



**Christian
Union**

The Platform of the Christian Union

Preamble

The Christian Union is a broad-tent centrist party built upon a base of Christian theology. We do not seek to establish an American theocracy and we stand in full support of the rights of all Americans, however, the party endorses family values as critical to the well being of our nation. We accept all, those from the numerous denominations of Christianity and those from other religions, as well as those who do not necessarily identify with any religion. Socially, the party views itself to be conservative, endorsing a family values argument for our positions, but asking for the implementation of such responsibilities to fall on the states and not the federal government. Economically, the party can be viewed as center with a few exceptions, however we are willing to accept many people based on a wide amount of beliefs. We are a capitalist party, however we accept Socialists and Distributists. The party endorses a free market system paired with welfare programs to help care for those who need assistance the most in our society. You do not have to agree with 100% of the platform, and we encourage those with dissenting beliefs to join and participate in discourse for the betterment of the party and the community as a whole.

Domestic Issues

Crime

Within the Christian Union we stand for a criminal justice system centered on rehabilitation rather than punishment, human nature is to sin as apples are to trees and thus we must open the gates of redemption to our earthly brothers and sisters. We believe that it is imperative that officers of the law wear body cameras to set up safeguards to ensure that true justice is delivered as often as possible, and to prevent intolerance against God's creations. The death penalty stands against all Christian principles, as one's fate is solely in the hands of the Lord, thus we shall help to lead the fight for its abolition.

Drugs and Alcohol

The Christian Union, while morally against the use of substances such as cannabis and alcohol, recognizes that criminalizing such substances is counteractive to the goal of limiting their use and abuse by our citizens. Therefore, we are in favor of the decriminalization of certain drugs such as marijuana, and favor taxation of such substances, to disincentivize its use in the general population. We believe that schools should continue to properly educate students about the negative side effects of all addictive substances. The party endorses letting the states decide their own drinking ages and drug policies, however, the party generally denounces efforts to decriminalize hard drugs which have clear victims of their abuse, such as LSD, heroin, crack, and meth. We will opt to fund and establish more rehabilitation/drug addiction clinics and centers, but will never condone their use within our society through decriminalization.

Education

The party opposes the federal common core standards, and favors reduced oversight from the federal government of state systems. We believe education is

best left in the hands of local governments who understand the needs and desires of its students more so than broad reaching attempts of the federal government. The party believes that charter schools are beneficial to the well-being of many students, and we would be in favor of methods to better our system to improve the student's educational experience. The party also endorses solution towards making college education more affordable, but we will not support free college subsidized by the federal government.

Gun Rights

The party strongly believes in the protection of the second amendment of the Constitution, and the defense of such a right. That being said, the party would support logical gun control legislation which aims to makes our communities, and our society safer. The party doesn't believe those on the no-fly list should be barred from using their second amendment right to bear arms.

The Environment

The party acknowledges the effects that man-made pollution has had on our environment, and we will support efforts to implement regulations on businesses and carbon taxes. The party also supports incentivizing the purchasing of solar panels, electric cars, and any other renewable energy products. We also believe that focusing our efforts on renewable energy sources will provide both an environmental benefit as well as create jobs for those who will lose jobs from a shift away from fossil-fuels. However, while the party will always remain a strong proponent of such policies, going towards the extremes in hurting our economy and citizens of this world is ill-advised. We will seek to implement common sense, efficient, and realistic methods in which to combat Climate Change.

Surveillance

The party opposes overarching attempts by the government to extend its influence and survey its people in the name of counter-terrorism. We support common sense counter-terrorism measures, but we believe the right to privacy is not one which should easily be curbed in an effort to stop terrorism.

Social Issues

Abortion

Abortion is morally wrong as it is the murder of an unborn life, and the sanctity of life should not be violated under any circumstances. The party does recognize, however, that exceptions to abortion should be considered such as in the cases of incest or when the health of the mother is seriously at risk. The decision on abortion must be made within the individual states as the best representation of the will of the people, not through the federal government.

Marriage & LGBT Rights

Over the past decade we have seen a vicious fight between both sides on whether or not gay marriage should or should not be legal, and the simulation recently came to a decision as an amendment was passed granting everyone to marry whoever they see fit. The Christian Union believes it is best we allow our members to interpret Christ's word as they see fit, whether that be strongly for, strongly against, or somewhere in between on this highly contested issue. Most importantly, we accept the fact that the law is the law, and we must respect it, and that no matter your sexuality you are God's creation and deserve to be respected and treated fairly. The party will defend the rights of churches and businesses to deny offering their services for same-sex couples as such liberty is ingrained within the constitution.

