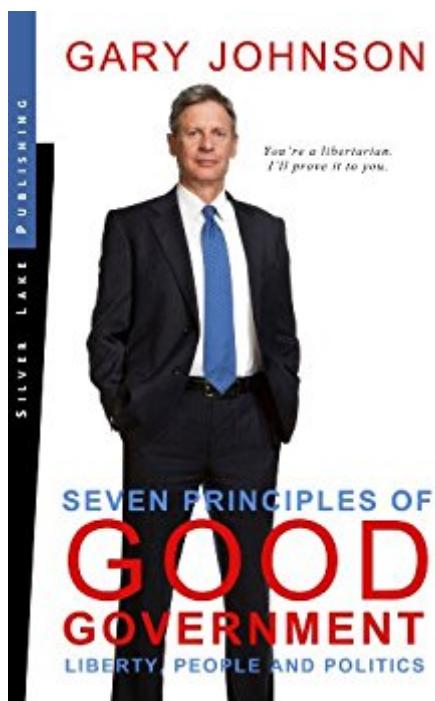


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# Seven Principles Of Good Government



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"The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community is to prevent harm to others. His own good, physical or moral, is not sufficient warrant."The famous British philosopher and statesman John Stuart Mill may have said it (circa 1840s?), but I conclude from his book that former NM Governor Gary Johnson clearly believes it, and it's a principle by which he would govern us. As he explains early in this quick-punch summary of who and why he is, government should not be trying to save money doing things governments aren't supposed to be doing in the first place. This really hits home with the following bullets: The government spends \$25 billion a year maintaining vacant federal property; sell it, tear it down, or give it away, but stop spending taxpayers' money on it. The government spends \$10 billion a year on travel; the president should send a memo directing all federal employees to cut their trips in half; few taxpayers would notice any difference, and we've saved \$5 billion right there. There are \$10-20

billion sitting in government accounts appropriated from taxpayers years ago but never obligated for any purpose; with the stroke of a pen, that money is rescinded... Then there's the War on Drugs; Q. What have we got for all the billions spent? A. Overburdened courts, overcrowded prisons, and deteriorating violent crime deriving from the illicit drugs trade. It's time for a new approach. End the war on drugs, decriminalize marijuana, and find ways to deal with addiction as a health issue, not a crime (Gov Johnson briefly cites the success of such programs in Europe). The whole book reads like that; short, sharp, 'here's the problem and here's the solution and why' - businesslike prose. No waffle, no nonsense.

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