

# THE NEO-HELLENIST MANIFESTO



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GREECE SHALL RISE AGAIN

# OVERVIEW

The main guiding philosophy of the Neo-Hellenist party is simple. You must combine the old and the new to get the best outcome. This means that Neo-Hellenists seek to combine the ideas of the old world with those of the new world, and this goal is why this party was made. Neo-Hellenists look to what they see as the pinnacle of all human civilization in the Ancient World, Ancient Greece, and they see an opportunity. If we want the truly best outcome for our modern day society then we have to go back and study the far gone world of Ancient Greece, and take from it ideas that worked and helped it to thrive, and then in turn implement those ideas into our modern day world of America.

This does not, however, mean we'll be making an exact copy of Ancient Greece. Along with bringing us to ancient standards, we will also be bringing Ancient Greece to modern standards. This means adding policies that were not necessarily present in Ancient Greece but are still based in it. Ancient Greece is, of course, an ancient culture, so not everything will be well adjusted for the needs of the modern day. This means that we will have to adjust certain things, and add others, but we will still try to hold true to the roots with which we take from, and we will truly make an effort to remake America into a modernized Ancient Greece.

This will not be hard, nor do I think it should be considered too radical, as America already takes heavily from Ancient Greece. In it's language, in it's architecture, in its media, and even in its government. The American government was not only inspired by Ancient Greece, and it was also inspired by a civilization similar to Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome.

These two ancient civilizations, Greece and Rome, have had a major impact on America, and as such it is only logical to take this impact further. Both civilizations were great in their times, and only fell due to limitations that no longer affect us, like technology or communication. And even with those limitations, both civilizations still thrived and grew greatly in power, and this alone should prove that they were doing something right, and this is why I think America should take a leaf out of their books.

And so, with that, I give the Official Manifesto of the Neo-Hellenist party, the party of the old, and of the new. We seek to lead America into a better future by taking it back into a better past. The old and the new will come together under this party, and will form into

something completely different, something that will outshine them both. And so, with that, I introduce you to the Neo-Hellenist party!

# POLICIES AND GOALS

## LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

Ancient Greece was a very sexually diverse and open place. This may come as a surprise to some, and a few might even disagree with me, but it's clear from my own personal research that Ancient Greece definitely had a plethora of LGBTQ+ relationships, depicted in myths and in facts. In Greece however, they did not have labels for these relationships. They simply saw it as love. I think this is beautiful, and I dream of a day where we see it the same way as the Ancient Greeks did. Not in terms of straights or gay, bi or pan, but instead simply see it as love between two people, no matter the gender.

This is a dream shared by all members of the Neo-Hellenist party. We are strong defenders of LGBTQ+ rights, and we push for everyone in the community to be given full rights and protection, and we push for them to be treated the same as straight people, both in government and in society. We want our children to be educated about LGBTQ+ people, we want LGBTQ+ people in government, and we want LGBTQ+ people to be respected. We will strive to spread the same accepting and non-discriminatory attitude shown in Ancient Greece in America, and fight for a better, fairer world for LGBTQ+ people.

## IMMIGRATION

In Ancient Greece, immigrants were mostly allowed, besides in Sparta and Crete. In Athens immigrants were even welcome as workers, and were given citizen rights if they wanted. The only restrictions placed on immigrants were a few property restrictions and marriage prescription, neither of which this party will enforce. Again, we will also be bringing Ancient Greece to modern standards, so not everything will be the same. Neo-Hellenists are generally accepting of immigrants, though believe they should be made full citizens before they are given any rights, outside of basic human rights of course, which should never be taken.

We do want to provide jobs for immigrants, and we want to help them settle down in America. We do not expect them to assimilate to our culture however, as Ancient Greece was a very culturally diverse palace and as such we encourage the inclusion of different cultures. We

generally welcome all immigrants, but we do wish for them to have citizenship if they want to live in this country, and we will help them achieve this in any way we can.

## RELIGION

The Neo-Hellenists believe in complete religious freedom. Ancient Greece had a wide variety of religions, and Ancient Rome especially held many religious views within its walls, even combining it's main religion with several others, which is how several of the gods and myths were produced. We support Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Agnostics, and Atheists, all are welcome and praised in the Neo-Hellenist party. However, we do place a certain focus on pagan religions, particularly modern day Hellenism.

