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LIBERTARIAN PARTY UK MANIFESTO 2019
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM



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FOREWORD

The Libertarian Party believes that we are at a cross roads in British Politics in which the next few years will decide the direction of travel for the foreseeable future. The parties who make up the Westminster cabal have shown that they believe that the people are there to serve them, not the other way round.

We are entering a period in which the two main parties are descending to their extremes which for the Conservative Party is in-fighting, and chaos, and an abandonment of the free market. For Labour it is a push to take private property by force, for example, to nationalise healthy companies in an ideological shake-down as well as to add an ever increasing burden of taxation on middle earners and future generations, yet at the same time stoking class divisions to ensure

there is always someone else to blame.

Luckily we are also seeing a great deal of awareness in the general public who are starting to see how rigged the system is and are looking for an alternative. We are that alternative. We are the party that puts the rights of the individuals ahead of the rights of unions or donors. We are the party that will remove barriers to trade allowing the economy to stand on its own feet unencumbered by unnecessary regulations. We are the party that wants to remove political interference from your everyday life, freeing important services like Health Care and Education from political point scoring and putting them in the hands of the service providers or users: the people who know what is most needed. We are the party that

wants to ensure that this country has a Constitution that protects the individual and treats all parts of the country in an even manner.

In this Manifesto we will set out our policies for a future federal United Kingdom where power is devolved wherever possible and innovative, modern solutions are used to create the good in an efficient way (in place of that which is beloved by the other parties: the status quo).

The Manifesto of the Libertarian Party has been built on five basic principles.

That the overall effect of all our policies together shall decrease the size and power of the state.

That the rights of the individual are paramount and should be nurtured.

That the individual is better

placed to understand what is in their best interest than the state.

That those who have power must be held accountable for their actions.

That power should be devolved so it is as close to the people who are affected by it as possible.

Alongside these principles we have also called on the experience of other countries basing our policies, wherever possible, on systems that have been tried and tested elsewhere and which the evidence shows work well.

This Manifesto provides an alternative to more of the same, a pathway away from the Westminster rule we know to somewhere more prosperous, less authoritarian and less dangerous, more protective of the citizen and

less willing to boss her around for her own good or, as is more commonly the case, to her harm.

Our respect for each individual is embodied in the procedures of our party, such as our policy creation procedure, declared in the policies in our Manifesto which fuels the lamp with which we light the way to the place where we hope you will find your political home as a member, or supporter, of the Libertarian Party UK. We are the party that will set you personally above the collective and by doing so free the country to be better than ever before.

Adam Brown
Party Leader



CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION FOR BRITAIN

“That government is best which governs least.”

- attr. Thomas Jefferson

The Libertarian Party believes:

In having a written Constitution that holds the Individual to be above the State.

That a limited government with both horizontal and vertical separation of powers, and vigorous checks and balances, will best preserve the Liberty of the People.

That Great Britain should be a Confederation of Free States, and that the People determine their own polities.

That it should be confirmed in Law that the People are Sovereign.

That the Monarchy should be permitted only as long as it has the formal approval of the People, and should be subordinate to the Constitution.

That all public servants should swear allegiance to upholding the Constitution, and be liable in Law for misconduct and fraud.

That the First Past the Post voting system should be replaced with a form of Proportional Representation.

The Libertarian Party's proposed written constitution embodies the following basic concepts, namely that:

The Constitution be federal in nature, with each participating State sovereign and with an equal voice in the compact.

The people of each state are the ultimate sovereign body of each State.

All individuals are possessed of inalienable natural rights to life, liberty, property, and all other rights that derive from them.

The political entity this Constitution creates be called the Confederation of the Free States of Britain.

The purpose of the Constitution is to restrain and limit the general government

as well as to define its delegated powers.

There is a separation of powers horizontally between the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches, and vertically between the general government and the States.

The Constitution is a legal document with fixed meaning, not a living or flexible document open to interpretation.

All officers shall be bound by an oath to the Constitution, and that breach of that oath be considered a serious matter.

The Confederation will aid in preservation from external attack and from conflict between the States.

The general government be funded equally by the States.

The general government shall consist of a bicameral legislature, a Constitutional Court, and an Executive.

The Monarchy continue only in a private manner, subject to the will of the people.

The lower house of the Legislative branch consist of a chamber elected by the people of each State to be a guardian of the rights of the people, a reflection of the broad range of values and attitudes of the people, and to hold the key of the treasury of the Confederation.

The upper house of the Legislature consist of a chamber elected by the State legislatures to be a guardian of the sovereignty of the States and the presiding body of the Confederation, especially tasked to the Confederation as a whole and to foreign matters, and of approving appointments made by the Executive.

The Chief Executive and his deputy be elected by an electoral college so as to

allow the people of each State a say, avoid demagoguery, and keep the States from being disenfranchised.

The Chief Executive be First Ambassador, have a line-item non-blocking veto over laws, and be commander-in-chief of military forces in time of declared war.

Officers be susceptible to impeachment; elected officials to expulsion; members of the upper house open to recall by State legislatures.

Only the Legislative branch shall have power to declare war.

Military power be the bailiwick of the States and not the general government.

The general government have no power to borrow money.

The general government have no power to erect corporations.

Bills require passage in both houses, can be vetoed by the Executive, must be short and pertain to one subject, and have a sunset clause of not more than 10 years.

A yearly budget bill list spending and costs for the year.

The State court in any state is the final court of appeal in that State, and that no case can be appealed or brought to the Constitutional Court unless it is strictly a matter of a federal nature.

A two-thirds vote of State Legislatures can veto a decision made by the Constitutional Court; and individuals and states can sue for injunctive relief against laws deemed unconstitutional.





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