

PROPOSAL FOR PLATFORM PREAMBLE.

OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY.

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We the members of the Libertarian Party, in order to challenge and ~~and~~ abolish the omnipotent state, and to defend the freedom and dignity of the human individual, recognize that contrary to the philosophies of government prevailing in the world today, every individual must by nature have absolute sovereignty over his life, but none over the life of any other, in order that each may attain the greatest happiness and realization of human potential possible to him; that every individual therefore has the absolute and unalienable right to his life, liberty, and property; and that every individual therefore has the right to speak and act according to his own sovereign judgment, insofar as he does not violate the same rights of others.

We therefore oppose the initiation of physical force or fraud by individuals, groups, or governments for any purpose whatever, since these constitute the sole ~~ultimate~~ <sup>ultimate</sup> means of violating the individual's rights, and maintain that the sole legitimate function of government is the protection of these rights against violators foreign and domestic; that <sup>(it follows necessarily that)</sup> ~~the corollary of this~~ is the right of every individual to enter freely into contracts by mutual consent; and that therefore the only political-economic system consistent with individual rights is ~~laissez-faire~~ capitalism under a constitutional government, as commissioned by its citizens, guaranteeing equal protection under the law.

We therefore propose the following policies and positions.

- function of preamble:*
- 1. As foundation of platform.*
  - 2. As general statement of party principles & intent.*
- ends:*
- I. Declaration of purpose of party.*
- II. Formulation of most essential principles from which to define, educate on, & justify our position and from which to eventually campaign.*