

2024 Torland Presidential Election

Federal (Voting) Day: January 29th, 2024

A little about politics in Torland. There are four political parties, each of which have had various reigns of power at Chamberlain Court. The Unionist and National parties are the largest and most supported but the Civic Liberty and Federal Loyalist parties have also had eras of influence and popularity. Presidential office terms are six years.

- **Unionist Party (UNP)**
primarily political advocacy, middle and upper class (liberal, aggressive)
- **National Party (NTP)**
primarily national pride advocacy, lower class (conservative, non-aggressive)
- **Civic Liberty Party (CLP)**
primarily freedom advocacy, all classes (liberal, non-aggressive)
- **Federal Loyalist Movement (FLM)**
primarily intense advocacy, working class (conservative, aggressive)

> Political Parties of Torland

The **Unionist Party** (UNP) is the oldest political party in Torland and was the political party of Torland's first president, "Mad" Sal Renfro. Unionist politics have often swayed more toward international political advancements with more liberal leanings and policies in an aggressive style. Unionists, sometimes called "Unis", have been focused on social reforms in Torland. The Unionist voter base is catered toward the middle and upper class. The UNP Convention is headquartered in Waterdee, Granago.

The **National Party** (NTP or NAT), is among the oldest parties in Torland and has been a calling card for citizens, often called Nats, with more conservative politics and ideals coupled with an inward focus on independence in resources and building infrastructure while advancing military strength and national pride. The NTP voter base has typically skewed toward the lower class, and is sometimes called the "People's Party" as a result. The NTP Convention is based in Portarra, Galapetra.

The **Civic Liberty Party** (CLP), colloquially called Clippers, is a libertarian party that was formed in the 60's as a response for promoting civic freedom in Torland. Clippers have often been seen as wishy-washy but typically choose a new hot button political topic and focus on it for each election. The CLP has not been above political gamesmanship to force change or reform and have a poor reputation as a result but have been instrumental in effecting change in Torland. The CLP voter base is balanced across all classes. The CLP Convention is based in Dosa City, New Dosa.

The **Federal Loyalist Movement** (FLM), typically called Loyalists, is a far-right party typically focused on aggressive national and international expansion while pushing conservative ideals. Loyalists have a reputation for being hotheads but the overall mission of the party is intensely pro-Torland for economic independence and development. The FLM voter base is usually a stark divide of the working class with a mixture of upper class. The FLM Convention is based in Yubay, Tamokeva.

> **Presidential Candidates**

National Party: Gerald Curtis

VP Nominee: **Wendell Goodman**

As is typical for the Nationalists, Gerald Curtis is former Torland military brass, having served in the Marines where he retired as Major General. Curtis, a native of Fort Bevin, was governor of Galapetra for consecutive terms where he spearheaded a boost to the failing Galapetran economy and pushed for social reforms both in the National party and in the social sector. The NTP initially balked at Curtis, citing him too extreme for the party, but with the post-COVID era requiring a more dynamic candidate, the convention decided to back him as a response against Kersey and a show of faith for the NTP embracing the modern era. Curtis chose Lismane senator Wendall Goodman to run with him. Goodman, a career politician who helped author positive changes to the current Torland Healthcare Initiative Bill (known as THIB) is also an atypical NTP figure, skewing slightly more centrist.

The Curtis-Goodman ticket promises improved privatized healthcare, increased national defense, small business incentives, embracing of the Torland dollar, lower taxes, and focuses on internal independent renewable energy.

Unionist Party: Glory O'Shea

VP Nominee: **Jon Simpson**

Former president Glory O'Shea returns as the Unionist nominee seeking a second term after her successful 2012 campaign. The first female vice president and just the second female president in Torland history, Glory twice rode intense campaigns and the backing of the massive political machine of her media magnate father Stanley O'Shea all the way to Chamberlain Court. Glory was a successful and powerful senator in Granago but became increasingly more moderate and muted as she rose to higher offices behind the O'Shea machine. The Unionist Party has been seen as something of a puppet for Stanley's media empire which led to Glory choosing Jon Simpson as her running mate against her father's wishes. The splintering inside the party is significant and could weaken their position but Glory seems hellbent on forcing change. Simpson, though caught in the middle, is no slouch himself. A representative from Abrieden, Simpson has been in the forefront of Unionist politics in Solinza for a long time and is a proponent of the Torland Universal Healthcare Bill (TUHB).

