

Government Health Care

The American Constitution Party opposes the takeover of the American medical system by government bureaucracies. Government subsidy leads inevitably to government regulation and rationing of services and constitutes a present danger to the quality and availability of patient-centered care and treatment. Hospitals, doctors, and other health-care providers should be accountable to their patients – not to politicians.

Immigration

We affirm the integrity of the borders of the united States and the right and constitutional authority and obligation of the federal government, under the law of nations, to guard and protect those borders, including the regulation of the number and qualifications of immigrants.

Individual Rights

Human dignity is a basic right recognized in the Constitution by our founders. Each and every citizen shall be free to choose his friends and associates; to offer, seek, or refuse employment; to rent or sell property without interference from the state; and to expect honorable laws and justice from government.

Money and Banking

The American Constitution Party calls for a return to the monetary and banking provisions set forth in the Constitution. We seek to restore the nation's medium of exchange – the *type* of money the world has historically favored – commodity money: money capable of being coined or tendered as coin. We will re-establish the quality of money which the inter-national markets recognize as preeminent – exclusively silver and gold – as the standard for the money of the united States.

Security of Persons and Property

We affirm the Fourth Amendment right of the People to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, including general, unwarranted electronic surveillance, national computer data banks, and ID cards or chips.

Privatization

The American Constitution Party calls for all levels of government to sell off to private parties those operations which are not authorized by their respective constitutions and/or which compete with private, free-enterprise business on a tax-advantaged basis.

Religious Freedom

We call upon all three branches of the federal government to cease attacks on the religious liberties of the people and to stop all attempts to interfere with the encour-

agement of religious and moral principles among their peoples by state and local governments. We assert that any form of taxation or coercion (including incorporation and 501(c)(3) status) of churches and other religious organizations is a direct and dangerous step toward state control of the activities of the church. Such intrusion is prohibited by the Constitution and must be halted.

Social Security

We support legislation to require the federal government to protect Social Security funds as an insurance trust to be used only to fulfill its obligations to those who have paid their premiums. The Constitution grants no authority to the federal government to require individuals to participate in the Social Security system. Indeed, the implementing act clearly establishes voluntary participation.

Taxes, Tariffs, and Trade

We oppose the unconstitutional transfer of Congress' authority over trade, copyright, and patent policy to any agency, whether domestic, foreign, or international. The same is true for any "fast-track" trading authority Congress may attempt to bestow on the executive branch.

We will propose legislation to abolish the IRS and will veto any authorization which contains funding of any kind for that illicit and unconstitutional agency. Moreover, it is our intention to replace entirely the current tax system of the U.S. Government (including income, FICA, estate & inheritance, corporate, and fuel taxes) with a new approach based on the original design of our founding fathers.

First, cut federal spending that is outside Constitutional limits. **Second**, impose reason-able revenue tariffs (not protective) on all imported products and limited excise taxes on non-essential goods while eliminating all direct federal taxes. **Third**, bill any revenue short-falls to the states' legislatures in proportion to their congressional representation, thereby rein-stating the Doctrine of Interposition and creating legislative pressures on states' congressional delegations to control federal spending.

Welfare

Charity and provision of welfare to those in need is not a responsibility of the federal government. The message of Christian charity is at fundamental odds with the concept of welfare rights. In many cases, government welfare is not only misdirected, but also morally destructive of motivation, resulting in dependency on the state and the creation of a permanent slave class. When net tax recipients discover that they can vote to profit themselves the largess of the public treasury, the process will not stop until the last bone of the last taxpayer is picked bare. We encourage individuals and families to fulfill their personal responsibility to help those in need by tithes, offerings, and other charitable contributions.



Colorado affiliate of the Constitution Party

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Excerpts from the Party

PLATFORM

Unequivocal statements on the issues of:

Taxes • Individual Rights • Defense

Education • Abortion • Euthanasia

Foreign Policy • Gun Control

And many other matters

Principles above Politics

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Preamble

We, the members of the American Constitution Party, gratefully acknowledge the blessings of the Lord God as the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe and of our nation. We hereby appeal to Him for aid, comfort, guidance, and the protection of His Divine Providence as we work to restore and preserve this nation as a government of, by, and for the people.

Our republic is a nation governed by a constitution rooted in Biblical law and administered by representatives elected by the people to preserve, protect, and defend it against attacks by all its enemies, whether from without or within. We affirm the principles of inherent, un-alienable, individual rights upon which these united States of America were founded.

The sole legitimate function of government is to secure these rights through the preservation of domestic tranquility, the maintenance of a strong national defense, and the promotion of equal justice for all.

Abortion

The pre-born child, whose life begins at conception, is from that moment fully a human being created in God's image. The first duty of the law is to prevent the taking of innocent human life. It is, therefore, the duty of all civil governments to secure and safeguard the lives of the pre-born.

AIDS

Under no circumstances should government continue to subsidize activities that have the effect of encouraging perverted or promiscuous sexual conduct. In the name of "safe sex", millions of tax dollars have been misdirected to organizations that contribute to the spread of AIDS by endorsing (implicitly or explicitly) perverse, immoral, and unhealthy sexual conduct.

Congressional Reform

Most members of Congress have become more accountable and responsive to the Beltway Establishment than to the people in their home districts. We seek to abolish federal pay and pensions for members of Congress, and restore provisions for *per diem* allowances.

Constitutional Convention

We oppose any attempt to call a constitutional convention for any purpose whatsoever, because it cannot be limited to any single issue, and such a convention has the potential to seriously erode the constitutional protections of our unalienable rights.

Cost of Big Government

The only legitimate purpose of civil government is to safeguard the God-given rights of its citizens, namely: life, liberty, and property. Only those duties, functions, and programs explicitly assigned to the federal government by the Constitution should be funded. The American Consti-

tution Party calls on Congress and the executive branch to disapprove and halt all federal expenditures that are not specifically authorized by the Constitution of the united States.

Defense

It is a primary obligation of the federal government to provide for the common defense, to be vigilant in dealing with significant potential threats and prospective capabilities (e.g., border security), as well as with perceived present intentions. We oppose unilateral disarmament and dismemberment of America's defense infrastructure. The world is still a very dangerous place.

Drug Abuse

The American Constitution Party upholds the right of states and localities to restrict access to drugs. The only legitimate role of the federal government in drug control is interdiction of drug smuggling at the borders. Care must be taken to protect the rights of un-convicted and innocent suspects. Pre-conviction confiscation of private property must end.

Education

The law of the Creator, as referenced in the Declaration of Independence, assigns to parents the authority and duty of educating their children. Education should be free from all federal government subsidies, including vouchers, tax incentives, and loans. We hold that no federal agency, department, board, or other entity should be allowed to exercise jurisdiction over any aspect of children's rearing.

Energy

We call attention to the continuing need for a sufficient supply of energy to sustain the nation's standard of living and its agricultural, business, and industrial activities. Private property rights must be respected, and government should not interfere with the development of potential energy sources, including ANWR oil, natural gas, hydroelectric power, solar and nuclear energy, wind-driven generators, or hydrogen and fuel cell technology.

Environment

It is a primary responsibility of mankind to be prudently productive and efficient stewards of God's natural resources. In that role, man is commanded to be fruitful, to multiply, to replenish the earth and develop it; to turn deserts into farms and wastelands into groves. This requires a proper and continuing dynamic balance between development and conservation, between use and preservation. The proper exercise of stewardship demands that we avoid the extremes; that we escape the deadly hand of government confiscations; that we recognize and preserve the right of the individual to acquire, own, and use his property in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others to do likewise.

Euthanasia

The American Constitution Party is on record as recognizing and putting first the sanctity of human life. Just as we oppose abortion (the taking of an innocent, pre-born life), so we adamantly oppose assisted suicide.

Family

We affirm that the law of the Creator establishes and defines marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and that same law establishes and defines a family. We further hold that no government has the authority to establish marriage or family relations in any manner contrary to that law.

Foreign Aid

The Congress and the President have a Constitutional duty to provide for the defense of this country, but the American people have no duty to provide for the defense of any foreign nation.

Furthermore, the U.S. Government has no Constitutional authority to tax the American people to provide aid of any kind to foreign governments.

Therefore, we will support every effort to terminate all foreign aid programs, whether military or non-military, whether to a foreign state or to an international organization, including the United Nations, IMF, World Bank, and every other similar institution.

Foreign Policy

The only constitutional basis and purpose of foreign policy is to serve the interests of this nation. We should not be the world's police-man. We pledge our only allegiance to the American Republic. We shout a resounding "NO!" to any one-world government or so-called New World Order. Not one whit of American autonomy may be surrendered to any international organization or cartel of nations. We oppose entangling foreign alliances. The united States should withdraw from the UN and NATO and bring home our overseas forces. We should review all existing treaties to determine which go beyond constitutional limits. Those that do should be rescinded.

Gun Control

The right to bear arms is inherent in the right of self-defense, defense of family and property, and defense against tyranny. It is part of the Creator's endowment to ensure the security of the life, liberty, and property of the individual and his family, as well as to pre-serve the independence of the nation. The only acceptable gun control is one's ability to hit the target with the first shot, every time! The only government that fears the guns of its citizens is a tyranny.