberty and freedom activist, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Black History Month

World famous guitarists, a one-of-a-kind Olympic athlete, the best player in baseball history, the first Canadian school open to all races, the most famous woman in American history, the speech of the century, an Academy Award winner and children's all time favorite food. These are just some of the accomplishments of some of the most famous black North Americans in

history. From Robert Johnson, who inspired artists like Jimi Hendrix, B.B. King and Eric Clapton, Jesse Owens who took over the 1936 Berlin Olympics with four Gold Medals, to Sidney Poitier, who was amazing in my favourite movie of all time, *To Sir, With Love*. Mary Ann Shadd was inspired to open the first school in Canada to all races, Rosa Parks became the most famous woman in American history, my father's favourite baseball player off all time was Jackie Robinson, who broke down baseball's colour barrier. My kids' favourite person was George Washington Carver, who gave us peanut butter, and the most bone-chilling speech given in history was by Martin Luther King Jr. On Oct. 14, 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality. The month of February is a very important month, not just for the black community but for all people in the world fighting for freedom. February is Black History Month; it is a time to celebrate all the achievements of the black community, it is a time to celebrate all the heroes and brave souls that made it possible for us to have such a special month. For Libertarians all over the world, it's a chance to remind everyone what governments are capable of. We should never forget that it was governments that allowed a race of people to be so poorly treated. It wasn't so long ago that the black Americans had little to no rights and had to put up with racism and segregation. Most of this racism and hatred was supported by local law and local governments. Let's not forget it wasn't such a long time ago that the government of South Africa had apartheid as one of its core beliefs in its laws. It took a brave Nelson Mandela to help bring equality to all the people of South Africa. Barrie also got into the celebration mood with a great tribute to John Coltrane at the City's Mady Centre for the Performing Arts. On Feb. 15, I was one of many who enjoyed the fine music and great atmosphere. It was a little disappointing that such a great event was put on by the Barrie Afrocaribbean Multicultural Association, and only one member of city council could find the time to show support for the black community. The councillor that did attend gave a great speech, was very inspiring and was well received by the very large crowd. I think it's very important that we all join in recognizing what hell the black community had to endure, thanks to years of bad governments. We need to constantly remind ourselves that there are still governments today that persecute their own people. There are governments in the world that kill their own citizens and we should never let down our battles for freedoms, for at anytime the government and its military muscle can flex its power and take away our freedoms. When I say our freedoms, I'm talking about all of us as the human race all over the world; for if one child should die at the hand of any government, we should all be ready to take on the fight for liberty - for every race no matter what religion, no matter what colour, no matter what nationality. This is why Black History Month is very important to celebrate, as a reminder that the struggle for equality and freedom is still a battle that needs to be fought and won. We should never forget our heroes that made it possible for us to have the freedoms we have today. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a liberty and freedom activist, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Even 'the Saint' has to learn to play by the rules

This past week a friend of mine invited me to her home for a dinner party. She had a great turnout as she had about 12 other guests show up. During the introductions, one of her friends greeted me and said 'oh yes the anarchy/Libertarian guy with the column'. Before I could get in a word, my new friend said out loud if you don't like it here why don't you move somewhere else, like Iran. This brought a big burst of laughter from his friends. I know what you're thinking, did I punch him? Did I yell at him and call him a loser? No, no I didn't. I calmly explained to him and his laughing friends that my job is to get readers to think, and maybe understand why I dislike governments, no wait, why I hate governments. My new friend then challenged me to come up with a story that would get them to think, so I

