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An Individuality Based Stance on Abortions: An Analysis on a Political Party's Stance

Libertarians are based on independence. Libertarians are based on individuality.

Libertarians are based on freedom. Libertarians are based on privacy. Libertarians are of the Libertarian Party. The Libertarians Party's platform demonstrates these core values, and the Libertarian stance on abortions verify how true this party is to its ethics. Merriam -Webster defines liberty as "the state or condition of people who are able to act and speak freely" and as "the power to do or choose what you want to" ("Liberty"). This idea of liberty is exactly what the Libertarian Party stands on. The idea of freedom and independence are manifested in the Libertarian platform, for these values are exhibited in the preamble and the Libertarian stance on abortions. In terms of the Libertarian stance on Abortion, this party is neither pro-life nor pro-choice. The Libertarian Party is pro-life when an individual is pro-life, and the Libertarian Party is pro-choice when an individual is pro-choice. The Libertarian Party stands behind the personal choices of individuals, for they believe the government should have no say so at all about abortions. In simple terms, the thesis of the Libertarian stance on abortions is that "the government should be kept out of the matter" ("Platform | Libertarian Party" 3).

The Libertarian Party platform's main point is that the government should be excluded from all human matters, including abortions, for the betterment of the country. The Libertarian party uses evidence to support their thesis. According to the Libertarian Party, a country without so much influence by a government is a country headed in the direction of success. The preamble

of the Libertarians Party platform states that “individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world” (“Platform | Libertarian Party” 1). As claimed by the Libertarian Party, a country that has laws based on individuality will lead to success, which is evidence as to why the government should be kept out certain situations. The Libertarian preamble goes on to say that “force and fraud must be banished from human relations, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity even realized” (“Platform | Libertarian Party” 1). The Libertarian Party believes that the government are the “force and fraud” that should be kept out of citizens’ everyday lives, and that lack of independence from the government is what is keeping citizens from a harmonious and strong society. The Libertarian Party uses evidence to support their thesis in a form that describes the potential America has if the government would take a step back and be kept out of individual matters.

It is not hard to take note of the fact that the Libertarians wrote their platform while keeping their strong values at heart. The Libertarian Party’s underlying values, or warrants, include independence, freedom, individualism, and privacy. Though some of these values are not directly stated, they are easy to find particularly in the Libertarian Party's stance on Abortions. The Libertarian Party believes that the matter of abortions should be left to the individual decision and left to “their conscientious consideration” (“Platform | Libertarian Party” 3). Fundamentally, the Libertarian Party understands that each individual person will make the best decision for them, for this demonstrates how some of the warrants of the Libertarian Party are independence and freedom. Abortions are a sensitive topic, for individuals will meditate on the idea of abortions to make the appropriate decisions based on individual situations. The fact that the Libertarian Party gives the power to individuals on a controversial topic like abortions shows how much independence the party values individualism and privacy. The Libertarian Party is

neither pro-life nor pro-choice. As stated before, the Libertarian Party is pro-life when an individual is pro-life, and the Libertarian Party is pro-choice when an individual is pro-choice. The Libertarian Party stands behind the personal choices of individuals, for they value individualism. According to the Libertarians, Abortions should be addressed on the individual level because there are very strong opinions on both sides, for each individual has the right to make the best decision for their life free of government restraint ("Platform | Libertarian Party" 3). This shows how much Libertarian respect freedom and privacy from government.

There seems to be a lack of backing, or support, of the seemingly genuine values of the Libertarian Party. There are plenty of claims as to how their core values being present in society could possibly advance America, but there is no solid backing of their values. The Libertarian Party platform states that “within the United States all political parties, other than [the Libertarian Party], grant the government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent” ("Platform | Libertarian Party" 1). Although this explains how bad having a controlling government can be, the platform simply implies that an independent society can be better. As said earlier, the warrants that the Libertarian Party established include independence, freedom, individualism, and privacy. The Libertarians explain why a country that is not shaped around their values is harmful for society. This idea establishes a new and hardly present warrant which is anti-governmental control. This warrant is a bit different from independence in that independence is very general and applies to individuals' rights, but anti-governmental control is intentional, specific and directly in opposition to government intervention. Although the example I used earlier can be somewhat used as backing, but it cannot be considered backing for the main warrants presented in this platform. If the Libertarian Party stated exactly how an independent society is better using solid evidence, that

would be solid backing of the warrant. An example could be the happiness that would result from citizens feeling independent. There is not hardcore proof or backing that explains how independence, freedom, privacy, or individualism can truly benefit society, for there are just simply claims along with their main warrants.

Though it may take some reading in between the lines, there is a subtle but valid rebuttal to the Libertarian stance on abortions. The Libertarian Party platform states that “recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good faith views on all sides...” (“Platform | Libertarian Party” 3). This subtle introduction to the Libertarian stance on abortions essentially is responding to the controversy of abortions in an understanding manner. By the party acknowledging that abortion is a huge issue that people feel passionately about on both sides of the fence, it is responding to the possibility of someone arguing with the thesis saying that the government needs to be involved in such a huge issue. The Libertarian Party is arguing that abortions are so controversial that the government should be left out of it since an opposing force may argue that the more controversial an issue is the more the government should be involved.

The thesis is laid out pretty clear about abortions, which is that “government should be kept out of the matter” (“Platform | Libertarian Party” 3). This is definitely an absolute thesis, for there are no qualifiers in this thesis. The thesis uses no type of limiting language such as: might, maybe, some, perhaps, probably, when, or words similar. Though there is no language of absolutes, like always or never, the thesis is still unqualified because it is a direct statement without any type of condition. The thesis is an absolute statement despite the fact that it lacks absolute language, for the absoluteness of the thesis is simply implied. Although the thesis does not contain any qualifying language, the rebuttal contains the subtle qualifier “can” (“Platform |

Libertarian Party" 3). The rebuttal essentially says that both sides of the abortion debate “can” have valid points ("Platform | Libertarian Party" 3). The rebuttal could've just stated that both sides of the abortion debate have valid points, but the use of the word “can” makes the rebuttal qualified ("Platform | Libertarian Party" 3).

The Libertarian Party's stance on abortions is that “the government should be kept out of the matter” ("Platform | Libertarian Party" 3). The Libertarian Party's platform raises plenty of thought provoking questions. When should the government intervene? What will be the role of the government in a more independently structured society? Where should the line be drawn between human relations and government intervention? The Libertarian Party has a thesis on abortions that is absolute and direct. There is a great rebuttal of the stance on abortions, but the rebuttal is qualified. The qualification of the rebuttal makes the thesis of the platform even stronger in a sense. Though the values of this political party are not stated, the warrants of the Libertarian Party are not hard to notice. There is not much directly stated backings of the values of the Libertarian Party, but it is somewhat implied as to why having values in independence, freedom, individuality and privacy are important. The evidence used to support the thesis is used so strongly that it helps to imply the importance of core values. All together the Libertarian Party is completely against the idea of government interference with human relations, so what exactly would America be like with a government based on the core values of the Libertarian Party?

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