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**NOTE:**

This report is subject to amendment at any time prior to its presentation at the 2026 convention. The entire current platform can be found [HERE](#). This report merely shows the portions for which the committee is recommending changes.

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### **Chair’s Note**

I want to thank the Platform Committee members for their hard work in preparing and refining the proposals in this report. Several proposals would have been considered in 2024, but there was no time at the convention to consider platform issues. This time I hope that delegates will have time to consider and adopt the committee’s proposals. There are some new planks that are quite timely, given that government keeps finding new ways to violate our rights. We need to keep up to date in letting the public know that the Libertarian Party is the only party dedicated to defending the liberty of every American.

Ted Brown  
Chair, Platform Committee

### **Interpretative Note**

Each proposal stands on its own, and there may be several proposals on the same plank. The language reflected in the report is the language as it currently exists in the Platform and does not account for other proposed changes that might take place prior to the introduction of any particular proposal.

### **Supplements to Committee Report**

Any changes to this report, including additional proposals and Minority Reports, if any, will be provided to the Convention in the form of a supplement.

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**Proposal #1: Update Preamble**

*Approved 11-1. This was Proposal 1 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

**Preamble (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The Preamble still references “pages,” which is out-of-date for the modern electronic world.

**Solution:** Amend the Preamble to update the wording to reference the document, not its pages.

**Benefits:** Updates the wording by removing old terminology.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**PREAMBLE**

As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty: a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and are not forced to sacrifice their values for the benefit of others. We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized. Consequently, we defend each person’s right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power. ~~In the following pages~~ **In this Platform**, we set forth our basic principles and enumerate various policy stands derived from those principles. These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.

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**Proposal #2: War, Invasion, and Occupation**

*Approved 13-1-0. This was Proposal 9 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

**3.3 International Affairs (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The plank mentions peace but inadvertently fails to mention ending war, invasion, and occupation of other nations.

**Solution:** Add those into the plank.

**Benefits:** Fills a major gap in the plank and strengthens it.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**3.3 International Affairs**

American foreign policy should emphasize peace with all nations, entangling alliances with none. We would end the current U.S. government policies of foreign intervention including military and economic aid; tariffs; economic sanctions; **aggressive war, invasion, and occupation**; and regime change. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.

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**Proposal #3: Stand Your Ground and Shoot Back**

*Approved 10-0-2. This was Proposal 6 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

**1.9 Self-Defense (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The self-defense plank does not mention support of castle doctrines or similar affirmative defenses against aggression and prosecution for defending oneself and others and property. Not every state has these self-defense laws. They should.

**Solution:** Add language for those specific instances.

**Benefits:** Closes a gap in the plank and shows stronger support for the right to self-defense against aggression in all places.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**1.9 Self-Defense**

The only legitimate use of force is in defense of individual rights — life, liberty, and justly acquired property — against aggression. This right inheres in the individual, who may agree to be aided by any other individual or group. **We support stand-your-ground and castle doctrines.** We affirm the individual right recognized by the Second Amendment to keep and bear arms, and oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense. Private property owners should be free to establish their own conditions regarding the presence of personal defense weapons on their own property. We oppose all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, or transfer of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories.

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**Proposal #4: Nullify Bad Laws**

*Passed 7-1-4.*

**1.X Nullification (NEW)**

**Problem:** The Platform lacks a plank on nullification of unjust and improper laws.

**Solution:** Add one.

**Benefits:** Fills a major hole in the Platform that so far has been overlooked.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**1.X Nullification**

**Where government exists, the only just laws and regulations of such government are to address actual crimes of aggressive violence or threat of violence, harm to individual or property, or fraud; all other laws and regulations are unjust and improper and should be voided or repealed. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts of a case but also the justice of any law. We also support popular vote initiatives to repeal unjust and improper laws, as well as mass negation of unjust and improper laws by simply ignoring them until they are repealed.**

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**Proposal #5: Privacy***Passed 10-3-0.***1.3 Privacy (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The existing privacy plank addresses government surveillance but does not cover the growing collection, storage, and sale of personal data by government, often without meaningful consent. Individuals have no recognized right to know what data is held on them or to refuse its collection.

**Solution:** Extend the existing privacy plank to affirm individual data rights grounded in the same self-ownership and consent principles that underpin the rest of the platform.

**Benefits:** Closes a gap in the platform without creating new regulatory frameworks. Grounds data privacy in voluntary exchange and individual rights rather than government mandate.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**1.3 Privacy**

Libertarians advocate individual privacy and government transparency. We are committed to ending government's practice of spying on everyone. We support the rights recognized by the Fourth Amendment to be secure in our persons, homes, property, and communications. Protection from unreasonable search and seizure should include records held by third parties, such as email, medical, and library records. **Individuals have the right to know what personal data government collects about them, to withhold consent for its collection, and to demand its deletion. Government collection, storage, and sale of personal data without voluntary informed consent is a violation of individual rights. We oppose any government mandate requiring individuals to submit personal data as a condition of accessing public or private services.**

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## **Proposal #6: Digital Freedom**

*Passed 12-0-0.*

### **1.X Digital Freedom (NEW)**

**Problem:** There is a critical mass forming around the world to restrict social media use for kids under 16, requiring all users to identify themselves. There are also moves towards digital identification, biometric identification, etc. that will destroy everyone's freedom and lead to social credit systems.

