

If a spouse dies, same-sex couples face inheritance taxes. Opposite-sex couples do not. *Equality before the law* means all couples have the same inheritance rules.

Same-sex couples pay the same Social Security taxes as opposite-sex couples. Social Security benefits only transfer to a surviving spouse if the spouse was in an opposite-sex marriage. *Equality before the law* means everyone has the same Social Security rules.

If an opposite-sex couple marry, a noncitizen in the couple has no fear of deportation as an illegal alien. Same-sex couples that include a noncitizen must fear the noncitizen's deportation. *Equality before the law* means the same immigration rules for everyone.

Libertarians are the best friends of sexual minorities. Join us. Support Outright Libertarians and the Libertarian Party

Political Thought

Why is the Libertarian Party here?

Begin with the most fundamental issue.

The Purpose of a Political Group is to:

- *Advance Its Agenda,
- *Run Candidates and Win Elections, and
- *Use Electoral Victory to Put Its Program into Effect.

Our objective is to create a movement that brings freedom, small government, low taxes, the entire Bill of Rights, and equality before the law to people of every orientation, all in our lifetime.

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What We'll Do For You

The Libertarian Party brings to you an organization focused on doing political work, to help you gain equality before the law, increased individual freedom, less intrusive laws and regulations, smaller government, and lower taxes.

To help liberty activists, people like you, we're here to:

Recruit and support candidates for your ballot,

Support **local and topical groups** you can join,

Help you with **referenda and lobbying**,
Find other libertarians you can meet,
Educate your neighbors on libertarian objectives

When you want to get involved, join the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts: We're **here to help you help yourself** and your community.

Why not join us today?

Other Groups Campaigning for Liberty

Outright Libertarians www.outrightusa.org

Pink Pistols www.pinkpistols.org

National Coalition for Sexual Freedom
www.ncsfreedom.org

Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
www.pflag.com

Apologies to other worthy groups, but we are out of space here.

Read Our Web Pages

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Our 2006 National Party Platform Section on Sexuality and Gender

What is the problem? Politicians use popular fears and taboos to legally impose a particular code of moral and social values. Government regularly denies rights and privileges on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

What is the answer? Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships. Government does not have legitimate authority to define or license personal relationships. Sexuality or gender should have no impact on the rights of individuals.

How will our answer help? Culture wars, social friction and prejudice will fade when marriage and other personal relationships are treated as private contracts, solely defined by the individuals involved, and government discrimination is not allowed.

How do we get there? Repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act and state laws and amendments defining marriage. Oppose any new laws or Constitutional amendments defining terms for personal, private relationships. Repeal any state or federal law assigning special benefits to people based on marital status, family structure, sexual orientation or gender identification. Repeal any state or federal laws denying same-sex partners rights enjoyed by others, such as adoption of children and spousal immigration. End the Defense Department practice of discharging armed forces personnel for sexual orientation. Upgrade all less-than-honorable discharges previously assigned solely for such reasons to honorable status, and delete related information from military personnel files. Repeal all laws discriminating by gender, such as protective labor laws and marriage, divorce, and custody laws which deny rights of each person.

Section on Reproductive Rights

What is the problem? The tragedies caused by unplanned, unwanted pregnancies are aggravated and sometimes created by government policies of censorship, restriction, regulation and prohibition.

Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on both sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.

What is the Answer? Individual rights should not be denied nor abridged on the basis of sex, age, dependency, or location. Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions, nor should any government or individual force a woman to have an abortion. It is the right and obligation of the pregnant woman regardless of age, not the state, to decide the desirability or appropriateness of prenatal testing, Caesarean births, fetal surgery, voluntary surrogacy arrangements and/or home births.

How do we get there? We oppose government actions that either compel or prohibit abortion, sterilization or any other form of birth control. Specifically we condemn the practice of forced sterilization of welfare recipients, or of mentally retarded or "genetically defective" individual. We support the voluntary exchange of goods, services or information regarding human sexuality, reproduction, birth control or related medical or biological technologies. We oppose government laws and policies that restrict the opportunity to choose alternatives to abortion.

How do we get started? We support an end to all subsidies for childbearing or child prevention built into our present laws.

Join Us



Libertarian Party

A New Dawn
For Freedom

Libertarianism and Marriage

We say to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Polyamorous Americans that the Libertarian Party is the natural home of the entire LGBT community. Libertarians support *equality before the law* for all LGBT people, including equality in marriage, adoption, and inheritance.

Libertarians believe that government should be minimized. But when our government is active, there should be *equality before the law* for all Americans. There should not be one rule of law for some Americans, and a different rule of law for other Americans. That is not *equality before the law*.

It is none of Congress's business whom you choose to marry. Libertarians support opening the government institution of marriage to same-sex couples. The reality of modern America is that the government gives hundreds of privileges to people with government-issued marriage licenses.

Those privileges are not available to people who are not legally married. Those privileges cannot be achieved by other means, even if you are willing to spend tens of thousands of dollars on Attorney's fees.

For some examples, turn this page: