

Libertarians believe that the initiation of force or fraud for political or social reasons is always immoral, and contrary to the principles of legitimate government, and the guarantor of personal liberty is economic freedom

We seek a smaller and restrained Federal Government limited to the powers specifically enumerated in the U.S. Constitution, a government that does not manipulate the economy or interfere in the private moral decisions of any person.

Our vision and our goal is a freer and more prosperous society, based on respect for our differences, acknowledgment of the creative potential of a free market, and optimism for the future.



“We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain, unalienable rights; that among these are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”



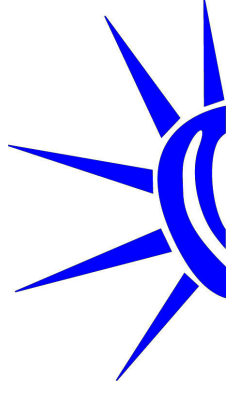
— The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

Our nation was founded on the fundamental principle that every person has a natural right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and that the sole purpose of government is to protect the rights and property of peaceful individuals.

Yet today, Federal, State and Local governments operate on opposite principles — that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor to meet “the common good.”

And all political parties — except the Libertarian Party — grant to government the power to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

Libertarians seek to return to the ideals of our Founding Fathers.



The Libertarian Option for North Carolina

*A freer, more prosperous
Tarheel State, based on
respect for individuals,
property rights, and the
creative potential of our
diverse people working in
a free market.*

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The Liberty Agenda = Freedom & Prosperity

Stop Forced Annexation

Restrain municipal aggression by ending forced annexation, curtailing the use of the eminent domain power, and rolling back zoning restrictions and other infringements on property rights.

Improve Public Education

Give parents more control over the children's education and more choice for schooling by raising the limit charter schools, lifting the regulatory burden on private education and home schools, and granting education tax credits or vouchers

Restore Free Elections

Reform North Carolina's highly restrictive ballot access laws to allow more candidates and parties on the ballot and restore the unrestricted and unregulated right of people to support candidates they choose.

End Corporate Welfare

Economic incentives and subsidies, more properly called corporate welfare, are an immoral tax on individuals for the benefit of corporate profits

Taxation

Taxation is by its very nature a coercive and destructive act against the people, who have the basic right to keep the fruits of their labor and enterprise and to enjoy their property without having to pay government for the privilege.

Bonds

Bonds are simply deferred taxes, and should be avoided in all circumstances.

Gun Laws

Every person has the inalienable right to own and carry firearms or other means of self-defense, without government licensing, registration, monitoring or interference of any kind.

Zoning

Zoning ordinances violate the rights of property owners and should be replaced with private contractual relationships that promote harmonious land use and development.

Victimless Crimes

The only real crimes are those resulting in direct harm to a person or to property. Criminal laws not directly based upon this principle, including laws against gambling, drug use, and consensual sexual activities have no place in a free and civil society.

Free Expression

The right to free expression includes the unrestricted right to pay for dissemination of one's opinion. When the government controls campaign funding, it controls the elections.

Marriage

The idea that governments should give license or permission for marriage is inconsistent with the principles of liberty.

Environment & Pollution

The basis for effective environmental protection is found in upholding property rights. Pollution is a violation of rights and should be treated as such.

Civil Liberties

Random roadblocks, warrant-less and no-knock searches, military tribunals, and police SWAT teams not only violate Constitutionally-guaranteed rights but are antithetical to a free society.

Boating, Hunting & Fishing

Eliminate boating, hung and fishing licenses and allow private land owners to regulate these activities on their own property as they see fit.

*Excerpts from the Platform of the
Libertarian Party of North Carolina.*