While we still support other religions, pre-Christian pagan religions are held in special importance simply because they were what was common in Ancient Greece and Rome, and most were stomped out by Christianity. As such, though many of them still continue today, they are not seriously recognized or respected. Neo-Hellenists seek to fix this. We want to have Pagan religions recognized by the state and by society. We want to do this through education, art, and architecture. We will push for pagan worship temples to be built, much like how other worship temples, like Christian Churches, are built and authorized by the state. We will also support artists and writers who seek to spread information and proper knowledge on Pre-Christian Paganism, and we will push for education of the religions that fall into this category in schools.

We simply want for Pre-Christian Pagan to be seen and respected again like it was in Ancient Greece. Back then religions of this category were widely practiced, accepted, and known. As such, we want to push for a world where that is the same.

## EDUCATION

Neo-Hellenists don't really believe in a standardized education. Instead, they believe in a free choice style education that's focused more on the students learning for themselves than being taught in a biased or incomplete manner by a teacher. Right now, our education system is too focused on outward achievement, when it should be focused on inward improvement. That's the only real way students will learn. Neo-Hellenists push for an education model where students receive basic standardized education, either from parents or from a school/a private tutor. After a

few years of learning the basic necessities, kids would then choose their own course and decide for themselves what they want to learn. They would either do this at a designated learning building or would go out and find their own teachers.

In Ancient Greece, 'schools' were often formed by traveling philosophers and scientists, who would teach students about their own thoughts on life and how the world worked, then encourage students to go out and form their own thoughts. This is the type of schooling Neo-Hellenists push for. An Ancient Greek style of schooling. This, combined with the free choice education described above, is generally how Neo-Hellenists think people should be educated. Standardized education is too flawed and only teaches kids what the state thinks they should learn, which is usually biased and wrong. This is why a free style education, in my opinion and in the opinion of the Neo-Hellenist party, is better in almost every way.

## ENVIRONMENT

The environment is very important to Neo-Hellenists. In Ancient Greece and in fact most of the Ancient world Earth's natural flow thrived, mostly because they were not bogged down with pollulating machinery and trash that doesn't decay. Now, I'm not saying we should completely get rid of those things, far from it, but I and my fellow Neo-Hellenists think we should strive towards the level of natural flow and beauty present in the Ancient Greek world.

To do this Neo-Hellenists push for more Eco-Friendly options in all areas of life. Technology, transportation, food, and anything else that we could strive to make healthier for the environment. Now, I'm not saying we should all switch to driving chariots (though that would be cool), but we should try to switch to more eco friendly electric cars, and we should strive to replace all fossil fuels with renewable energy, which will be better for both us and the environment in the long run. Neo-Hellenists also push for forest re-population, animal conservation, cleaning up of pollution, and generally anything that will help save our environment from it's inevitable collapse at our hands. Remember, back in the ancient world nature thrived, and the world temperatures were normal and natural, but now with our modern pollutive technology the world is slowly beginning to die. So it is Neo-Hellenists mission to bring the world back to the state it was in back in the ancient world, and we will do this in any way we can.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Neo-Hellenists believe good infrastructure is very important. We want to push for more money to be put into building better roads, better buildings, better bridges, better sewer systems, better electrical grids, and more. We believe strong infrastructure means a strong nation, as better infrastructure improves a nation's flow and production. As such Neo-Hellenists will push for better and stronger infrastructure so that we can make a better and stronger nation. Not to mention, better infrastructure simply makes the nation safer and more secure for the average citizen, which is part of the reasons why it is so important. As such, Infrastructure is one thing where we will look to the future for, as when it comes to a strong foundation you need the newest technology to make it stable.

But we will make up for the lack of Ancient Greek input in our infrastructure by taking heavy inspiration from it in our architecture. Neo-Hellenists push for more Greek style buildings in modern, day to day style life. They believe Ancient Greek architecture to be some of the greatest in human history, and seek to either return to it or simply combine it with our certain modern architecture. This will, I think, be easy, seeing how modern architecture already inspires heavily from Ancient Greek architecture. Neo-Hellenists simply wish to further this inspiration, as we believe more Greek architecture in our modern day cities will inspire feelings of power and superiority in our citizens, which will further drive them to do better and will drive them to push harder for their goals. Images of old power drive people to create new power, and this philosophy is what drives Neo-Hellenists to push for Ancient architecture in a modern setting.

