

## **Got Moxy?**

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Believe it or not, we are nearing a political crisis, both in our state and our nation. The winds are swirling, and nobody knows where they will blow next. Twenty years ago, Missouri was a solidly Democratic state, as it had been for nearly a 100 years. Today, Missouri is suddenly a solid Republican stronghold.

Or is it?

A recent year-long Gallup poll showed that the nation's largest group, in terms of ideology, was... Independent. That's right, neither Democrats nor Republicans lead the field. In fact, Democrats (at 30%) and Republicans (at 26%) are well behind Independents (at 43%), who have gained a percentage point per year since 2008.

The trouble is, all of these Independents have nobody to elect.

Missouri elections are locked into the two-party system, or even a one-party ballot ([click here for the story](#)). Missouri's two recognized "third parties" – the Constitution Party and the Libertarian Party – are, frankly, outsiders looking in on the whole system. Combined, those two parties ran candidates for fewer than 10% of the offices up for election in 2014.

That's where you come in. We need you. Yes, you – that feisty, determined reformer who isn't going to let a couple of Big Party hacks bully people any longer. We need you to take a bullet and put yourself into the dirty, dark world of politics.

The Missouri Volunteer Movement needs you, to help give all of us a choice. We're tired of the same old John Liberal or Jack Conservative, both of whom are far more likely than average to be liars and criminals.

We need choices with real courage, real conviction, and no strings – ordinary people who are willing to do extraordinary things.

Even if you don't qualify for office, you can still help out in hundred different ways ([Click here for suggestions](#)). In particular, you can help circulate petitions and suggest others for office.

So, got moxy? Then register yourself as an Independent candidate for office, or a Volunteer Party candidate. [Click here to see how](#).