

U.S. Futurist Party Platform

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About

Based on principles of rationality and transparency, the Futurist Party is comprised of forward-thinking citizens that stand for advancing progress in education, economics, and exploration. For education reform, the free and open internet as an inalienable right of online citizens, for universal basic income, for online-legislation, for the movement towards scientific freedom, emerging technologies and space exploration.

The US Futurist Party National Committee will devote its attention to establishing a national presence in politics and policy debate while continuing to facilitate party growth and action at the state and local level, ultimately advocating for sustainable and long-term solutions.

Primary Platform

i. Education: We scan entire libraries onto the internet, yet only allow a small percent of people to read them. We force academics and students to pay money to read the work of their colleagues. We provide scientific articles to a select few for free but not to students all over the globe. Freedom of education is of paramount importance to a brighter future. We stand for better, earlier, and universal education from the first years of learning. This means the opportunity for accelerated learning, earlier schooling, and demanding the free access of our intellectual inheritance for the citizens of the world. This means the Massive Online Open Course Movement (MOOC), ultimately eliminating student debt, and ending the obstacles towards accessing and building upon the collective knowledge of humanity. We stand for Net Neutrality and the Open

Internet as a right of online citizens across the world to institute free knowledge that all can access and build upon.

ii. Economics: We establish disability but take the support away if an individual finds temporary work. We establish welfare and food stamps but hire whole bureaucracies to take it away. We disincentivize jobs if we create a system of conditional aid. Economic freedom is of critical importance in the future of global automation. We stand for a universal, unconditional basic income as an economic and societal right for all U.S. adult citizens to solve the unsustainable problems with welfare, disability, food stamps, and public pensions. This means not only embracing our economic future but embracing new means of safe, secure, and instant currency.

iii. Exploration: We race to the moon, and then cut funding to the world's leading space organization. We recruit scientists from around the world, and then watch a brain-drain. We privatize space exploration, and then deny contracts to SpaceX. Freedom of exploration in Science, Technology, and Space is of outstanding importance to a brighter future. We stand for international scientists without borders. We stand for emerging technologies research. We fight for expanding the human presence of the cosmos, reducing existential risk, and becoming a multi-planetary civilization. This is a biological imperative for our species to survive; a moral, economic, and existential obligation of humanity.

Call to Action

The Futurist Platform presents a scientific, technological, economic, and social vision for our country. Unlike the major political parties, we have created an online and transparent process that invites submissions from every local Futurist Party branch and every individual person. Through democratic and transparent processes we arrive at solutions. The Futurist Platform is an evolving document; it is a constantly adapting ideology that expresses our commitment to creating wise and enduring change that weathers the day-to-day political atmosphere. The Futurist Party is committed to values-based politics, as expressed in our Eight Key Values. These values guide us in countering and changing a system that extols short-sightedness, unsustainable consumption, and an inability to employ and adapt to technology.

The United States has witnessed the refusal to apply state-of-the-art technology such as driverless cars or electric and alternative energies. In this century, it is imperative that we find ways to make long-term changes, even if there are no immediate short-term benefits. It is our responsibility to rebuild the political culture of the United States in order to counteract luddism, short-sighted ecological destruction, erosion of our rights, and policies that perpetuate social and economic injustice.

Throughout our history, America has had an unprecedented aptitude for invention and technology, from the development of the incandescent light and the radio through to the Manhattan Project and the space program. This culture of invention and technological enthusiasm is a precious resource and stepping stone to our future(s).

Independent parties outside the two-party power establishment have been responsible for introducing abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, the eight-hour workday, workers' rights and protections, and civil rights for all African-Americans. Who will give voice on the electoral stage to the important ideas of the 21st century?

At the heart of our rights, we as voters are free to choose whichever candidates best represent our own views and desires, without being told year after year that we have no choice aside from bad and worse. Now is the time to build a bridge from the world we have to the better world we know is possible. Now is the time to grow a sustainable political force to work for transparent democracy, the right to an open internet, international space exploration, and scientific freedom.

Now is the time to discard failed ideologies and 'sticky' political structures, to join together with the flourishing global online futurist movement to tackle real problems with long-term solutions.

Preamble

Our nation was born as the first great experiment in modern democracy. We seek to embrace that heritage from the erosion of citizen participation. Moreover, we challenge all Americans to think deeply about the meaning of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. In a democracy, individuals come together to form structures of governance that protect and advance the common good. We the citizens are the government, and we the citizens can direct it to fulfill its finest goals and purposes. Our citizens must not permit usurpation of their authority by acts of individuals and government agencies that isolate or insulate government from their oversight and control. We, the People, have a responsibility to participate in self-government through all the means that our Constitution provides.

Citizens of a democracy must have the information and ability to determine the actions of their government. Vast concentrations of wealth and power that have occurred in recent years are inherently undemocratic. The deregulation of corporate activity and the decentralization and underfunding of the regulatory structures that remain – accompanied by the centralizing of big money – has created a crisis for our country. The true owners of the public lands, pension funds, and the public airwaves are the American people, who today have little or no control over their pooled assets or their commonwealth.