**Solution:** Add a plank to show that Libertarians are in the forefront of opposing these digital requirements, which would negatively affect all Americans.

**Benefits:** It's a timely issue that really resonates with the public, and it's under the radar of most people.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **1.X Digital Freedom**

**We oppose government-mandated age limits on social media or other internet use. We oppose age verification laws that supposedly protect children from "harmful" material, but that in fact force providers to identify every user, thus violating everyone's privacy. It is the responsibility of parents, not the government, to police children's internet usage, as they already can do with parental controls and other tools. We believe in protecting all Americans from handing over information that makes them vulnerable to hackers or to governmental surveillance.**

**We oppose digital identification requirements from any entity that integrates personal ID, medical records, banking records, biometric data, or other unique identifiers, either mandated by or for use by government. We oppose any government "social credit" systems that use technology to assess the reputation of individuals based on their behaviors, financial records, and legal compliance.**

**We oppose any government censorship of the internet, such as blocking specific websites or preventing user access. We encourage people to find workarounds to stymie governments from censorship and blackouts. Accordingly, we oppose any governmental limitation on the use of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), which can be used for privacy as well as eluding government controls.**

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## **Proposal #7: AI and Data Centers**

*Passed 11-3-0.*

### **2.X Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Infrastructure (NEW)**

**Problem:** Government at federal, state, and local levels is actively subsidizing, incentivizing, and directing the siting of data centers and artificial intelligence infrastructure through public grants, tax incentives, eminent domain, and regulatory preference. This picks winners and losers among competing technologies and companies, burdens taxpayers, and overrides the property rights and consent of affected landowners and communities.

**Solution:** Affirm that free market principles, property rights, and local consent govern all data infrastructure development. Strip government of the tools it uses to favor specific industries, companies, or technologies in this space.

**Benefits:** Protects taxpayers from subsidizing private infrastructure. Ensures development is driven by genuine market demand rather than political preference. Protects landowners and communities from having industrial development imposed on them without consent.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **2.X Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Infrastructure**

**The free market, not government, should determine where, how, and by whom data infrastructure is built. We oppose all government subsidies, grants, and incentives directed at data center development or artificial intelligence investment. We oppose government efforts to pick winners or losers among competing technologies, companies, or energy sources in support of data infrastructure. Property owners retain the full right to accept or refuse development on their land. Government at any level must not use eminent domain, regulatory preference, or public financing to advance data infrastructure projects on behalf of private interests.**

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## **Proposal #8: We Condemn Bigotry as Irrational and Repugnant**

*Passed 13-0-0.*

### **3.5 Rights and Discrimination (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The current plank is passive and lacks moral clarity. By using the suggestive "should" and providing an incomplete list of protected classes, it fails to offer a robust shield against modern state-sponsored discrimination. Furthermore, by not explicitly denouncing the philosophy of bigotry, the party risks appearing to provide moral cover for collectivist prejudice.

**Solution:** This amendment replaces "should" with a mandatory "must" and expands the list of protected characteristics to include race and gender identity. Crucially, it grounds the plank in individualism by explicitly condemning bigotry as "irrational and repugnant," while maintaining the libertarian remedy of boycotts and ostracism for private association.

**Benefit:** This update gives the platform a "moral spine." It ensures the Libertarian Party is an unambiguous defender of the individual against both state overreach and collectivist bias. By modernizing the language, we provide candidates with a principled, mandatory standard for human rights that is directly applicable to today's political landscape.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **3.5: Rights and Non-Discrimination**

Libertarians embrace the concept that all people are born with certain inherent rights. We reject the idea that a natural right can ever impose an obligation upon others to fulfill that "right." We **condemn bigotry as irrational and repugnant. Accordingly, we** uphold and defend the rights of every person, ~~***regardless of their race, ethnicity, or any other aspect of their identity. Government should;***~~ **government must** neither deny nor abridge any individual's human right based upon sex, wealth, **race**, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference, **gender identity**, or sexual orientation. Members of private organizations retain their rights to set whatever standards of association they deem appropriate, and individuals are free to respond with ostracism, boycotts, and other free market solutions.

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## **Proposal #9: Cleanup of 3.4**

*Passed 13-0-1.*

### **3.4 Free Trade and Migration (AMEND)**

**Problem:** This plank has been a bad mash of two separate yet related issues of migration and trade. It needs to be cleaned up to better reflect them both.

**Solution:** Amend the plank to make the wording clearer. Clean up the terrible wording regarding “human capital” that looks a lot like human trafficking.

**Benefits:** A much better plank that is easier to read and understand.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **3.4 Free Trade and Migration**

We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade and migration. Political freedom, economic opportunity, and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be ~~unreasonably~~ constrained by government in ~~the~~ crossing ~~of~~ political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of ~~human~~ individuals as well as financial capital and goods across ~~national~~ borders. We therefore call for the elimination of all restrictions on immigration, the abolition of the DHS and ICE, and a declaration of full amnesty for those people who have entered the country regardless of immigration status.

*(NOTE: The last sentence is adapted from the 1980 Platform.)*

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### **Proposal #10: Move 3.4**

*Passed 6-2-4.*

#### **3.4 Free Trade and Migration (MOVE)**

**Problem:** The current "Free Trade and Migration" plank falls under the "Securing Liberty" heading, which predispositions it as a matter of national security. This leads people to believe our position is to actually support governmental barriers to free trade and migration as a matter of national security.

