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## Statement of Principles

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Simply stated, the libertarian philosophy is, "*Live and let live.*" Each individual must be free to do as she or he pleases as long as she or he does not infringe upon the equal rights of others. This is the central idea of our Declaration of Independence.

More specifically, "live and let live" means that *force must not be used on an individual, unless that person has initiated the use of force or fraud.* This is the simple but powerful principle from which Libertarian Party's positions on all issues are logically and consistently derived.

All laws empower the government to use force on people. Some laws deter and punish those who would initiate force, as in murder, robbery or assault, for example. These laws are entirely consistent with *the legitimate purpose of government, which is to protect and secure our rights.* However, many other laws just restrict or even violate our rights, quite the opposite of protecting and securing them. Thus, our governments, as they grow ever larger, utilize oppressive force on peaceful people through their complex thicket of laws.

*Libertarians advocate maximizing liberty by eliminating the use of force on honest, peaceful people.*

### 1. Free and Open Society



## 2. Open and Free Market Economy



## 3. Transparent and Limited Government



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