The simultaneous power of civic action combined with transparent technology is an antidote to the corporate control of so much of our law-making and regulating. As voting citizens, taxpayers, workers, consumers, and stakeholders, we unite to exercise our rights to establish an open, transparent democracy that all can access and build upon.

The Futurist Party considers American democracy to be an ongoing, evolving project that is dynamic and creative in nature. We are committed to the strengthening of our civil society, including the many mediating institutions at the community level that have always characterized our democracy. We seek to heal the alienation and apathy that has been cultivated in the citizenry by the disregard for the pillars that have invigorated America: Science, Technology, and Space Exploration.

We strongly feel that our country should view itself as a member amongst a community of nations, united by universal purpose. As the leader of this vision of international cooperation, the United States must stand for the free and open internet as the inalienable right of online citizens, for economic liberty and Universal Basic Income, for online-legislation, for the movement towards space colonization, scientific freedom, and emerging technologies.

Our goal is to become an important political force in our country and to present candidates for election at every level of government.

Eight Key Values

1. Education

I. Support the Massive Online Open Course Movement (MOOC): Promote fair access to higher education via the net. Provide federal funding for approved MOOCs.

II. Modernize Early College-High School: Provide our youth with the opportunity to receive a high school diploma and either an Associate degree or up to two years of college credit while in High School through accelerated learning programs.

III. Aid Student Debt: Expand the Income Based Repayment Program to allow student loans to be repaid at an annual rate of 10% of discretionary income.

2. Economics

I. Universal Economic Rights: Establish Universal Basic Income as an unconditional economic right for all U.S. adult citizens to solve the unsustainable problems with welfare, disability, food stamps, and public pensions.

II. Copyright Reform: Oppose the privatization of knowledge, revise Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (Aaron's Law), promote global content creators and access to research for a digital future.

3. Elections and Legislation

I. Political Transparency: Allow legislation to be accessed by general citizenry, and employ a collective decision-making process for legislation in order to improve democracy.

II. Enable Online Legislation: Make the government more efficient by upgrading online government services to allow for more feedback; establish these online legislation methods starting with city and local level.

III. Campaign Finance Reform: Reform the United States' broken campaign finance system.

IV. Ballot Reform: Create a more democratic platform by investigating alternatives to our current first-past-the-post voting system.

4. Environment

I. Clean, independent energy future: Support renewable energy technology that minimizes our impact on the environment while maximizing the efficiency of our economy. End Anti-Electric Car and Anti-Seasteading Legislation.

II. Solve Nuclear Waste: End the build-up at Yucca Mountain Nuclear Repository.

5. Civil Liberties

I. Restore the Fourth Amendment: End unconstitutional surveillance and warrantless programs.

II. Universal Marriage Equality: Support the right to marriage for LGBTQI.

III. Legalize Cannabis: Consumption, buy/sell, and transport Cannabis with the equivalent restrictions of Tobacco.

6. Science and Technology

I. Sponsor Emerging Technologies: Promote Genetics, Robotics, A.I., and Nanotechnology to aid the human presence in space.

II. Scientists Without Borders: Promote the international science community.

III. International Space Law: Revise the Moon Treaty.

IV. International Existential Risk Reduction: Expand the human economy within the cosmos by investigating the establishment of an international lunar base, and look into mining asteroids.

7. Foreign Policy

- I. Downsize Military: Reduction of active personnel on military bases worldwide excluding active conflict zones.
- II. Defense Reallocation: Reallocate defense funding and use it for other long-term investments like education, research, and infrastructure.

8. Future Focuses

- I. Future Focus: Our actions and policies must be motivated by and designed to accommodate for long-term goals.
- II. Proactive Government: We must always act with the foresight. It is our responsibility to protect and prepare future generations who will inherit the results of our actions.

Secondary Platform

1. Scientific Governance

Before the enlightenment, wise men debated ideas and the most convincing were taken as truth. That's how they knew that the Sun revolved around the Earth and our veins carried air. Enter the enlightenment when anyone could experiment and prove an idea. Today, in politics, "wise men" debate policy with the winning ones implemented. We believe modern governance should take in the lessons that have been so successful in scientific endeavours. Instead of implementing policies governments should implement a scientific way of developing policies. How would it work? The same way the scientific method does: experimentation.

- I. Falsification: Policies must make a prediction which is falsifiable. E.g. The new three strikes law will decrease the incidence of re-offenders by 10% within 5 years.
- II. Testing Policies can be tested on a small scale and are automatically revoked if disproved. E.g. We will test the three-strikes law in southern Washington for five years.
- III. Replication If an experiment cannot be repeated to produce the same results, this implies that the original results were in error. E.g. Today the UK government announced they failed to replicate the American three-strikes-law results, leading experts to question the famous experiment.
- IV. External review Evaluation of the experiment by external experts, who give their opinions anonymously to allow them to give unbiased criticism.
- V. Data sharing The results of experiments are shared to reduce their own bias and aid in replication by others.

Where does voting come in? We vote for our values and then we experiment to achieve them. For example experiment has established that the three strikes law decreases crime but increases prison expense. In the next step voters or their representatives decide if this is a worthwhile change. Our goal is to drag governance kicking and screaming into the 19th century using the scientific method.