

The Love Party Political Positions

The Love Party Platform will guide all actions taken and all decisions made by The Love Party. Below are The Love Party's political positions on several issues. It is not an exhaustive list, and we are always open to suggestions.

~20% Flat Income Tax for Individuals and Companies

Current tax laws are overly complicated and contain many loopholes, which allow individuals and companies to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. Therefore, The Love Party proposes a flat and fair income tax of ~20% for all. The ~20% will be calculated on the net profit of companies, and the gross income of individuals. There will be no deductions given for charitable donations and mortgage interest. Donating to charities and purchasing homes are decisions we are free to make, but with no incentives or benefits granted for doing so.

No Taxation of Specific Products

The flat income tax will be the only tax. There will be no taxes on specific products, such as alcohol, gasoline and tobacco. Taxing specific products unfairly taxes some individuals and companies more than others in a society where all of us are equal.

Services for the Unsheltered

Unsheltered people need immediate assistance to obtain their basic needs of food, water, clothing, shelter, and healthcare. They need to be provided with the security that comes from knowing they will not be uprooted and moved around again and again. Therefore, shelters should be made available to them to provide temporary housing while they work to get back on their feet. Once they have their basic needs met and they are in a stable environment, unsheltered people should be provided with mental health services, counseling, drug treatment, education, job training and job placement, based on their individual needs and desires. This will equip unsheltered people to support themselves and their families.

Free Quality Health Care for Everyone

Quality health care will be a basic right for all people, regardless of our ability to pay for it. Free health care will be provided for all Americans who want it, and it will be paid via funds received from the flat tax.

Free Quality Education for Everyone

Education is to be a basic right for all people, regardless of our ability to pay for it. Free education through attainment of a 4-year college degree, or graduation from a trade school, will be paid via funds received from the flat tax. Whenever possible, education should be provided via remote access to keep costs to a minimum.

Body Ownership

We free American adults have full ownership of our own bodies. Without that ownership, we are not free. We have the right to donate or sell our organs, tissue, blood, blood components and every other part of ourselves. Controls will be put in place to ensure that our decisions in this regard are made freely, without coercion of any kind, and only by people of a sound mind.

Abortion Legalized Through First 20 Weeks

Abortion should be avoided, if possible. Other forms of contraception are preferable to abortion. This includes the “morning after pill”. If an abortion is to be performed, it will be performed within the first 20 weeks of pregnancy. This ensures that the fetus is not yet conscious and will feel no pain throughout the procedure.

For the first 20 weeks of pregnancy, the fetus is considered a potential human, and a part of the host’s body. After 20 weeks, the fetus is considered a human being with all the same rights as a newborn baby. Exceptions will be made for cases of rape, incest and when the host’s life is in jeopardy. In most cases, pregnancy is detected within the first 20 weeks, which provides ample time for the host to make the decision whether or not to end the pregnancy. That decision will be made solely by the host of the fetus, without coercion of any kind.

Legalize Prostitution

We free American adults have the right do with our bodies whatever we choose. Without that right, we are not free. We have the right to engage in the sex trade as a buyer, seller or both. Prostitution will be controlled and regulated to ensure that it is practiced voluntarily and safely. Legalizing prostitution will limit the number of people being introduced to the black market and will free up law enforcement resources to fight more serious crimes. Legalizing prostitution will also greatly reduce the number of humans being trafficked for sex. Legalizing prostitution is not the same as promoting it. There are risks involved in the sex trade. Everyone will continue to be educated about those risks, allowing them to make educated and informed decisions about whether or not to engage in prostitution.

Legalize Drug Use

We free American adults have the right to put into our own bodies anything we desire. Without that right, we are not free. The war on drugs has been a failure from its beginning. After trillions of dollars spent, drugs are as prevalent now as they have ever been. This is due to the law of supply and demand. As long as there is a demand for drugs, there will always be a supply to meet that demand. Demand for drugs increases, as the quality of our lives decreases. We are desperately searching for ways to escape our worries, and drug use is one of the escape mechanisms many are choosing. Although, we should all work together to increase the quality of everyone's lives, no matter how much our lives improve the demand for drugs will never completely stop.

Legalizing drugs has many benefits beyond the trillions of dollars saved by ending the war on them. Drug potency and purity will be regulated and controlled. Drug purchasers will know exactly what they are purchasing, and in what quantities, because proper labelling will be required for all drugs. This will reduce the mortality rate of users, who are currently buying drugs on the black market. Black market drugs rarely, if ever, contain any information about their potency and purity. Black market drugs often contain poisonous chemicals, such as fentanyl, as fillers and effect-boosters. This is causing many accidental overdoses and poisonings of users.

When drugs are legalized, drug prices will go down tremendously, so there will be less theft committed by drug users. Legalizing drugs will also end the violence associated with the drug trade. There will be no more drug cartels and no more drug gangs. Legalizing drugs will reduce the number of people being introduced to the black market and all the abhorrent things for sale there. Financial and human resources currently being used to fight the futile war on drugs can be used to fight against murder, rape, human trafficking, child molestation, child exploitation, assault, robbery and all other high crimes. Police resources that are freed up will be readily available to quickly respond to reports of crimes.

Legalizing drugs is not the same as promoting their use. Efforts to reduce the demand for drugs will continue. These include education, drug treatment, counseling and other measures undertaken for the improvement of everyone's quality of life. Drug users will continue to be encouraged to avoid drug use for the sake of their own health, the health of their families and the health of our communities. They will be provided with accurate information about all drugs. They will be presented with many alternate ways to improve their lives and escape their negative situations, both mentally and physically. Much of the money saved by ending the war on drugs will be used for these efforts. Non-violent drug offenders will be given immediate and complete amnesty, and their drug offenses will be immediately expunged from their criminal records.