## DRUG USE

The Ancient Greeks used a lot of drugs, mostly for recreational use, and seemed to be pretty accepting of it. Of course, they probably weren't using all the same drugs we use today, they were limited by space and resources of course, but overall Ancient Greeks seemed to enjoy using a variety of recreational drugs. This is particularly manifested in the god Dionysus and his worship, which often involved getting high on drugs or alcohol as a form of 'spiritual possession' or 'closeness' to Dionysus. Now, I don't personally recommend getting crazy stupid high like this, but I do think you should be allowed to.

Neo-Hellenists want complete legalization of all drugs, especially recreational or 'light' drugs, like marijuana, with only slight restrictions on 'hard' drugs, like heroin or cocaine, to make

sure no one under age is getting their hands on it. Alcohol would also be allowed and unrestricted under Neo-Hellenists, as the ancient Greeks are famous for their drinking, which they did often and in plentiful amounts. Again this is shown in Dynious, a literal god of wine, and his worship, which again, involved large amounts of alcohol.

## HEALTHCARE

The primary doctors in Ancient Greece were the members of the Cult of Asclepius, the Greek god of healing, who would treat patients based on the Theory of the Four Humors, and while we in our modern world know that sickness isn't caused by an imbalance in blood, phlegm, yellow bile, and black bile, we can still learn from these Ancient doctors. Primarily we can take the fact that they did their work for free. They saw no need to charge those in need. They were already sick, there was no need to take their money. Personally, I think we should adopt this thought.

Neo-Hellenists generally support Universal Healthcare, and wish to implement it in America, like every other developed nation has done before us. We want to add elements of the Nordic model into our American system, and though the Nordic Model is not exactly like the model of medical care used in Ancient Greece, I think this is one of the cases where we must bring Ancient Greece to modern standards.

## STATE RIGHTS

Ancient Greece was actually not one unified nation, but was instead made up of several independent city states who were united under a general label of 'Greek'. While I don't think this level of division is necessary or should even be practiced in the United States, I do think we should strive for more independence in the states. Neo-Hellenists generally support a unified nation, but they also support a more 'city-state' type model. This means more state rights and independence for each state to enforce their own laws and make their own change, which means more power to individual governors of states, much like how in Ancient Greece individual kings had power over their city-states. Now while Neo-Hellenists generally don't support monarchies (with some exceptions for certain members), we still somewhat support this type of power dynamic. Governors would fall into more of a leadership role for their states than the president,



and the president would simply just make sure everything is in order and that no civil wars or something would break out, just like in Ancient Greece.

## ECONOMICS

The Neo-Hellenists generally support Capitalism, as the first functioning Capitalist societies were, in fact, in Ancient Greece. However, the Neo-Hellenists do not support modern Capitalism. They support the type of Capitalism found in Ancient Greece, an open style market Capitalism with bargaining and no set prices. Basically, they support a people's capitalism, where the people trade and the people make money. This means more rights for workers, who under Neo-Hellenists will gain more control in the workplace and over the means of production. Neo-Hellenists also support self-owned and self-reliant businesses, started by individual people and families, instead of mindless, heartless corporations.

Neo-Hellenists are generally Anti-Corporation and want to break up large scale monopolies. They want Capitalism that is in the hands of the people, not in the hands of big business. They support fair wage and low tax, and want to support the actual people, the everyday citizen. Neo-Hellenists push for a type of market that doesn't involve big brand stores or fast food chains, but instead literal open markets where self-made entrepreneurs sell and bargain goods off. Neo-Hellenists do not want the cold, set price, impersonal business that America currently thrives on, they want the warm, bargaining, personal business found in Ancient Greece. True free, open market Capitalism.

## GOVERNMENT

Neo-Hellenists are strong defendants of Democracy. Ancient Greece is famous, of course, for being the birthplace of Democracy, and as such Neo-Hellenists push for as much Democracy as they can. This also means that Neo-Hellenists support the type of Democracy that was born in Greece, direct democracy. Direct democracy would allow every citizen of legal age to participate in assemblies to make decisions for their local towns or community. This would include all citizens, even women, who, unfortunately, were not allowed to participate in Ancient Greece. Again, we have to bring Ancient Greece to modern standards just as we bring America to ancient standards, which means all the unfortunate sexism present in Ancient Greece will not

be allowed in the world the Neo-Hellenists strive for. We want equality for all citizens, no matter gender, race, or background.

