

POLITICAL PARTY – PLATFORMS

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY

SUMMARY PLATFORM

(Adopted in convention July 9, 2000.)

The Peace and Freedom Party, founded in 1967, is committed to socialism, democracy, ecology, feminism and racial equality. We organize toward a world where cooperation replaces competition, a world where all people are well fed, clothed and housed; where all women and men have equal status; where all individuals may freely endeavor to fulfill their own talents and desires; a world of freedom and peace where every community retains its cultural integrity and lives with all others in harmony. We offer this summary of our immediate and long-ranged goals:

- Double the minimum wage, and index it to the cost of living.
- Guarantee the right of all workers to organize and to strike; forbid striker replacement.
- Socially useful jobs for all at union pay levels.
- Equal pay for equal work, and for work of comparable worth.
- A 30-hour work week with no cut in weekly pay; longer paid vacations.
- Defend and extend liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.
- End discrimination based on race, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Restore affirmative action, guarantee full education and employment rights for all.
- Provide full free quality public education through university level; Teach the history of workers' struggles and labor's creation of society's wealth and progress. Restore and strengthen bilingual education.
- Abolish the death penalty.
- No prison labor for private profit.

Excerpt taken from <http://www.peaceandfreedom.org>

THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PREAMBLE

Libertarians believe that each of us should be allowed to plan his or her own future. We believe that individuals have the right to deal with their own problems. This can be done individually or by working with others in a peaceful and honest way. We reject the initiation of force by anyone, including government.

Today our government uses force, or the threat of force, to achieve most of its goals. Repeated failures by our government have shown us that this is not a practical approach. As Libertarians, we also believe that this use of force is immoral.

Libertarians seek a world in which voluntary cooperation replaces force in human relationship. We recognize that such a world cannot be achieved overnight. We have identified several important issues which are topics currently in the political spotlight. In each case, we believe there are substantial changes that could be made to move toward our goal – replacing aggression and force with peace and cooperation.

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AMERICAN REFORM PARTY PLATFORM

IMMIGRATION POLICIES

- Establish a firm cap of 200,000 immigrants per year.
- Limit family reunification to spouses and minor children of legal immigrants.
- Ban future amnesties for illegal immigrants and review political asylum claims.
- Enforce job eligibility verification as well as all immigration laws and regulations.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

- Establish a universal, single-payer health program across the states and the nation.

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