**Solution:** Move the plank from "Securing Liberty" to "Personal Liberty," as this is fundamentally a matter of individual rights.

**Benefits:** This more clearly frames free trade and migration as both matters of individual liberty and natural rights, rather than matters requiring government security from foreign individuals.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

~~**3.4 Free Trade and Migration**~~

**1.X Free Trade and Migration**

*(NOTE: This is separate from other proposed amendments to 3.4. The plank wording is unchanged.)*

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**Proposal #11: No Standing Military**

*Approved as amended 11-2-0. This was Proposal 10 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

**3.1 National Defense (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The current platform arguably endorses a standing government military, which has long been used to conduct aggressive wars of imperialism that undermine American (and global) security and increase tyranny at home. Libertarians ought to expressly support the de-monopolization of defense services.

**Solution:** Amend the national defense plank to oppose a standing government military rather than vaguely endorse one; endorse a transitory policy of armed neutrality and opposition to military deployment outside United States territory.

**Benefits:** This would hold up the radical ideal of non-governmental defense forces while also endorsing transitory policies which would minimize if not end American imperialism in the meantime.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**3.1 National Defense**

~~***We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression.***~~ **We oppose the existence of a standing government military as a threat to peace and security. However, while a standing military exists, we support a policy of armed neutrality and oppose the stationing of military assets inside foreign territory.** The United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world. We oppose any form of compulsory national service.

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## **Proposal #12: Veterans**

*Approved 10-2-0. This was Proposal 12 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

### **3.1 National Defense (AMEND)**

**Problem:** There is a tendency to conflate government policy and its implementers, especially when it comes to the military, and that dates back to Vietnam. The Platform does not acknowledge that there is a difference between objecting to government policy that puts these people in harm's way for no good reason and the people themselves; the government through its bad policy choices is the problem. Veterans are people who implement military policy; they are not the policy itself. That difference needs to be clearly acknowledged.

**Solution:** Amend the plank to address veterans separate from policy.

**Benefits:** Differentiates between person and policy in government. Offers appeal to the veteran constituency that has been effectively abandoned by the duopoly.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **3.1 National Defense**

We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression. The United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world. We oppose any form of compulsory national service. **We believe in honoring our veterans by crafting and implementing policies to end aggression, undeclared wars, invasions, and occupations, while recognizing the difference between veterans and the policies they are sent out to implement.**

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**Proposal #13: Taxes are Still Theft, by Any Name**

*Approved as amended 12-1. This was Proposal 5 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

**2.4 Government Finance and Spending (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The plank neglects to address new taxes and taxes that have other names applied to them. This is especially important given recent discussions by the statists to add wealth taxes and taxes on unrealized capital gains. It also does not address use of taxes as behavior and economic influencers.

**Solution:** Add language to address new taxes and taxes that have other names, and to address behavior taxes.

**Benefits:** Fills gaps in the plank and strengthens it. Calls out that taxes of any name or verbiage are still theft, er, taxes. Opposes vice and sin taxes. Opposes new taxes.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**2.4 Government Finance and Spending**

Since all persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor, we oppose all government activity that consists of the forcible collection of money or goods from individuals in violation of their individual rights. We contend that a tax by any other name is still a tax and strive for the eventual repeal of all taxation. To further that end, we call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose the use of taxation as a punitive measure against certain goods or services, such as tariffs or “vice” taxes, and oppose forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. We support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax, and oppose any increase on any tax or creation of any new tax for any reason. To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded or allowed to be provided in a voluntary manner.

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## **Proposal #14: Money and Financial Markets**

*Passed 12-1-1.*

### **2.7 Money and Financial Markets (AMEND)**

**Problem:** In an era where multiple countries are considering the implementation central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) meant to further centralize banking and currency into the hands of the state, along with the practice of “de-banking” and other forms of financial exclusion posing a growing threat to political dissidents, plus the erosion of purchasing power through inflationary monetary policies being more apparent than ever, our platform should be clearer in its opposition to state control of the monetary supply and government meddling in the economy.

**Solution:** Reword this plank to make our support for the total separation of state and currency more explicit.

**Benefits:** Cleans up the wording and makes the Libertarian position on money, banking, and government interference in financial markets clearer.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **2.7 Money and Financial Markets**

We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. ~~Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated. Those who enjoy the possibility of profits must not impose risks of losses upon others, such as through government guarantees or bailouts. We support ending federal student loan guarantees and special treatment of student loan debt in bankruptcy proceedings. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.~~ Government control over money and interest enables inflation, wealth transfer, surveillance, and economic instability, making it difficult for individuals to save, transact freely, and plan for their economic futures. Libertarians advocate the separation of money and state, and support the repeal of legal tender laws, the end of central banking monopolies, and the unrestricted right of individuals to use competing currencies. We oppose government bailouts of business, as these shift the costs of doing business away from companies and onto taxpayers; we hold that government should not guarantee loans or exempt certain types of loans, such as student loans, from bankruptcy proceedings.

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## **Proposal #15: Abortion**

*Passed 9-4-0.*

### **2.13 Health Care (AMEND)**

**Problem:** Strict abortion bans have expanded government authority into private medical decisions, worsening maternity-care shortages, increasing maternal health risks, and driving physicians out of practice due to vague legal threats. Historical examples of state control over reproduction—including forced sterilizations of marginalized groups—show that government power in this area has repeatedly resulted in coercion and harm.