did. My wife is known to many people as 'The Saint'. She is always helping people, always volunteering; you name it, she helps it. She attends church every Sunday with our children and is always donating to any and all charities. We are total opposites. I rarely like anyone or anything; my wife loves everything, yes even you reading this. Not too long ago the Saint was bringing a 15-year-old girl to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, as this little girl needed to get a much-needed MRI. So the Saint being the Saint brought her down. While driving in the Greater Toronto Area, one of the city's finest came up behind the Saint. I know what you're thinking, thank God a cop is behind them. That way they will be safe from any criminals. That depends on who you think the criminal is. The Saint made a left turn, only to get pulled over. The Saint has never gotten a ticket, ever, never been arrested, never even stepped on an ant. Here she is getting pulled over for the first time in her life. She had no idea what was coming. The officer came to the window and the Saint asked "did I do something wrong?" 'Oh yes you did', said the officer. Did the Saint speed, did the Saint make an illegal left turn, or did the Saint have an outstanding warrant against her and this officer is saving society and mankind by pulling over my criminal wife? No! The government tool of collecting money pulled over the Saint because the sticker on her licence plate was touching the plastic part of the plate cover, by a millimetre. "You're kidding," was her reply. 'Oh really,' said the government collection officer. 'If you don't stay quiet I will give you another ticket.' The Saint, not understanding that she should fear the government agent, was defiant; well, the Saint ended up with a ticket anyway. Before I even had a chance to ask if my new dinner friends understood my story, they each broke out with a story of their own, one after another, with a better and better story. Simon, who wanted me to move to Iran, came up with the best one. He got a ticket for one of those licence plate covers that when you brake has an LED light go around his plate. He got a ticket for impersonating a police officer. One guest spoke out and said 'why is it that when police come behind you the first sense you get is fear and you never think to yourself thank God a cop is behind me?' Every person out there has their own horror story, but the point is, the government doesn't care for your safety. It sees you only as a means of collecting money, to fuel its growing desires to get bigger and bigger. Next time you're driving around and a police cruiser pulls up behind you, remember the Saint and just shut your mouth. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner *Paolo Fabrizio is a Libertarian, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Black History Month: Jazz Tribute to John Coltrane



Earlier tonight I attended the Tribute to John Coltrane at the Mady Centre for the Performing Arts, downtown Barrie. From left is the city's Director of Culture, Quammie

Williams, yours truly, and Ward 5 Councillor, Peter Silveira. The show was part of the celebrations for Black History Month. A great night at only \$15.00 with tax. I wish I had more time to write of this and a little later, I will. Thanks to Quammie for all his work and to Peter for a nice speech before the music got going, too. Gotta get to sleep for a few, make that a couple of hours before work. Ciao!

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Anarchists do not oppose all rules and laws

I have been a Libertarian executive for a decade now. You name it, I did it. I ran in elections and in byelections, I organized different-themed meetings like smokers rights night or fight-the tax night, or my favourite, community currency nights, where basically I was the only member of this party running any activities or any events. I drove to every part of this province, have been to so many different cities and did it for one reason, to try and spread our message — less government, lower taxes, taxpayer respect and on and on and on. I have done this because I truly thought it would help change the way governments treat us taxpayers, us as citizens. All at my own expense; I don't think I ever took money from the party. I truly believed that our message would change the world, I believed people would rise up and fight the government and help bring some justice to the taxpayers everywhere. Well, I've been years at this and nothing's changed; in fact, things are worse. People are poorer than ever, there's more government corruption, higher taxes, lower wages and desperate families struggling to survive — thanks to the family getting choked by out-of-control, corrupt governments everywhere. Seniors getting forgotten and left behind, kids living below the poverty line, corporate greed helped by government grants and bailouts. Where's our bailout, where's our help? It's a joke we are all treated like a joke. This column brings in many comments, but it also brings in great e-mails and most, not all of them, like what I'm doing or what I stand for. But it's the e-mails that talk about how upset readers are with not just the local government, but provincial and federal governments. Many of them ask me what we should do. Well, I have been trying for years to show people how governments hurt rather than help us, I have been trying for years to organize meetings to come up with ways to help struggling taxpayers fight back, but I can't do it alone. We all need to get involved, start writing your local councillor, write to your MP and MPP. Let them know how you feel, let them know you're not happy, about everything, tax hikes, gas prices, government bailouts, government grants, lavish government spending, anything, just let them know. Writing on the Examiner website is a start but we all need to do more. We need to pack Barrie City Hall every Monday with huge posters showing our displeasure. We should protest outside the Ontario legislature, we should be at Parliament Hill; every chance we get, we should let them know how we feel. Do you know why we don't do all these things to show how unhappy we are? They don't work. Governments don't care, they laugh at it. Being Libertarian hasn't worked, yet! I remember when Egyptians started to protest their corrupt government. It all started like a polite protest, but the government sent in the police to squash it. But the next day they were back, and the government sent the police again to stop them. The next day the anarchists came out and this time the government got worried. Day after day the anarchists put pressure on until eventually, the government collapsed and all corrupt government officials were arrested. What's an anarchist you ask? Good question. Let me try and shed some light. An anarchist believes in voluntary self-organization. Anarchists do not oppose all rules and laws, but an anarchist opposes laws imposed involuntarily by illegitimate authorities, and favour voluntarily agreed-upon rules and laws. Anarchism is the idea that government is unnecessary and harmful. Year after year, we are treated to more and more government corruption and greed and year after year the Libertarian way of fighting the government has not worked. Maybe it's time to hang up my Libertarian hat, maybe it's time to bring a little more fight to the table. Maybe it's time to call on all

