



Young Democrats of Utah Platform

The Young Democrats of Utah champion the protection of equal rights for all Americans. Rights are immutable as a force of individuality, expression, belief, and being. Rights are the cornerstone of our citizenry and they ought to be shared equally.

We believe that workers are the backbone of the American Economy and they should be protected. As valuable members of our society, laborers deserve reasonable compensation for their time and skills, both while employed and long into retirement. In addition, all individuals have the right to protect their own dignity. The Young Democrats of Utah fully back associations and unions which strive protect their own rights.

We believe that all individuals have the right to marry their loved one. Everyone is entitled to have their love recognized by the state, regardless of sex.

Abortion, a fundamental question regarding a woman's ability to choose her bodily fate, is paramount to the question of government intervention. Because we believe that government intervention into the womb is too much intervention, the Young Democrats of Utah support choice.

Fiscally, the Young Democrats of Utah promote a government that ensures the long term economic growth of our society. Because prosperity cannot be measured solely in economic terms, we believe that economic assessments should include social health and how a society cares for its less privileged. Only then will our nation truly become wealthy.

The apex of our civilization is found in our nation's teachers. As flag holders who instill in our youth with the necessary knowledge for the future, teachers are crucial to our nation's progress. The Young Democrats of Utah believe that teachers should be appropriately paid for the incommensurable service they provide society.

We believe that schools should be palaces, where students come to eagerly learn the lessons for tomorrow. Sadly, too many of our schools are substandard, with dilapidated structures and outdated books. Students should be able to go to school, and be challenged for whatever path chosen for their future.

We are integrally tied to the world in which we live. Not only do we require resources to live and prosper, but how we treat our world affects the health, life styles, and general well-being of all humanity. Understanding the difficulties associated with environmental stewardship, the Young Democrats of Utah support the research, growth, and development of any and all sustainable development practices in addition to the reasonable protection of our natural land, water, and air.

Our nation was founded on the principles of freedom and self-government and we believe that democratic citizenship includes more than political action. Volunteering, social involvement, and community action, are signposts of successful democracies. As a result, the Young Democrats of Utah champion all social and civic associations that further the free association, communication, and interaction of individuals.

Finally, we believe that the government should provide tools to help individuals achieve and maintain financial and social stability.