WHAT IS THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY?
The Libertarian Party was created in 1971 by people who realized that politicians had strayed from America's original libertarian foundation, with disastrous results. The new party's vision was the same as that of America's founders—a society where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways—with “liberty and justice for all.”

The Libertarian Party's platform is based on the moral principle of self-ownership. Each individual has the right to control his or her own body, actions, speech, and property. And government's only role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force or fraud.

Most people deal with each other on the premise of mutual respect. You don't threaten your neighbors with fines or jail because they make choices that are different from yours. We should hold our government to the same standard!

The Libertarian Party is the only political party that respects your rights as a unique and competent individual. We want a system that allows all people to choose what they want from life and that lets us live, work, play, and dream our own way.

Libertarians believe that you, and every person, have the:

- right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
- right to keep and bear arms
- right to live where you choose and how you choose
- right to privacy
- right to worship how, when, and where you choose
- right to be treated equally under the law

Libertarians are practical—we know that we can't make the world perfect. But it can be better. Libertarians will keep working to create a better, freer society for everyone.