The direct democracy that we wish to push for would only be incorporated in small areas, like towns or local communities, and on the large scale direct democracy would be used to elect governors and presidents, which means that Neo-Hellenists push for the removal of the electoral college, which prevents and stifles the direct democracy that Neo-Hellenists strive for. Neo-Hellenists advocate for the people's voice to be heard, and the best way to do that is through direct democracy. On the wider scale, Neo-Hellenists want to protect the American Republic. Rome was of course famous for its republic, and that's why Neo-Hellenists think we should keep the current American system of representation via democracy. We want democracy like that found in Greece, and we want Government like that found in Rome. We basically strive to reform the American Government into that of the old Greek and Roman Government, which we personally think was the best form of government, and one that we should return to.

## PARTY SPLITTING

This may seem like a weird one to include, and especially a weird one to end on. But I think this leaves an important message in the minds of all the Neo-Hellenists reading this, and even in the minds of those who aren't in our party. I fully expect the Neo-Hellenist party to split in half, or even break up into fractions. I think the basic idea and goal of the Neo-Hellenist party, that of bringing the old and the new world together into one by making America a new Ancient Greece, is too broad and too diverse in meaning to keep the Neo-Hellenist party as one concise organization.

Right now, my current theory is that at some point this group will split in between conservative Neo-Hellenists and progressive Neo-Hellenists, those who want to bring America to more ancient standards, and those who want to bring Greece to more modern standards. But honestly, who knows what will happen, and who knows how this party will fraction. But the important thing to remember is that no matter how much the individual member differs, and no matter how many conflicting ideologies make their way into this party, we are still all a part of the Neo-Hellenist party.

Just like in Greece with its independent city state, we may all be individual, independent members, but we are all united under the single label of Neo-Hellenist. So remember that, my

fellow party members, remember that and feel pride in your party. We all want to work for the same goal, and no matter how different the method each fraction thinks we should use, we should still strive to work together to reach it. Our party is one of unity, of equality, of freedom, one of both the past and the future. Remember that, my fellow Neo-Hellenists, and with it, go out and strive for our goals. If we do that and work together, we may find them met before we even know it.

# CONCLUSION

With this, I bring an end to the Official Neo-Hellenist Manifesto. I hope that every reading at least found it interesting, and I especially hope that at least a few of you were convinced to even join the Neo-Hellenist party. But, even if you weren't, and even if you found yourself disagreeing heavily with many of the points listed in this document, I still want to thank you for taking the time out of your day, out of your life, to read this, and to consider all the opinions and points listed.

Again, the main guiding philosophy of the Neo-Hellenist party is that you must combine the old and the new to get the best outcome. Our policies and opinions, which you have just read through, show how we plan to do this. How we plan to combine the greatest of civilization in the Ancient World, Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, with the greatest of civilization in the Modern World, America. Or at least it could be the greatest in the Modern World, if we look back to our past, look back to our ancestors, and take from them their beliefs and thoughts and implement them back into our world.

The past helps keep us from committing the same mistakes over and over again, but it also helps us learn from those mistakes, and it helps us to do better. But of course, the past isn't just full of mistakes. The past is full of triumphs, inventions, and groundbreaking movements, all of which contribute to our history. Sometimes, it's worth going back to these triumphs, and seeing what made them so...triumphant.

Though Ancient Greece fell many years ago, there is still many things from it that continue to this day. Things that continue even in our own culture. And is that, that exact thing, that makes me think it's a good idea to combine the two worlds. Our world of the modern, fast paced day, the world of the Ancient Greeks. We will no longer just look at the past to avoid it's mistakes, but we will now take from the past, and repeat it's triumphs.

And so, with that, I give you the official Neo-Hellenist party! May Greece Rise Again! May the gods watch over us! May the Old Empire be reborn! And may the Neo-Hellenist party carry on, and grow into something so much more than a simple movement. May it grow into real, actual change. Thank you for reading, and may the gods be with you.