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The Government loves gambling

The Government loves gambling! They love it so much that they are opening casinos in every part of Ontario. It makes them millions of dollars. They don't care what it does to families, they don't care what casinos do to communities, all they know is that they love gambling. That's as long as they're the only ones doing it. The government offers poor quality when it comes to gambling and they provide bad service but worst of all they offer the worst odds. They don't care because you the sucker taxpaying adult have no choice but to do business with them. Thinking of going somewhere else? Think again, because they will get you, yes you, the adult, who pays taxes and I'm sure can make good sound decisions on your own, can't. The government has no worries gambling almost a billion dollars on two scrap heaps once known as a gas plant venture turned into an election gamble. The government has no problem gambling millions of your tax paying money on government services like ORNGE. They take and they spend and they gamble and they lose but YOU have no such luxury. Want to make a bet with a local sports book, no chance because that's bad, yes very bad, want to enjoy the football game with a little wager and not get ripped off by OLG? Forget it. No choice. When it comes to gambling and competition the government loves gambling but hates competition. Think I'm joking? Maybe you live in some bizarre universe where you the adult have a free choice as a free man living in a free country. Just ask the 2500 so called free men who live in a free country about it. Ask them, they will tell you about a beautiful Sunday enjoying a beautiful game when it all came to a dramatic end. Men and woman with covered faces broke the doors down (even though they weren't locked) with body armor and helmets and guns, yes guns. No this isn't Afghanistan, no not Iraq or some other troubled country it happened right here in Ontario. Did the government forces break down McGuinty's house door to arrest him for gambling almost a billion dollars? Did they break down the door of the OLG to arrest everyone there for stealing your tax dollars and spending it on their own greedy wants? Did the government forces break down the doors of all those Caledonia criminals and arrest them all? Where were the government forces of good? Where was the morale police? Did the police break down the door of ORNGE and arrest all the criminals who stole our tax dollars? Your government has two philosophies on freedom of association, they can associate and do whatever they want no matter the outcome and the rest of us have no right what so ever. They can get away with any illegal activity they choose to be a part of, you and I have no such rights. The government allows sex clubs everywhere and anywhere, they even encourage it now on University campuses where couples swap wives and husbands, boyfriends and girlfriends but the government outlawed prostitution. When it's in the best interest of government nothing is illegal or immoral. Back to my 2500 or so friends whose super Sunday became nightmare Sunday, please read this and pass it on. We need everyone to come together to fight the true gangster, we need to get together to take on the real mafia. That mafia is the government! They can take what they want, force you to do what they want and they can change any laws to suit whatever plans they have and you and I can't do a thing about it because if we try to change the system they will break down our doors and use the guns they have to force us to give up our rights. If we have any left. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a Libertarian, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Artists and the grants they love to shape.

