



## Two Libertarians, North and South

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Two scholars have entered politics: Javier Milei in Argentina and Michael Rectenwald in the U.S. The latter's work has been discussed [before](#) in [these pages](#), but the former's has not.

Michael Rectenwald, an erstwhile Marxist who began criticizing woke leftism and found his way to libertarianism, spurred by his cruel rejection by the leftist academy and also by reading the work of Ludwig von Mises, is now running for the U.S. presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party.

Javier Milei was a footballer and rock-n-roll musician before becoming an economist and a politician. The Argentine with the wild hair [spoke clearly and rationally](#) to Tucker Carlson days ago in Buenos

Aires, defending what he called "liberalism" (and opposing socialism in all its forms). Mr. Carlson identified Milei as a libertarian, claiming that the popular economist may become, next month, the next president of his country. At the ten-minute mark Milei explains that "liberalism" means something different in Argentina than in the U.S. He makes it clear he means freedom under a rule of law.

Michael Rectenwald formally introduced his campaign on comedian Dave Smith's podcast *Part of the Problem* [on Saturday](#). Rectenwald explains that his main goal is to speak the Truth. "The conclusion I've come to is effectively that the means that these elites use are actually the ends that they seek." In short, those in power didn't cook up lockdowns and mask mandates and jabs to fight a pandemic, but to extend their power.

Milei, in one popular [video](#), takes a similarly dark view: "You can't negotiate with leftards. You don't negotiate with trash because they will end you!"

This politics stuff isn't so easy.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.