

# Crime



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### PREVENTING CRIME AT ITS ROOT



The Natural Law Party envisions an America free of crime, where all citizens live fully in accord with both natural law and national law; where people move freely on the streets without fear; and where Americans live and work together harmoniously for both their own fulfillment and the national good.

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Crime costs Americans over \$500 billion annually. Despite two decades of "get tough" policies -- with longer, often mandatory prison sentences -- the rate of crime in America is high compared to other developed nations. In fact, the United States now has the highest percentage of its population in prison than any other nation. Of gravest concern, juvenile violent crime has spiraled during the past decade

Clearly, a "get-tough" policy is not enough. Effective crime prevention is also crucial. Yet despite the dismal track record of "get-tough" approaches, Republican and Democratic legislators ignore proven preventive strategies and press for more police, more prisons, and stiffer punishment.

The Natural Law Party believes that these "Band-Aid" approaches do not work because they fail to address the root cause of crime -- the epidemic of stress throughout society. During the past two decades, medical science has documented the alarming rise of stress-related illness such as hypertension, stroke, and heart disease. This same build-up of stress is responsible for a similar rise in social illnesses -- crime, drug abuse, domestic violence, and family disintegration.

Current crime prevention programs overlook the psychological and physiological devastation wrought by constant, traumatic stress. Stress causes a complex psychophysiological chain reaction that makes the nervous system hyperexcited and unstable. Chronic, acute stress leads to serious physiological malfunction.

Therefore, the Natural Law Party offers systematic, scientifically proven programs to reduce stress in the individual and throughout society -- thus eliminating the root cause of crime. At least one such program, the Transcendental Meditation program, has been scientifically shown to:

1. reduce individual and social stress;
2. reduce cortisol and increase serotonin production in the body, thus counteracting the neurochemical imbalances produced by stress; and
3. decrease anxiety, hostility, and anger, and improve psychological development and moral reasoning.

Also, the Natural Law Party supports effective educational programs to keep children in school, off the streets, and out of crime's reach. Our proven educational programs encourage greater creativity and intelligence and develop ideal citizenship by raising life to be in accord with natural law and national law. The Natural Law Party's strong educational focus is the true, long-term solution to the pervasive problem of crime.

# A REASON TO VOTE

- √ **Ending special interest control of our politics** by eliminating PACs and soft money, establishing public sponsorship of election campaigns, and prohibiting lobbying by former public servants.
- √ **Ensuring a strong economy** through powerful pro-growth tax and fiscal policies, and through proven education, job training, and apprenticeship programs that will ensure a highly qualified and productive work force.
- √ **Cutting taxes deeply and responsibly** by reducing government waste, fraud, and the national debt, and by implementing cost-effective solutions to costly social problems, while protecting crucial programs such as Social Security and Medicare.
- √ **Creating a true health care system** - as opposed to a disease care system bought and paid for by special interests - by supporting prevention-oriented health care programs proven to prevent disease, promote health, and save money in the best possible way, by keeping people healthy.
- √ **Creating energy self-sufficiency** by ending our costly addiction to foreign oil and developing renewable, safe, nonpolluting energy resources such as wind and solar – saving billions of dollars in health and environmental costs.
- √ **Strengthening education** by supporting programs that develop the student's full potential through curriculum innovations proven to increase intelligence, creativity, and academic performance.
- √ **Preventing crime** – not warehousing criminals – through effective criminal and drug rehabilitation programs, and through proven programs to reduce high levels of individual and societal stress.
- √ **Safeguarding America's food supply** through sustainable, organic agricultural practices proven to produce healthy, high-quality food without hazardous chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
- √ **Mandatory labeling and safety testing of genetically engineered foods**, and a moratorium on the release of these experimental life-forms into the environment until proven safe.
- √ **Promoting more prosperous and harmonious international relations** by shifting our meddlesome and invasive foreign policy away from the export of weapons towards the export of U.S. know-how in entrepreneurship, education, sustainable agriculture, and environmental technologies.