Civil Rights

The party stands against all who promote bigotry, racism, and hatred towards anyone within the general population. We believe such conduct is unacceptable as we are all God's creations, and as such we demand that same treatment and respect as one should treat their neighbors, friends, and family. We will always advocate against hate-crimes, and any laws which purposefully discriminate against another group, race, or class. In addition, we support the right to freedom of expression and

oppose any policy forcing people of faith to violate their conscience by providing service that goes against their religious principles.

Welfare

General Welfare/Caring for the Poor

The party believes that all of God's creations should be treated with respect and dignity, and it is our duty to care for those who are less fortunate than others. We should not turn our backs to the poorest in our society, but should extend a hand to those who need our help with charity in the name of our Lord. This is why the party supports welfare programs such as a Negative Income Tax, or other efficient welfare replacements to help the poorest in our society. Furthermore, we believe religious organizations and charities do important community work and should receive our full support

Healthcare

The party will defend the current universal healthcare system already implemented in the simulation, however, the party will seek to rectify a few key flaws within the current law. The current law forbids private insurers from competing with both the public option and the non-profit insurers. The party believes the best way to stimulate competition is to reintroduce private, for-profit insurers into the marketplace in order to drive costs down and improve the quality of care for all Americans. We also believe common sense deregulation measures must be taken in order to best serve the American people. That being said, we understand the need for certain regulations on insurers, such as on covering pre-existing conditions, which we will support. The Christian Union also supports efforts to ban drug advertisements to doctors from pharmaceutical companies.

The World & Foreign Policy

Foreign Policy

The party believes the United States must find ways to maintain its strong position in our global society through non-militaristic means, such as through trade and diplomacy. This includes prioritizing efforts and resources towards national defense and working with key allies in order to defend our common interests and national security against those who seek to undermine our bastion of Democracy. The U.S. seeks to ensure that all recipients of foreign aid are complying with human rights standards. Any government which either sponsors organized terror groups or suppresses freedom of religion will not receive funding from American tax dollars. Furthermore, the party believes the United States should maintain its strong position in institutions such as the United Nations, and North Atlantic Treaty Organization, yet retain autonomy if it favors the national security of the United States. The party also believes that a coalition must be gathered to combat growing terrorist threats along the world, such as ISIS, but preaches caution against involving American soldiers and lives in such a fight.

Immigration

We are a pro-immigration party. We believe immigration has a positive impact on our society, and we should make the process of legal immigration to the United States easier, and more open than our current system. Due to the successful foreign missionary programs, such as those within the Church of Latter Day Saints, we believe such contact to people of different cultures and lives is overall beneficial to the well-being of our society. To ensure the safety of our people, yet also be receptive to those who are in need around the world to enjoy what the United States of America so greatly has to offer, we propose setting up temporary housing during the vetting process as to ensure their safety, while not allowing them to illegally enter the country.

Economics

Trade

The party favors free trade as an efficient economic model to benefit both our country, and other countries around the world. Free trade has been proven to help its citizens as well as US businesses. That being said, free trade must be advantageous to US workers and the economy. If such a deal is undesirable to the American well-being, deals should be renegotiated, but doors should be kept open for future deals.

Taxes, Budget, and the Economy

The party favors lower taxes in general, however we should prioritize tax decreases on the lower and the middle classes, and if there exists a surplus or means to reduce taxes on the upper class, then such actions should be taken. The party endorses a balanced budget only during economic prosperity. In the organization of a budget, funding for important programs such as Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, and Defense should be prioritized over tax decreases or funding increases in other federal programs. As mentioned earlier on, the party endorses a Negative Income Tax, UBI, or other equivalents as an effective solution to simplify our burdensome welfare system, and to provide the means necessary to the most in need in our society.

Infrastructure

The party believes investing in infrastructure is critical to the well-being of our nation. The party endorses the use of National Infrastructure Banks, and increases in state level fuel/gas taxes. The federal government should maintain an important, yet limited role in infrastructure repair. Maintaining and improving our infrastructure must fall on the duties of the states who know specifically what they must do for the benefit of their communities and citizens. The federal government should provide grants to the states based on need.

Labor

Minimum Wage

The party believes a federal minimum wage of \$10.10 to be adequate, and should be reevaluated every five years to account for inflationary changes. Any other increase to the minimum wage ought to be conducted through the individual states who will have a better idea of the economic changes which would come from a minimum wage raise to its rural or lower-income communities.

Employment/Unions

The party believes in programs such as full employment programs in large public works projects. The party supports the small businesses of America as a critical backbone to our economy, but also recognizes the need for workers to unionize and collectively bargain. We believe both strong businesses and strong unions can coexist together, and the party will achieve to strike this balance. We absolutely reject attempts at creating Guilds. The party believes Guilds are detrimental to the economy, form monopolies, and strip consumers and industries the benefits which capitalism affords to society. The party also endorses the use of credit unions.

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