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This week was budget week at the Fabrizio household. It's our annual check of what we can and cannot afford. What we will and will not be doing. This year has been a little tougher than usual with so many bills to pay and City Property Taxes higher than ever and gas at an all time high, let's not forget Hydro at the point where it's almost impossible to keep up with. So with all these expenses we had to make some tough decisions, vacations cancelled, new cell phones out of the question, in fact we might get rid of mine to save some money. Tickets to any shows are a NO GO for at least this year, contributions to the kids RESP on hold until further notice. Friday night pizza is now end of the month pizza as we have to save some cash. Sorry Abby. It's a real tough year. It's just not the Fabrizio's that are tightening the budget ropes, its many families on our street that are feeling the same economic pinch. As we were coming up with more places we can cut to save money I caught a glimpse of the TV which was on Monday night's Council Meeting, on TV. What a shock it was. While my family is struggling with paying its ridiculous high tax cost the city is handing out grants. GRANTS! Yes grants! To whom you ask? Artists, yes you read it correctly. Poets, painters, sculptor's people making videos etc. No, the Fire Chief didn't get a Ladder Truck his force so desperately needed. The number of homeless people didn't magically turn to zero. The amount of families using the food bank is still staggering but your city thinks it's a good idea to give out Art Grants. Should we be upset? I am. Can we not spend our tax dollars more wisely? Yeah, I know artists will come out and say arts make money, but why beg for money? Why does the McLaren eat so much of our tax dollars? Why is Theatre By The Bay getting paid by us? Art makes money? Then you don't need my tax dollars. Oh yes, the economic spin offs, right! Have you been downtown? Look where the Mady Centre is located. Store closures upon store closures in that area! Ask local retailers how the arts help them out. If arts make money as many of the artists say, then the artists themselves should be providing art grants to the struggling artists. I don't see art helping the elderly couple next door. I don't see arts helping the homeless and I don't see arts helping anyone but the elite artists themselves. I was so upset. I looked up last year's recipients and was shocked to find out some artists aren't even from Barrie. Yes, we are giving money to artists from anywhere in the province. Now are you angry? Not yet? Well one artist took a nice sum for a new record album and guess what? The world is still waiting for the earth shattering release. Thanks [Glenn](#) we can't wait for it. Many of us are artists and we prove it by doing our best at it and making a living from our art. The brick layer is an artist, the road paver is an artist and florists are artists and yes, even I am an artist with my cakes and pastries, but rather than take it from the back of others we choose to make it on our own. So artists, send all your angry comments to the Examiner website as the rest of us won't be able because we will be hard at work paying for your art. Send angry emails to paolothebaker@yahoo.ca Don't forget Twitter [@paolothebaker](#) Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a Libertarian, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Emergency workers are the real heroes

When I was a young kid I had many people I looked up to, movie stars, sport athletes and, in my eyes, certain politicians. My friends would wish they were Darryl Sittler or George Bell or Tom Cruise. The media would always portray these people as idols or a symbol of success. I too got caught up in this. The media had steered me into thinking these were people who we should strive to be. I loved Johnny Cash, my Libertarian hero, always fighting for the poor and fighting for free speech. Fast-forward some years later and nothing has changed. My children think Sidney Crosby is someone to idolize or Lady Gaga as a hero to all nations and people. The media has kept up the pace of beating into our heads the idea that these are our heroes. It never really struck me what a real hero was or what a

real symbol of good was until late December of last year, when my daughter, out of the blue, just collapsed before my eyes. She just lay on the ground motionless. We just finished dinner and she was helping me with a cake when my life came to an abrupt halt. I had no idea what to do, my body was in shock, my brain was temporarily dead. The light of my life was on the floor and I had no idea what to do. I quickly realized what a hero was after he called 911; the operator helped me calm down and guided me step-by-step to help her get information to the emergency response team on the way. Friends, I know in that time it felt like an eternity for the help to get to us, but in reality it was under five minutes. I can hear the sirens outside the house and in a flash arrived Barrie firefighters. The first one who came through the door did not hesitate; he did not know what was on the other side of that door, and he didn't know who was waiting for him. He flew in that door and quickly came to my daughter's side. In seconds he was relaying information to the other firefighter, who was writing everything down so the paramedics would have all the information they needed. These real heroes did not think twice, they put their lives on the line for complete strangers. We never met before and they had no idea who we were, but they risked everything to help us. When the paramedics came in they were two angels who quickly used the information from the firefighters and stabilized my daughter. They took time to make sure I was OK. They sat me down and checked me out. When I finally calmed down, I noticed there were four paramedics and a team of firefighters all helping out. Two firefighters were helping with my other two children, who were both in shock. They all helped me to get ready and follow them to the hospital. The paramedics were amazing. They made sure I knew, step-by-step, what was going on and they stayed with us until a doctor was ready to see my daughter. Our lives have changed forever. I will always squeeze my daughter a little more and I will always keep a closer eye on her. I believe the reason she's with us today is not because Sidney Crosby scored 50 goals or Lady Gaga has another hit song. No, it's because we have real heroes in Barrie. It's because we have men and women who put their lives on the line for complete strangers. In all the turmoil I never got their names. I wanted to say thank you to all the firefighters, paramedics and police who are always there no matter what. Next time you see an emergency worker anywhere in Barrie, please thank them. They are Barrie's real heroes. If you feel the same, leave comments of support for our emergency workers on the Examiner's website, e-mail me at paolothebaker@yahoo.ca, or follow me on Twitter [@paolothebaker](https://twitter.com/paolothebaker). Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a Libertarian, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Learning more lessons from my Libertarian grandfather