**Solution:** Limit government authority over reproductive decisions and ensure that medical judgment remains with patients and their healthcare providers. Protecting bodily autonomy and preventing state-driven coercion requires keeping these decisions private and outside the reach of political directives.

**Benefits:** Safeguards individual freedom and bodily autonomy. Improves access to timely, evidence-based medical care. Prevents coercive state practices with a documented history of harm. Reinforces limited-government principles in deeply personal matters.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **2.13 Health Care**

We favor a free market health care system. Medical facilities, medical providers, and medical products (including drugs) must be freely available in the marketplace without government restrictions or licenses. We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want (if any), the level of health care they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use and all other aspects of their medical care, including end-of-life decisions. People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines. We oppose governments either mandating, or restricting voluntary access to, medical treatments or procedures including vaccines **and reproductive services such as contraception and abortion.**

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### **Proposal #16: Presumption of Health**

*Approved as amended 12-0-1. This was Proposal 3 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

#### **2.13 Health Care (APPEND)**

**Problem:** The plank is out of date post-COVID. People were assumed to be sick instead of healthy and treated terribly because of that bad assumption. The Party was inexcusably silent on this issue and should not be if it is truly respectful of the individual.

**Solution:** Add language to presume health instead of sickness.

**Benefits:** Declares support for people by presuming health over sickness in the same way innocence is presumed over guilt.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **2.13 Health Care**

We favor a free market health care system. Medical facilities, medical providers, and medical products (including drugs) must be freely available in the marketplace without government restrictions or licenses. We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want (if any), the level of health care they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use and all other aspects of their medical care, including end-of-life decisions. People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines. We oppose governments either mandating, or restricting voluntary access to, medical treatments or procedures including vaccines. **Individuals have a presumption of health and should not be subjected to forced quarantine, isolation, or other restrictions of their rights and freedoms by the state.**

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## **Proposal #17: Informed Consent on Health Care**

*Approved 6-4-2.*

### **2.13 Health Care (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The current Health Care plank supports free market health care and individual choice, but it does not clearly state that medical care must be based on informed consent. Without that language, the platform leaves room for government agencies, employers, schools, licensing bodies, and other institutions to pressure or punish individuals for refusing medical interventions. Consent is not real consent when people are threatened with losing their job, education, ability to travel, access to public services, or basic civil liberties. Health care decisions should never be turned into a government compliance program dressed up as public policy.

**Solution:** This amendment adds informed consent as a core principle of the Libertarian health care position. It affirms that every individual has the right to receive full, transparent, and truthful information about the risks, benefits, and alternatives of any medical intervention. It also makes clear that individuals have the absolute right to refuse or discontinue treatment without coercion, penalty, or loss of civil liberties. This includes opposition to both direct government mandates and indirect pressure through employment threats, institutional rules, education restrictions, travel limits, or denial of public services.

**Benefits:** This amendment strengthens the platform by clearly defending bodily autonomy, medical freedom, and voluntary decision-making. It protects individuals from being forced, pressured, or manipulated into medical choices by government or government-backed institutions. It also makes the Health Care plank more consistent with core Libertarian principles: self-ownership, individual liberty, free markets, voluntary association, and opposition to state coercion. In short, it says the quiet part out loud: your body does not belong to politicians, bureaucrats, employers, or medical boards. It belongs to you.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **2.13 Health Care**

We favor a free market health care system. Medical facilities, medical providers, and medical products (including drugs) must be freely available in the marketplace without government restrictions or licenses. We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want (if any), the level of health care they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use and all other aspects of their medical care, including end-of-life decisions. **All medical care must be grounded in the principle of informed consent. Every individual has the right to receive full, transparent, and truthful information regarding the risks, benefits, and alternatives of any medical intervention and the absolute right to refuse or discontinue treatment without coercion, penalty, or loss of civil liberties. No medical intervention should be compelled directly or indirectly through government force, institutional pressure, employment threats, or denial of education,**

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travel, or public services. People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines. We oppose governments either mandating, or restricting voluntary access to, medical treatments or procedures including vaccines.

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**Proposal #18: Separation of State and State**

*Approved as amended 11-0-1. This was Proposal 13 from the 2024 Platform Committee.*

**3.X Separation of Federal, State, and Local Governments (ADD)**

**Problem:** An important yet neglected concept of shrinking and abolishing government is the necessity to also separate the various layers of government from each other. Currently the federal government funds and mandates state and local governments, and state governments fund and mandate local governments, and all of them infringe upon the people. To roll back this mess, it also needs to be separated out into its component parts so that they can be addressed individually. The platform does not address this essential concept.

**Solution:** Add a plank to address it.

**Benefits:** Fills in a huge gap in the platform and illustrates that the Party understands the real scope of the problem of mixed and tangled levels of governance, beyond pure rhetoric, and what is needed to be done with it to achieve its goals.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**3.X Separation of Federal, State, and Local Governments**

**We support the untangling of the layers of government from each other, including removal of mandates, subsidies, and commandeering, such that federal, state, county, local, tribal, and other district governments are separate and independent from each other, in both function and funding, in order to facilitate their reduction or repeal. We support the nullification of unjust laws.**

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## **Proposal #19: Separation of Family and State**

*Approved as amended 11-1-0. This was Proposal 18 from the 2022 Platform Committee.*

### **1.5 Parental Rights (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The parental rights plank refers to “other guardians” without referring to them as not being state guardians ad litem. The Platform itself is silent on the role that families should have in lieu of the state in raising children and supporting each other outside of the state.

