

The Libertas Statement

We, as libertarians, affirm:

That full individual liberty is impossible in any society other than a voluntary one that aggresses upon no one;

That men and women require the full and independent use of their own judgment in order to survive at an optimum level, and therefore have a nature right to do their own thing, providing that they do not physically harm or coercively restrict another individual's life, liberty or property;

That everyone is exclusively sovereign, and is a slave to no one;

That the individual is best served by society when he or she is free from forcefully imposed controls of others, acting alone or in concert (as a government);

That all forms of coercion and aggression are always immoral;

That the only system consistent with personal freedoms in the economic arena is one that does not interfere with free trade between consenting individuals;

THEREFORE, we, as libertarians, resolve to oppose all forms of aggression by any State, Government, self-appointed savior, individual, or association of individuals. We further resolve to oppose taxation, conscription, eminent domain, laws which create victimless "crimes," and also programs forced onto individuals without their consent. It is time that the chains of authoritarianism in economics and morality be broken. Individual rights and coercion cannot co-exist. Liberty cannot be compromised, and we will settle for no less than freedom in our time

Declared on May 5, 1973

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That full individual liberty is impossible in any society other than a voluntary one that aggresses upon no one;

That people require the full and independent use of their own judgment in order to survive at an optimum level, and therefore have a nature right to do whatever they choose, insofar as they do not physically harm or coercively restrict another individual's life, liberty or property;

That everyone is exclusively sovereign, and is a slave to no one;

That individuals are best served by society when they are free from forcefully or fraudulently imposed controls of others, acting alone or in concert (as a government);

That all forms of coercion, aggression and fraud are always immoral;

That the only system consistent with personal freedoms in the economic arena is one that does not interfere with free trade between consenting individuals;

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