Some of you who read my last column sent me e-mails asking me to continue the story about my grandfather, so I decided to keep on writing about him. My grandfather was a Libertarian from birth. He believed that he best understood how to run his life and that he, on his own God-given strengths, had the best chance to make a good life for himself and my family. His biggest belief was that every life was sacred and every life was worth fighting for. The last story my grandfather ever told me was one that I was never able to get over; it would be a moment in my life that I knew I would have to do something. I knew that being a Libertarian was what I was destined to do, and that government is mostly the cause of many problems and rarely the solution. My grandfather served in the Second World War, as many of you know, and he was stationed in Russia. Umberto DiFabrizio was with the Italian Army's 24 Infantry Division, Pinerolo. He told me about the war many times, but he never talked about what the troops went through during the winter. I remember my grandfather as a big tough guy, he was so strong. I'd never, ever seen him cry. Until he told me what happened; his whole platoon was killed or missing and he got separated from any other human being. He told me about the cold. It was freezing and he had no

food, no shelter, he had nothing. His eyes began to tear up as he continued to tell me he had walked for days without seeing a soul, until he came across what would haunt him forever. He starts to cry as he tells me that for miles and miles all that he came across were the frozen bodies of soldiers. He begins to cry more as he tells me that he came across a young soldier, maybe 18, and the only part of his body moving was an eyelid. All the poor boy can do was move his eyelid up and down. My grandfather breaks down and tells me no one should die like that. He curses out loud that government was warm in bed while they were all freezing. He tells me that he had given up, the only way to end his pain was suicide, he was suffering and couldn't take it anymore, and the last frozen soldier would be the final straw for him. My grandfather starts to cry more when he tells me the gun the government issued him, the one that he would use to end his pain, didn't work. He remembers the click sound it made but he opened his eyes, only to still be in the frozen hell. The government had left him abandoned with no hope, and worse it had given him a gun that didn't even work. He would never use that gun, he never shot anyone and he was shot the next day, twice, but survived thanks to a Russian family who took him in and hid him and helped him get back to health. But the damage was done and he would be traumatized for life. My grandfather inspired me to challenge the government; he inspired me to fight to get respect for our soldiers. I came up with the idea that if our government wants to send our brave men and women into war or hostile territory, it better think it's a really good cause. I challenged Julian Fantino and the Conservatives in the last by-election I ran in, that if they wanted to send our troops to war, 10% of all sitting MPs would have to serve with them. Not with a gun but in kitchen duty or cleaning washrooms, etc. We have to value the lives of our military. To send them off and risk their lives while the government members are safe and sound with their families is wrong. Our soldiers signed up to defend our country, not to be sent to places we have no business being in. If you have a comment, please post it on the Examiner website. If you want to reach me, e-mail me at paolothebaker@yahoo.ca, or follow me on twitter at [@paolothebaker](https://twitter.com/paolothebaker). Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a Libertarian, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Community currency has great local benefits