**Solution:** Add language that puts emphasis back on the family unit and away from the state.

**Benefits:** Stronger pro-family language with an emphasis on people and away from the state.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **1.5 Parental Rights**

**We support the separation of family and state.** Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs, provided that the rights of children to be free from abuse and neglect are also protected. **We reject state ownership of children, and we believe family members should voluntarily provide mutual support regardless of their family composition. Removal of children from homes should be an absolute last resort, as state agencies consistently fail to provide safe and healthy homes. Any intrusion of state agents into a dwelling should require a judicial warrant. Permanent separation of family members must be adjudicated by true due process, not in administrative hearings. We call for the end of incentives to remove children from their family homes.**

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## **Proposal #20: Gender Identities and Self-Expression**

*This was Proposal 19 from the 2022 Platform Committee.*

### **1.4 Personal Relationships (AMEND)**

**Problem:** The current wording of this plank proclaims that the government should not be able to interfere with such rights but makes no statement about whether educational institutions, employers, or merchants might be able to decide what a person’s gender is, in contradiction of the person’s own view. It remains somewhat ambiguous on rights to transgender expression.

**Solution:** Add language to address it.

**Benefits:** Removes the state from the equation and strengthens free expression while offering support to the transgender community.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **1.4 Personal Relationships**

Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government’s treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration, or military service laws. **Individuals have the sole authority to determine and express their own gender identities.** Government does not have the authority to define, promote, license, or restrict **self-expression or** personal relationships, regardless of the number of participants. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships. Until such time as the government stops its illegitimate practice of marriage licensing, such licenses must be granted to all consenting adults who apply.

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## **Proposal #21: Agorism**

*Approved as amended 11-0-1. This was Proposal 15 from the 2022 Platform Committee.*

### **2.X Agorism (ADD)**

**Problem:** The Platform lacks a plank on Agorism. Agorism is a political philosophy that advocates creating a society in which all relations between people are voluntary exchanges while diminishing the state's economic control.

**Solution:** Add one.

**Benefits:** Strengthens the Platform in a bold and radical way to separate exercise of individual rights from permission to do so under the law (which makes it the exercise of a privilege, not the exercise of a right!), with the proper limitation of such exercise being that it does not violate the rights of others.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **2.X Agorism**

**We affirm the right of individuals and businesses to peacefully subvert government regulation, taxation, and restrictions through black and gray market activity, so long as they do not initiate force or fraud against individuals.**

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**Proposal #22: Air Liberty**

*Passed 12-0-1.*

**3.X AIR TRAVEL (NEW)**

**Problem:** Recent government shutdowns have affected air traffic control and airport security operations. The TSA is already unpopular. There are plenty of private airports, air traffic control, and airport security in other countries.

**Solution:** A plank to show that Libertarians want free market solutions to air travel and specifically want to abolish the FAA and the hated TSA.

**Benefits:** It's a timely issue that people have been talking about, and we should address it in the platform.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

**3.X Air Travel**

**We call for the complete separation of air travel and state. We call for a free market for airport ownership, air traffic control, and airport security. Accordingly, we call for the abolition of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).**

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### **Proposal #23: Space, the Final Frontier...of Freedom**

*Approved as amended 11-1-2. This was Proposal 14 from the 2022 Platform Committee.*

#### **1.X Space Exploration (ADD)**

**Problem:** The Platform does not address state control of space exploration and use. Private space service has supplanted government-sponsored space service in several key areas. What was once a matter of science fiction has become reality. New innovations from private companies include better, reusable rocket designs and efficient cost-savings measures. These advances by the private sector have injected new interest into space exploration and made possible missions which were not possible a decade earlier. Increasingly, it appears that many space services and exploration will in the future be driven by private industry rather than by NASA. NASA may always have a role in space investigations, but in the near future private industry and/or organizations may set the pace for exploratory as well as routine space missions.

**Solution:** Add a plank to address it.

**Benefits:** This new plank would allow the Party to communicate to the public that Libertarians welcome a new space age for private organizations and individuals, one which is unencumbered by burdensome government regulations.

Amend something previously adopted as follows:

#### **1.X Space Exploration**

**We oppose all government restrictions upon voluntary, peaceful use of the universe beyond Earth.**

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## **APPENDIX A - Marked-Up Copy of Platform with Proposals**

### **PREAMBLE**

As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty: a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and are not forced to sacrifice their values for the benefit of others. We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized. Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power. *In the following pages In this Platform*, we set forth our basic principles and enumerate various policy stands derived from those principles. These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.

### **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual. We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose. Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent. We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation. Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

### **1.0 PERSONAL LIBERTY**

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Individuals are inherently free to make choices for themselves and must accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may rightly initiate force against any other individual, group, or government. Libertarians reject the notion that groups have inherent rights. We support the rights of the smallest minority, the individual.

### 1.1 Self-Ownership

Individuals own their bodies and have rights over them that other individuals, groups, and governments may not violate. Individuals have the freedom and responsibility to decide what they knowingly and voluntarily consume, and what risks they accept to their own health, finances, safety, or life.

