

# Libertarian Party USA

## *Our Core Values*

The Libertarian Party USA is a political movement in /r/ModelUSGov, adhering to right-libertarianism principles. Founded on 19th February 2023, the Party's founding members compiled and approved this list of 'Core Values' to inform and guide candidates standing for state and federal election in their mission.

It is not binding and is intended to serve as a guiding document for our candidates and members.

### **Broadly speaking, members of the Libertarian Party stand for election based on the following beliefs:**

- **Individualism.** The Party views the individual as the 'basic unit' of society, only individuals make choices, and they are responsible for their actions. We will strongly empower the individual, opposing their rights and dignity restrictions. We respect freedom, be it freedom of speech, thought, body, belief, association and much more. Freedom is the ultimate unifier in the Libertarian movement.
- **Individual Rights.** We consider individuals to be 'moral agents', and we shall ensure they have the right to be secure in their life, liberty, and property. The Libertarian Party USA will ensure that any attempt to infringe upon these rights by the state, or others, is opposed. We respect the right of the individual to defend their rights from those who would seek to infringe upon them.
- **Spontaneous Order.** Whilst we respect the individual as the prime mover of society, the Libertarian Party USA understand that a degree of order is required for humanity to flourish, and we remain committed to the idea that this arises spontaneously. We will advocate for a voluntary association to transcend the state wherever possible and for freedom from coercion.
- **The Rule of Law.** Despite the slanderous suggestions of our detractors, Libertarianism is not hedonism. We do not claim that "people can do anything they want to, and nobody else can say anything.", instead we hold that society supports liberty under the law, in which all are free to pursue their own lives, in so long as they respect the equal rights over others. We support the Rule of Law; we strive for a society governed by generally applicable and spontaneously developed legal rules, not by arbitrary commands, and these rules shall protect the freedoms of individuals to pursue their own lives in their own ways.
- **Limited Government.** To protect rights, individuals form governments. However, we maintain that a government is a dangerous institution which secures its power by subverting individual freedoms. Therefore we shall do what we can to limit government power.
- **Free Markets & the Virtue of Production.** We understand that freedom is secured by various means and is partly maintained by free markets and the freedom to engage in economic activity. We support property rights and exchange by mutual agreement. We accept that a free market is necessary to create wealth, and we believe that the freer the market, the freer the people. To this end, we support the right of people to keep the fruits of their labour and will do whatever we can to reduce the amount of these fruits the Government purloins.
- **Natural Harmony & Peace.** Fundamentally we believe that society naturally strives for harmony and freedom. We prosper in this way, and therefore we support the idea that a harmonious and free society should be peaceful. The Party accepts the need to defend the interests of the free from those who would seek to restrict those freedoms but accepts that throughout history; war has usually been the common enemy of peaceful, productive people on all sides of the conflict.

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