Legalize Plural Marriages

We free American adults have the right to form relationships with, and to marry anyone we choose. This includes relationships and marriages between three or more people. If all parties involved have consented to the relationship, in whatever form, our government will not intervene. It is not our government's place to do so in a free society. Since America welcomes all beliefs and cultures, plural marriages must be allowed. Several countries allow plural marriages. Currently, in order for citizens of

those countries to become Americans, they must give up that practice and break up their families. That is not right.

Fair Laws

All laws will apply equally to all Americans. All laws that do not apply equally to all people will be removed or amended to ensure they do. Lawmakers will make no laws that only apply to them, and no laws that only apply to others.

Enforcement of Laws

All laws will be reviewed to determine if they are enforceable. All laws that are not enforceable will either be removed or amended so they are. Lawmakers will make no laws that are not enforceable.

Simplified Bills

Bills will be concise, easy to understand and free from unassociated riders. All bills will be read aloud to congress before being voted upon. No member of congress will be allowed to vote on a bill before confirming that they have read the bill in its entirety or have heard the bill read aloud in its entirety.

Good Faith Legislating

When deciding on bills, members of congress will weigh the merits of each bill separately. There will be no horse trading of votes on disparate issues. Members of congress will, whenever possible, vote according to the will of most of their constituents. Legislative deliberations will always focus on what is best for the people being governed. The will and protection of the people will always trump what is beneficial for companies. Economic considerations will always come secondary to considerations regarding the health and welfare of the American people.

No Civil Asset Forfeiture

Civil asset forfeiture is when property that is suspected to have been gained through criminal activity is taken from a suspect and not returned, even if the suspect is never charged, tried or convicted of the suspected crime(s). Many states currently allow civil asset forfeiture, and it has become a huge source of revenue for them. Police and prosecutors keep anywhere from half to all proceeds of such seizures, so there is huge potential for abuse of their powers. Civil asset forfeiture incentivizes profiteering by authorities, rather than the pursuit of justice. Since suspects are innocent until proven guilty in America, civil asset forfeiture has no place anywhere in this country. It is unconstitutional and illegal. Civil asset forfeiture will be immediately banned, and reparations for all damages caused by civil asset forfeiture will be undertaken in earnest and without delay.

Term Limits for All Elected Positions

All elected positions will have reasonable term limits. This will cut down on cronyism, corruption and other abuses of power by those we have elected to lead us.

United States Expansion

The United States will immediately and formally invite all five U.S. territories to become full member states. The United States will invite Mexico to become either a full member state or territory of the United States, whichever Mexico's government prefers. Mexican attainment of statehood or territorial status will negate the need for a border wall and border protection between Mexico and the United States. Many lives will be saved, as Mexicans will no longer put their lives in danger trying to cross the border into the United States. Separated families will be united. Offers of statehood will be made to all nations which are friendly with, and/or allied with the United States. The only requirement for membership in the United States will be a willingness to follow our federal laws.

Incentivize Green Initiatives & Disincentivize Fossil Fuel Consumption

The government will immediately begin incentivizing companies to adopt green technologies and to offer green goods and services. The government will give contract preferences to green companies. New construction of public buildings and all work on public lands will incorporate the use of green technologies and practices. Companies seeking to contract with the government for these types of projects will be required to sign a pledge to use green technologies and practices before the contract may be signed. The government will immediately shut down all fossil fuel related projects on public lands and stop all government funding and subsidies that are associated with them. There will be no more government approval for any fossil fuel related projects on public lands.

Waste Reduction Programs

Robust government programs will immediately be put in place to reduce our use of resources, and to incentivize the reuse and recycling of resources. This is especially important for plastics, which are piling up in much of the world and entering our food supply. The government will work with all companies and citizens to properly reuse and recycle plastics, especially for things that are intended to last long-term. Examples are vehicles, roads, bridges, benches and tables.

Surplus food and food products will be provided to those who need it. They will not be discarded if they are still edible by people or animals. This includes food and food components from manufacturers and retailers, such as restaurants, food carts and bakeries. Citizens will also be encouraged to conserve food and food waste. The government will no longer buy excess food products and then discard them to maintain or increase food prices.

Corporate and Company Reform

Companies should be limited in size to the extent at which they can still be regulated and controlled properly and efficiently. Too big to fail is too big to exist. The practice of fining companies pennies on the dollar for their crimes will end immediately. That practice has incentivized companies to continue to cut corners and commit crimes because it has been profitable for them to do so.

Fines and penalties incurred by companies will be proportionate to the crimes they commit. Companies will not be allowed to keep any profits gained from their crimes. All those profits will go to those who were harmed by their criminal activities.

Companies will no longer be allowed to contribute to political campaigns. Our government will remain of the people, by the people and for the people. Companies are not people. Therefore, they will have no influence on the governing of our people.

Government Accountability

The government will ensure complete spending transparency. We citizens will know exactly how our money is being spent. Our government will not be allowed to knowingly lie to we citizens about anything, ever. In instances where our security would be threatened by exposing the truth, our government will be allowed to withhold information until its exposure is no longer a threat. There will be strict penalties incurred by any government agency that fails to follow this mandate.

Freedom of Speech

We free American adults have the right to free speech. Otherwise, we are not free. That means that we have the right to say anything we want, wherever we want to say it, if there is no incitement or threats of violence. The government will no longer ban any words or phrases that comply with that standard. The FCC's rules and practices pertaining to the regulation and control of free speech will be abolished. Their mandate and all their procedures and practices will be reviewed and adjusted to comply with this standard.