### 1.2 Expression and Communication

We support full freedom of expression and oppose government censorship, regulation, or control of communications media and technology. Language that is perceived to be offensive to certain groups or individuals is not a cause for any legal action. Speech that is not literally a threat of aggression or violence is not in itself aggression or violence and can never be used to justify aggression or violence. Individuals are responsible for their own reactions to speech. We favor the freedom to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. We oppose government actions that either aid or attack any religion.

### 1.3 Privacy

Libertarians advocate individual privacy and government transparency. We are committed to ending government's practice of spying on everyone. We support the rights recognized by the Fourth Amendment to be secure in our persons, homes, property, and communications. Protection from unreasonable search and seizure should include records held by third parties, such as email, medical, and library records. Individuals have the right to know what personal data government collects about them, to withhold consent for its collection, and to demand its deletion. Government collection, storage, and sale of personal data without voluntary informed consent is a violation of individual rights. We oppose any government mandate requiring individuals to submit personal data as a condition of accessing public or private services.

### 1.4 Personal Relationships

Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government's treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration, or military service laws. Individuals have the sole authority to determine and express their own gender identities. Government does not have the authority to define, promote, license, or restrict self-expression or personal relationships, regardless of the number of participants. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and

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personal relationships. Until such time as the government stops its illegitimate practice of marriage licensing, such licenses must be granted to all consenting adults who apply.

### 1.5 Parental Rights

**We support the separation of family and state.** Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs, provided that the rights of children to be free from abuse and neglect are also protected. **We reject state ownership of children, and we believe family members should voluntarily provide mutual support regardless of their family composition. Removal of children from homes should be an absolute last resort, as state agencies consistently fail to provide safe and healthy homes. Any intrusion of state agents into a dwelling should require a judicial warrant. Permanent separation of family members must be adjudicated by true due process, not in administrative hearings. We call for the end of incentives to remove children from their family homes.**

### 1.6 Adult Rights and Responsibilities

Once individuals are presumed to have adequate judgment to vote and serve on a jury or in the military, they should also be presumed to have sufficient judgment to decide their own purchase and use of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, cannabis, and engage in other activities currently restricted by government due to age.

### 1.7 Crime and Justice

Government force must be limited to the protection of the rights of individuals to life, liberty, and property, and governments must never be permitted to violate these rights. Laws should be limited in their application to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or to deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Therefore, we favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as gambling, the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, and consensual transactions involving sexual services. We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. The constitutional rights of the criminally accused, including due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must be preserved. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law. We oppose the prosecutorial practice of “overcharging” in criminal prosecutions so as to avoid jury trials by intimidating defendants into accepting plea bargains. Additionally, we support the abolition of qualified immunity so that law enforcement and prosecutors would be held legally accountable for misconduct that leads to wrongful convictions or other acts of injustice.

### 1.8 Death Penalty

We oppose the administration of the death penalty by the state.

### 1.9 Self-Defense

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The only legitimate use of force is in defense of individual rights — life, liberty, and justly acquired property — against aggression. This right inheres in the individual, who may agree to be aided by any other individual or group. We support stand-your-ground and castle doctrines. We affirm the individual right recognized by the Second Amendment to keep and bear arms, and oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense. Private property owners should be free to establish their own conditions regarding the presence of personal defense weapons on their own property. We oppose all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, or transfer of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories.

### 1.X Space Exploration

We oppose all government restrictions upon voluntary, peaceful use of the universe beyond Earth.

### 1.X Nullification

Where government exists, the only just laws and regulations of such government are to address actual crimes of aggressive violence or threat of violence, harm to individual or property, or fraud; all other laws and regulations are unjust and improper and should be voided or repealed. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts of a case but also the justice of any law. We also support popular vote initiatives to repeal unjust and improper laws, as well as mass negation of unjust and improper laws by simply ignoring them until they are repealed.

### 1.X Digital Freedom

We oppose government-mandated age limits on social media or other internet use. We oppose age verification laws that supposedly protect children from “harmful” material, but that in fact force providers to identify every user, thus violating everyone’s privacy. It is the responsibility of parents, not the government, to police children’s internet usage, as they already can do with parental controls and other tools. We believe in protecting all Americans from handing over information that makes them vulnerable to hackers or to governmental surveillance.

We oppose digital identification requirements from any entity that integrates personal ID, medical records, banking records, biometric data, or other unique identifiers, either mandated by or for use by government. We oppose any government “social credit” systems that use technology to assess the reputation of individuals based on their behaviors, financial records, and legal compliance.

We oppose any government censorship of the internet, such as blocking specific websites or preventing user access. We encourage people to find workarounds to stymie governments from censorship and blackouts. Accordingly, we oppose any governmental limitation on the use of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), which can be used for privacy as well as eluding government controls.

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### **3.4.1.X Free Trade and Migration**

We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade and migration. Political freedom, economic opportunity, and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be *unreasonably* constrained by government in *the* crossing *of* political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of *human individuals* as well as financial capital and goods across *national* borders. We therefore call for the elimination of all restrictions on immigration, the abolition of the DHS and ICE, and a declaration of full amnesty for those people who have entered the country regardless of immigration status.

