PEOPLE OVER PROFITS

The Intergalactic Social Unity PARTY PLATFORM



PREAMBLE

We believe that the economy and society should be run democratically to meet our world's needs, not to make profits for a few.

Therefore we, the Intergalactic Social Unity Party, dedicate our efforts to the creation of a democratic and equal society. We seek the complete abolition of capitalism and its replacement with a socialist system built upon the principles of freedom, equality, and solidarity.

Our aim is to empower and strengthen the working class through the pursuit of drastic changes to the system. Our fight to bring about change through reform and electoral politics are intended to expose the deep flaws in the system, and to show the people the need for radical change.

Together, we shall end the oppression and exploitation of the masses by the ruling class and the system that holds them up. We will advance the cause of social revolution, in pursuit of the liberation of the oppressed and the defeat of the oppressors.

POINTS OF UNITY

Anti-capitalism: The ISUP stands against any economic order where workers are exploited and do not see the full product of their labor. Capitalism is not inherently evil, but it creates a domineering corporate ruling class that oppresses the masses under it's authoritarian arms.

Meritocracy. The ISUP seeks to abolish the system of arbitrary privilege under which a handful benefit while the many are oppressed. The Party has no tolerance for any discrimination, people must be judged on their indivisual merits ,abilities, and talets. Not judged on wealth, race, or social class.

Socialism: The ISUP seeks to introduce a socialist system in which there are no classes and the means of production are shared and democratically controlled by all. We support workplace democracy and collectivization.

Democracy: The ISUP stands in support of increasing democracy. In that, we reject unrepresentative systems of voting and governance and support direct democracy and consensus-building. We are a democratically governed party.

Solidarity: ISUP will unite a diverse group of Democratic Socialists, Hergelic Socialist, Market Socialist, National Socialist, Communist , Neo Comunist and other socialists, who all believe in worker ownership of the means of production as well as working against the adverse effects of a capitalist economic system. As a Party in the current liberal democratic political structure, we cannot achieve anything unless we coalesce around our shared beliefs, epitomized in these Points of Unity, and so we reject factional infighting in favor of our shared beliefs.

Hammer Sickle and Sword: The hammer,and sickle represent the eternal union between the peasantry,and working classes. Together their union is near unbreakable however they require one more vittal element: the sword. The sword represents the courage,and strength it takes,and will take to rise up against the capitalist. Without the sword the demands of the people will never be meant.

OUR PROGRAM

Budgeting and the Economy

Investments

We seek to increase investment in transportation, education, and employment through increasing funding to these areas. We seek full employment by guaranteeing every person who wants a job can get one - either in private business or in the public sector. We also seek to increase funding for welfare programs and social services and support the implementation of a Universal Basic Income or Negative Income Tax program.

Taxation

We support heavy estate and income tax increases on the wealthiest and seek to cut taxes on workers when possible. We feel that sales taxes, payroll taxes and VAT are regressive.

Trade

We recognize the importance of international trade to the galactic economy, but we will only support trade deals that serve the interests of working people and the environment and not global capital. The government should make efforts to help workers affected by existing trade deals, and determine what trade agreements planets are allowed to sign.

Science and Technology

We are a party which believes in science and embraces scientific advancements. Our stance on science and technology issues is simple: the government must invest in these fields, increase diversity, and prepare more people for employment in these fields. Policies must be enacted which increase representation of women and minorities in science and technology. In addition to this, we must increase access to a career in this field by improving science education, science programs, and awareness of scientific issues. Only through progress can our society as a whole advance.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Our plan to solve infrastructure issues is to invest in infrastructure to serve the needs of people, not profits. We need no new urban speedways, but we need billions in extending transit capacity. The Republic needs clean water, and children still grow up in lead homes that could be quickly and cheaply made safe.

Labor

The Intergalactic Unity Party believes that the labor movement is an extremely important part of expanding opportunities for all workers and increasing workplace equity and democracy. We support the repeal of right-to-work legislation and Taft-Hartley, believing that all workers should have the right to unionize. It is imperative that we enforce and strengthen our labor laws. The extreme injustices of capitalism can only be solved by uniting workers and providing them with adequate support in their struggle.

The creation of a socialist mode of production depends on the ability of workers to own and control their workplaces and their labor. As a temporary solution, we support using budgetary means to incentivize the creation of worker-owned cooperatives. However, there must be more significant changes. We will push for economic mutualization in which all companies shall be owned and collectively controlled by their employees. As part of a broader worker self-management strategy, there must be a comprehensive system of workplace democracy. Workers must be able to determine goals and democratically determine management, and they must have the ability to profit from the success of their company through profit sharing.

We propose a comprehensive full employment program - one in which every person who wishes to work is provided an opportunity to do so. This shall be accomplished in the following ways. Firstly, there must be significant investment in industries which provide decent paying jobs for people of different skills. Secondly, we must assist the unemployed in finding fulfilling labor. We shall do this by reducing financial pressures on the unemployed, by expanding the Negative Income Tax and unemployment insurance. And most significantly, we must guarantee those who are involuntarily employed a job in the government.

