

THE FINNS PARTY

PRINCIPLE PROGRAM

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FOR A PATRIOTIC AND JUST SOCIETY

The emphasis is on the value of the ordinary Finnish citizens and their role and voice in the politics, economics and culture of Finland. The focus is neither on any particular professions nor 'interest groups' but on the Finnish nation as a whole.

The Finns Party prioritizes help to Finnish citizens who are in need. This is the principle of 'domestic solidarity'. Further, the idea is to promote work and entrepreneurship in order to strengthen Finland's economy and international competitiveness.

Patriotism refers to the prevalence of one particular nation and its right to make own choices. The Finnish people do not have the right to decide on other nations' affairs and, similarly, other nations do not have the right to decide for the Finns. The Finns Party strongly supports the principle of 'national sovereignty'.

History does not repeat itself, but a Finn will nevertheless know what it does mean to be Finnish - and what it does not. To be 'Finnish' is to recognize 'something' in the spirit.

Public servants - national, regional and municipal - are to assist in the development of Finland. The Finns Party strongly believes in this principle strongly - and whole-heartedly supports quality education in Finland. Everyone can contribute.

The Finns Party believes in impartiality, fairness, compassion and integrity. The party respects and promotes work, entrepreneurship, truth and the spiritual development of each individual. The party's 'world view' is to value individuality that enhances a person's contribution as a member of a family and a community, and the community that enhances the worth of the individual.

Transferring knowledge through a chain of generations should enable new generations of Finns to experience good lives in a healthy sustainable Finland - socially, economically, culturally and ecologically - based on sound moral standards as well.

NO FEAR OF 'STRAIGHT TALK'

The Finns Party is a party of 'straight talkers;' - even when the truth hurts. For the Finns Party, the freedom of speech is an important principle and value of a democratic society. The intent of truth in politics is to draw attention to the issue. Political solutions must not distort the truth or force silence.

The Finns Party respects courage and values fundamentals. The party does not believe in foggy concepts - even if the concepts are trendy at the time. The party's policy is based on realistic, forward-looking and logically consistent facts. In politics - as in the rest of life - having wisdom means that one can perceive reality. The Finns Party believes that ordinary people should be trusted to make the right decisions about what is best for themselves and others. The party also believes there is no reason to patronize adults. If people are not trusted to make their own decisions, why are these same people trusted to make decisions for the rest of society?

The Finns Party is not afraid of disagreement - full respect for freedom of expression and open discussion are an important component of any successful society.

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FINNS ARE FINNISH. AND THEY KNOW IT.

Finland is the home for the Finns. Every Finnish citizen in Finland has the right to housing, health care, education, sufficient livelihood and safety.

No single tradition, attitude, opinion or 'style' is the core of Finnish culture - but it is the combination of language, history, customs, values, and symbols. Finns feel 'Finland' in their heart and soul and it remains there - no matter how the world changes.

The Finns Party sees that the Finnish government exists for the Finnish people and not the other way around: Finns are not just subjects of the government. The party encourages citizens to speak out, to influence, to agree or disagree - but, overall, to participate in the society. A healthy society is based on a sense of community and is the result of a joint effort.

The Finns Party is against the attitude that the government is always there to supply anything that is somehow 'missing.' The Finns Party supports core services provided by government when taxes are reasonable and used competently to benefit Finns.

A Finns Party 'Finland' is also an 'international' Finland. Throughout centuries, Finland has seen the ebb and flow of many peoples on its territory - there has been continuous interaction and the exchange and adoption of many habits and practices. Nevertheless, having an international attitude also means that a nation can decide itself the level of internationality and its manifestations that it wishes to have. The word 'International' itself assumes and requires the existence of nations.

NO ONE PROMISED A 'ROSE GARDEN'

For the Finns Party, the voter is in charge. Citizens want their representatives to be people with similar views, feelings and opinions about issues and goals. A voter should have the power to reward or punish the decision-makers. The Finns Party has confidence in the power of majority voting to make decision-makers bow to public opinion.

An independent nation is the key to a functioning democracy. If Finns cannot make decisions about their own affairs, someone else will. Agreements that significantly and irreversibly erode and limit Finland's right to self-determination must be avoided. Democracy, it is based upon the consent and the will of the people.

Individual freedom and an acceptance of the rights of a sovereign state are prerequisites for democracy. Democracy is all about balance between individual freedom and scope of collective decision-making. Civil society begins to atrophy when a sufficient number of individuals feel that collective decision-making is thwarting their individual freedom. For the Finns Party the individual citizen is the single most important unit in a democratic state.

The quality of Finnish political system depends on protection against the erosion of local self-determination. The best way to counter this trend is to promote strong local democracy, and to demonstrate that democratic principles and values are a superior means of advancing society.



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