The O'Shea-Simpson ticket promises support for universal healthcare, progressive taxes, moderate support of the Torland dollar, improved trade deals, more expansive immigration reforms, decreased military spending, and focus on new legislation for climate change.

Civic Liberty Party: Max Manning

VP Nominee: **Margaret Barber**

With Ellen Larsen fading into the background the Clippers found a new leader in Max Manning, a former Dosa City mayor and New Dosa senator with good looks and a silver tongue. Manning gained prominence through social media as a social justice warrior who had the juice to actually lobby for change. Building a reputation as a tough lobbyist unafraid of any entity, Manning leveraged his popularity to wrest control of the Clipper party from Larsen and move into the forefront of libertarian politics. Manning has steadily pushed for universal healthcare, particularly the divisive Torland Universal Healthcare Bill (TUHB), and targeting big businesses with anti-corruption and anti-monopoly acts. Manning's VP nominee is Margaret Barber, another former mayor of Alko, the largest city in Torland, and recent governor of Pakola. Barber has a much more moderate personality with liberal appeal, while still pushing libertarian ideals which the CLP felt was a good match for Manning.

The Manning-Barber platform promises extreme support for universal healthcare, support for anti-corruption and anti-monopoly bills, investment in the Torland dollar, investments in renewable energy sources, progressive taxes, and educational overhauls.

Federal Loyalist Movement: Duncan S. Kersey (incumbent)

VP Nominee: **Scott Daniels** (incumbent)

The incumbent president of Torland and unquestioned leader of the FLM is Duncan Kersey, an enigmatic and bombastic businessman and politician from Trowburgh, Lismane. Kersey's politics are second to his abrasive personality and loyal following. Kersey reenergized the Loyalist voter base in record-setting style, leading to his win in 2018. The party hadn't seen a FLM candidate in office since the legendary Josef Yusey during WWII. Despite his big mouth and seeming penchant for attracting scandal, Kersey immediately infused life into the Torland economy, particularly the trade sector which had begun to slip. However, his response during the COVID-19 pandemic was seen as less than ideal as Torland struggled to regain their footing. Kersey's tireless promotion of the Torland dollar and advocacy of a complete breakaway from the American dollar has been seen as a monumental progression in Torland history. Incumbent VP Scott Daniels is a political lifer from Moriga, Cabriga Isles, where he has previously served as a state representative. Daniels is typically seen as fiscally conservative and a political moderate more focused on social status than an agent of change.

The Kersey-Daniels platform promises complete rejection of US currency while subsequently investing heavily in the Torland dollar to boost the economy, improved foreign trade deals, increased privatized healthcare support, tighter immigration reform, and lower taxes.

> Platforms and Hot Topics

- **Business**
 - Corporate Deregulation
 - Labor Unions
- **Currency**
 - Torland Dollar
- **Democracy Reform**
- **Economy (Trade)**
 - Free Trade
- **Economy (Spending/Debt)**
- **Education**
- **Environment**
 - Climate Change
 - Renewable Energy
- **Healthcare**
 - Universal
- **Human Rights**
- **Immigration**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Taxes**
 - Higher
 - Lower

> Typical Party Voting by State:

Alrene Isles:	(1) Nationalist	(2) Unionist
Cabriga Isles:	(1) Federal Loyalist	(2) Nationalist
Forstana:	(1) Unionist	(2) Civic Libertarian
Galapetra:	(1) Nationalist	(2) Federal Loyalist
Granago:	(1) Unionist	(2) Nationalist
Lismane:	(1) Nationalist	(2) Federal Loyalist
Maienzona:	(1) Nationalist	(2) Unionist
New Dosa:	(1) Civic Libertarian	(2) Unionist
Pakola:	(1) Civic Libertarian	(2) Unionist
Solinza:	(1) Unionist	(2) Nationalist
Tamokeva:	(1) Federal Loyalist	(2) Nationalist

> By-Laws:

In the event of a tied vote, the tied candidates will enter a run-off immediately after the regular popular vote to determine a winner.