Most of my columns come from real life lessons, some from my dad, some from other family members and friends, but the best ones of all come from my grandfather. My grandfather was the biggest Libertarian I ever knew, not only in size but in hard-core belief that a free person could do anything and when a free person has government as a big brother maybe things turn out different. One of my favourite stories was from when he was in the army serving in the Second World War. During this horrible and terrifying piece of history, a beautiful Libertarian lesson and message was brought to life. During the war, the soldiers had little or no money on them; they had no way to purchase anything from another soldier or anyone else. Since they couldn't rely on the government to show up in the middle of the battlefield and say 'here you go guys, a couple of bucks for your trouble, go buy something', they had to come up with a system that would best serve all the soldiers and do it without the government's help. My grandfather told me it was because the government wasn't involved that they came up with their own great and very useful currency. It was an early form of community currency and it worked great. The soldiers would use playing cards as money and it was accepted by almost all soldiers. Every card would represent time or a trade. So if a soldier worked for half an hour, a soldier would get a card and he could use that time as a trade or a straight purchase. In the war, time was the most valuable asset, so that's what they used. It was a great idea and one that had no government involvement. I took this great idea some years later and tried to implement it in today's society. I spent years showing people how community currency can help all

of us. It's an idea that could possibly give every level of society a chance for a better life. I had a belief that the government shouldn't have a monopoly on money and — with the soldiers' ideas — community currency would be a great way to help all of society. I tried to take it a little further and tried to convince any local government to adopt my 'Shop At Home Policy', where the city would reward citizens for shopping at home. I found that many of my neighbours would work in Toronto and while they were in Toronto they would do their shopping, therefore, robbing Barrie or any other bedroom community of business. To increase employment and bring the better jobs, we are always hearing about the need for our own people to shop at home. A community card that could be used at any Barrie store would give you points that, in turn, would give you a discount on your property taxes. When more money is spent at home, in return, more jobs will be created and when more jobs are created, larger companies will be more interested in relocating here. It's time to use past, real-life lessons and help our people here at home. For anyone who wants to know more about my grandfather and his time in the war, just read my blog. Or if you have any stories of your own you want to share. I can be contacted by e-mail at paolothebaker@yahoo.ca. Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner *Paolo Fabrizio is a Libertarian, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*

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Christmas is my favourite time of the year

Christmas has always been my favorite time of the year. It's the time of the year that really brings out a Libertarian style atmosphere where people help out each other and those less fortunate get to enjoy some Christmas spirit. The best part is the Government had nothing to do with it (mostly because they're already on their extended Christmas break and aren't around to mess with it). People helping people, and the best part is we can do it for free. Yes free, helping others doesn't have to cost you a penny. I had a lesson in Christmas giving when I was a young child. Growing up my family was in no way well off. We had a modest home where I lived with two brothers and my parents. My dad was always working trying to make ends meet. My mom tried her best to make sure we always had a good meal and that we were growing up straight and narrow. We had no extra money to give and help people less fortunate and this was a real heartbreaker for a 12 year old whose friend's families were donating money and giving canned goods. I had nothing to give. My father taught me a lesson in the real Christmas spirit that I make sure I keep going every Christmas with my three children. My dad took me down to a local blood bank and he pointed and said this is where the real spirit of Christmas lives. He told me not everything has to be about money. The best gifts are free and give life. Blood, he was right. Blood, we had it, we had lots of it. He and my mother would donate blood on a regular basis but this was the first time I witnessed it. What a feeling it gave me. What a feeling it gave all of us. We can help so many in need and it didn't cost us a penny. I was hooked on giving. I was hooked on volunteering. My father taught me my first lesson where we don't need a member of government to force us to do good. We can help those in need and do a better job than any government agency can ever do. He also taught me that we need to be humble and that if I want to help people I should do it because I love to help and see others happy not to use it and flaunt what I did as a publicity stunt. Help because you want to not because you have to. I'm a Libertarian and I believe in helping those who need help. I believe in being responsible for myself and my family but most of all because I was taught what it means to help and give with love and not because I'm forced to by a Government bureaucrat. This Christmas what better way to help others than by donating blood. It's quick easy and painless. Here in Barrie we can give blood at: 100-231 Bayview Drive Barrie, Ontario L4N 4Y5 Tel: 1-888-2-DONATE www.blood.ca Other free gifts you can give is become a volunteer. One place is the Salvation Army Bayside Mission. Volunteers can be as young as 14. This

means families can donate time together. There are so many other worthy groups that can use your Christmas gift of time. Want more ideas email me at paolothebaker@yahoo.ca Paolo Fabrizio Published as my [Liberty Rules column](#) in the Barrie Examiner. *Paolo Fabrizio is a Libertarian, a Barrie resident and a local bakery owner.*