## **2.0 ECONOMIC LIBERTY**

Libertarians want all members of society to have abundant opportunities to achieve economic success. A free and competitive market allocates resources in the most efficient manner. Each person has the right to offer goods and services to others on the free market. The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. All efforts by government to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade, are improper in a free society.

### **2.1 Aggression, Property, and Contract**

Aggression is the use, trespass against, or invasion of the borders of another person's owned resource (property) without the owner's consent; or the threat thereof. We oppose all acts of aggression as illegitimate and unjust, whether committed by private actors or the state. Each person is the presumptive owner of his or her own body (self-ownership), which right may be forfeited only as a consequence of committing an act of aggression. Property rights in external, scarce resources are determined in accordance with the principles of original appropriation or homesteading (whereby a person becomes an owner of an unowned resource by first use and transformation), contract (whereby the owner consensually transfers ownership to another person), and rectification (whereby an owner's property rights in certain resources are transferred to a victim of the owner's tort, trespass, or aggression to compensate the victim). As respect for property rights is fundamental to maintaining a free and prosperous society, it follows that the freedom to contract to obtain, retain, profit from, manage, or dispose of one's property must also be upheld. Libertarians would free property owners from government restrictions on their rights to control and enjoy their property, as long as their choices do not harm or infringe on the rights of others. Eminent domain, civil asset forfeiture, governmental limits on profits, governmental production mandates, and governmental controls on prices of goods and services (including wages, rents, and interest) are abridgements of such fundamental rights. For voluntary dealings among private entities, parties should be free to choose with whom they trade and set whatever trade terms are mutually agreeable.

### **2.2 Environment**

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Competitive free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Governments are unaccountable for damage done to our environment and have a terrible track record when it comes to environmental protection. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Where damages can be proven and quantified in a court of law, restitution to the injured parties must be required.

### 2.3 Energy and Resources

While energy is needed to fuel a modern society, government should not be subsidizing any particular form of energy. We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production.

### 2.4 Government Finance and Spending

Since all persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor, we oppose all government activity that consists of the forcible collection of money or goods from individuals in violation of their individual rights. We contend that a tax by any other name is still a tax and strive for the eventual repeal of all taxation. To further that end, we call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose the use of taxation as a punitive measure against certain goods or services, such as tariffs or “vice” taxes, and oppose forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. We support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax, and oppose any increase on any tax or creation of any new tax for any reason. To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded or allowed to be provided in a voluntary manner.

### 2.5 Government Debt

Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a “Balanced Budget Amendment” to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes.

### 2.6 Government Employees

We favor repealing any requirement that one must join or pay dues to a union as a condition of government employment. We advocate replacing defined-benefit pensions with defined-contribution plans, as are commonly offered in the private sector, so as not to impose debt on future generations without their consent.

### 2.7 Money and Financial Markets

We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. ~~Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated. Those who enjoy the possibility of profits must not impose risks of losses upon others, such as~~

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~~through government guarantees or bailouts. We support ending federal student loan guarantees and special treatment of student loan debt in bankruptcy proceedings. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.~~ Government control over money and interest enables inflation, wealth transfer, surveillance, and economic instability, making it difficult for individuals to save, transact freely, and plan for their economic futures. Libertarians advocate the separation of money and state, and support the repeal of legal tender laws, the end of central banking monopolies, and the unrestricted right of individuals to use competing currencies. We oppose government bailouts of business, as these shift the costs of doing business away from companies and onto taxpayers; we hold that government should not guarantee loans or exempt certain types of loans, such as student loans, from bankruptcy proceedings.

## 2.8 Marketplace Freedom

Libertarians support free markets. We defend the right of individuals to form commercial enterprises based on voluntary association. We oppose all forms of government subsidies and bailouts to business, labor, or any other special interest. Government should not compete with private enterprise. We reject government charter of corporations. We call for a separation of business and state.

## 2.9 Licensing

Libertarians support the right of every person to earn an honest and peaceful living through the free and voluntary exchange of goods and services. Accordingly, we oppose occupational and other licensing laws that infringe on this right or treat it as a state-granted privilege. We encourage certifications by voluntary associations of professionals.

## 2.10 Sex Work

The Libertarian Party supports the decriminalization of prostitution. We assert the right of consenting adults to provide sexual services to clients for compensation, and the right of clients to purchase sexual services from consenting sex workers.

## 2.11 Labor Markets

Employment and compensation agreements between private employers and employees are outside the scope of government, and these contracts should not be encumbered by government-mandated benefits or social engineering. We support the right of private employers and employees to choose whether or not to bargain with each other through a labor union. Bargaining should be free of government interference, such as compulsory arbitration or imposing an obligation to bargain.

## 2.12 Education

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Education is best provided by the free market, achieving greater quality, accountability, and efficiency with more diversity of choice. Recognizing that the education of children is a parental responsibility, we would restore authority to parents to determine the education of their children, without interference from government. Parents should have control of and responsibility for all funds expended for their children’s education.