In many cases, we support nationalization of major industries. We support workplace democracy and increased regulations for all businesses to ensure that business helps all people - not just their shareholders. We encourage worker-owned cooperatives and the democratic self-management of all corporations as well as steps to implementing workplace democratization in the civil service.

Social Welfare

Healthcare

The ISUP recognizes that our current healthcare system has failed. We must move to a single-payer, universal healthcare model as it is long overdue.

We must reduce the stigma against mental illness and receive treatment for mental illness. In this, there must be significant investments to ensure that no person who requires mental health assistance is denied it.

Welfare

The ISUP supports our welfare programs and the strengthening of our safety net. We support the consolidation of many of the inefficient and costly means tested programs into a Universal Benefit.

We also believe that our many job training programs for the disadvantaged must be streamlined into an efficient and effective service for training workers to work in skilled or vocational fields.

Human Rights and Equalities

It is the opinion of the ISUP that we are born with certain rights - not just basic rights to equality, due process of law and justice, and life, but the right to fulfilling labor, to a quality education, to food, quality healthcare, a home, and more fundamentally, to happiness and dignity.

Anti-Racism

Our history as a galaxy is shocking and shameful, and ISUP believes that it is time for racism and its entrenched systemic power to end. Aliens are often,and have been opposed by economic injustice, slavery, and injustice in the justice system. Depending on case we support outlawing discrimination,and promoting merits above all else. We seek to celebrate all cultures and their history and accomplishments.

LGBTQ+ Rights

The ISUP fully supports the LGBTQ+ rights movement and seeks to end the discriminatory treatment of LGBTQ+ individuals. We stand against homophobia and transphobia and fully support same-sex marriage and adoption.

We support policies that seek the full acceptance of LGBTQ+ people, especially LGBTQ+ youth. Transgender people must be guaranteed the right to transition. There must be safe spaces in schools for LGBTQ+ students to find support and solidarity, and discussions about how to improve the treatment of LGBTQ+ students or faculty must be encouraged in public schools and universities. A comprehensive education, employment, and housing non-discrimination act must be passed to guarantee equal rights.

Education

Universal childcare

ISUP supports universal childcare programs to help children improve school readiness - subsidized by the government and affordable to all.

Public education

Our elementary and secondary education system is deeply troubled and requires a significant restructuring. Not only should all private schools within the Republic be nationalized. Students should receive standardized tests that determine their specified education. It is the state's, and parent's responsibility to work together to guide the future generations of students into careers they will be most successful, and productive at. Along the way it will be teachers,clerks, and Council's responsibility to keep close, and complete records of the students to help guide them into the future.

Our public education system must remain free, publicly owned, and of excellent quality. We strongly oppose charter schools and their efforts to privatize public education, exploiting teachers and students alike. Rather than offering the illusion of school "choice", we support the creation of real choices for parents by prohibiting zoning by neighborhood and supporting magnet schools and specialized schools. This should have a positive effect in creating a competitive aspect in our education system which encourages accountability while keeping our schools free and public. These real choices should also have an impact in terms of limiting class and race based segregation, as zoning, charters, and school voucher systems do.

Our commitment to meritocracy does not stop at the political level. For too long schools and other instruments of education have fared under harsh and unilateral conditions imposed on them by either a local school board or, in the case of charters, an unelected administration. ISUP shall not stand for the normalization of unjust power structures, schools being the primary example. Thus ISUP advocates for the creation of student-run and student-led initiatives to give students a voice in our education system. There must be student solutions to student problems. This will train, and equip students for the future.

Likewise, ISUP advocates for the creation of a Working-Teachers Council in every school in the Republic . Such councils would not only be an instrument for collective bargaining for local teachers, but it would serve to further our commitment to workplace democracy.

College for All

The ISUP supports free Technical college and university tuition for all that meet the requirements of the standardized test,and have received pre approved state documentation in order to ensure that no person is limited from receiving an education due to poverty or an inability to pay, and that they receive the education that is tailored for their abilities, and needs.

Foreign Affairs

Hutts

As one of the number one threats to a free democracy, and equal galaxy, the Hutts' property within the Republic must be nationalized, and destroyed. A war must be declared against crime in our galaxy, and it shall start with the Hutts, followed by slavers,and finally black marketeers.

Independent Planets

The galaxy must be home to everyone, even those not in the Republic. However, we must provide aid, and support them. We must also encourage them to join the Republic and the greater galactic community, however, if these worlds abuse the Republic's kindness they shall be struck down.

Galaxism

We in the ISUP support the meraging of the entire galaxy into a new galactic wide culture, and a new galactic wide civilization. Together, and only together can we the United Galaxy

achieve even the craziest, and most outlandish dreams our fathers had for us, and achieve dreams that even they didn't imagine for us.