

## 1974 Statement of Principles (with mark-up comparison to 1972)

*Adopted by the delegates to the second national convention of the Libertarian Party in Dallas, 1974.*

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state, and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that ~~each~~ **all** individuals ~~has~~ **have** the right to exercise sole dominion over ~~his~~ **their own** life ~~lives~~, and ~~has~~ **have** the right to live in whatever manner ~~he~~ **they** chooses, so long as ~~he~~ **they does** 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 life~~ **lives** of ~~the~~ **individuals** and seize the fruits of ~~his~~ **their labor** without ~~his~~ **their** consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that ~~the sole function of government is the protection of where governments exist,~~ **they must not violate** the rights of ~~each~~ **any** individual; namely, (1) the right to life — ~~and~~ accordingly we support ~~laws prohibiting~~ **prohibition of** the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — ~~and~~ 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 — ~~and~~ accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support ~~laws which prohibit~~ **the prohibition of** robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments ~~has only one~~ **legitimate function, when instituted, the protection of must not violate** individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. ~~Men~~ **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 ~~on a~~ **free market**; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of ~~man's~~ **individual** rights, is ~~laissez-faire capitalism~~ **the free market**.

Style/Grammar Changes

Gender Neutrality and Related Changes

Dallas Accord Changes/Nods to anarchy and no ultimate position on the existence of the State

Substantive other change in terminology (arguable as to substantive)