### 2.13 Health Care

We favor a free market health care system. Medical facilities, medical providers, and medical products (including drugs) must be freely available in the marketplace without government restrictions or licenses. We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want (if any), the level of health care they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use and all other aspects of their medical care, including end-of-life decisions. **All medical care must be grounded in the principle of informed consent. Every individual has the right to receive full, transparent, and truthful information regarding the risks, benefits, and alternatives of any medical intervention and the absolute right to refuse or discontinue treatment without coercion, penalty, or loss of civil liberties. No medical intervention should be compelled directly or indirectly through government force, institutional pressure, employment threats, or denial of education, travel, or public services.**

People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines. We oppose governments either mandating, or restricting voluntary access to, medical treatments or procedures including vaccines **and reproductive services such as contraception and abortion. Individuals have a presumption of health and should not be subjected to forced quarantine, isolation, or other restrictions of their rights and freedoms.**

### 2.14 Retirement and Income Security

Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. Libertarians would phase out the current government-sponsored Social Security system and transition to a private voluntary system. The proper and most effective source of help for the poor is the voluntary efforts of private groups and individuals. We believe members of society will become even more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.

### 2.X Agorism

**We affirm the right of individuals and businesses to peacefully subvert government regulation, taxation, and restrictions through black and gray market activity, so long as they do not initiate force or fraud against individuals.**

### 2.X Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Infrastructure

**The free market, not government, should determine where, how, and by whom data infrastructure is built. We oppose all government subsidies, grants, and incentives directed at data center development or artificial intelligence investment. We oppose government efforts**

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to pick winners or losers among competing technologies, companies, or energy sources in support of data infrastructure. Property owners retain the full right to accept or refuse development on their land. Government at any level must not use eminent domain, regulatory preference, or public financing to advance data infrastructure projects on behalf of private interests.

### 3.0 SECURING LIBERTY

In the United States, constitutional limits on government were intended to prevent the infringement of individual rights by those in power. The only proper purpose of government, should it exist, is the protection of individual rights. The principle of non-initiation of force should guide relationships between governments.

#### 3.1 National Defense

~~We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression.~~ We oppose the existence of a standing government military as a threat to peace and security. However, while a standing military exists, we support a policy of armed neutrality and oppose the stationing of military assets inside foreign territory. The United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world. We oppose any form of compulsory national service. We believe in honoring our veterans by crafting and implementing policies to end aggression, undeclared wars, invasions, and occupations, while recognizing the difference between veterans and the policies they are sent out to implement.

#### 3.2 Internal Security and Individual Rights

Individual rights shall not be curtailed, whether based on circumstances of war, epidemic, natural disaster or emergency, or any other pretense. Intelligence agencies that legitimately seek to preserve the security of the nation must be subject to oversight and transparency. We oppose the government's use of secret classifications to keep from the public information that it should have, especially that which shows that the government has violated the law. We oppose the use of torture and other cruel and unusual punishments, without exception.

#### 3.3 International Affairs

American foreign policy should emphasize peace with all nations, entangling alliances with none. We would end the current U.S. government policies of foreign intervention including military and economic aid; tariffs; economic sanctions; aggressive war, invasion, and occupation; and regime change. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.

#### 3.4 Free Trade and Migration

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~~We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade and migration. Political freedom, economic opportunity, and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in ~~the~~ crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human individuals as well as financial capital and goods across national borders. We therefore call for the elimination of all restrictions on immigration, the abolition of the DHS and ICE, and a declaration of full amnesty for those people who have entered the country regardless of immigration status.~~

### 3.5 Rights and Discrimination

Libertarians embrace the concept that all people are born with certain inherent rights. We reject the idea that a natural right can ever impose an obligation upon others to fulfill that “right.” We condemn bigotry as irrational and repugnant. Accordingly, we uphold and defend the rights of every person, ~~regardless of their race, ethnicity, or any other aspect of their identity. Government should;~~ government must neither deny nor abridge any individual’s human right based upon sex, wealth, race, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Members of private organizations retain their rights to set whatever standards of association they deem appropriate, and individuals are free to respond with ostracism, boycotts, and other free market solutions.

### 3.6 Representative Government

We staunchly defend the rights to petition the government for redress of grievances and to express dissent. These rights are thwarted when government acts behind closed doors. We support election systems that are more representative of the electorate at the federal, state, and local levels, such as proportional representation, alternative voting systems, and explicit inclusion of “none of the above” on all ballots. As private voluntary groups, political parties should be free to establish their own rules for nomination procedures, primaries and conventions. We call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and the repeal of all laws that restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. We oppose laws that effectively exclude alternative candidates and parties, deny ballot access, gerrymander districts, or deny the voters their right to consider all alternatives. We advocate initiative, referendum, recall, repeal, and oppose any effort to deny these options when used as popular checks on government.

### 3.7 Self-Determination

Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of individual liberty, it is the right of the people to alter, abolish, or withdraw from it, and to agree to such new governance, or none, as to them shall seem most likely to protect their liberty. We recognize the right to political self-determination, including secession. Exercise of this right does not require permission from others.

### 3.X Separation of Federal, State, and Local Governments

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We support the untangling of the layers of government from each other, including removal of mandates, subsidies, and commandeering, such that federal, state, county, municipal, and district governments are separate and independent from each other, in both function and funding, in order to facilitate their reduction or repeal. We support the nullification of unjust laws.

### 3.X Air Travel

We call for the complete separation of air travel and state. We call for a free market for airport ownership, air traffic control, and airport security. Accordingly, we call for the abolition of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

## 4.0 OMISSIONS

In every matter, we advocate the consistent application of the principle of the non-initiation of coercion, physical force, or fraud. Our silence about any other particular government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, regulatory agency, activity, or machination should not be construed to imply approval.

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