

Health Care



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CREATING A HEALTHY AMERICA



The Natural Law Party is committed to ensuring a long and healthy life for every American. By bringing life into accord with natural law, the prevention-oriented health programs proposed by the Natural Law Party will significantly reduce disease and promote the health and vitality of all Americans. As our nation's health improves, we can lift the massive burden of health care costs, thus freeing our nation's resources for greater progress and prosperity.

America spends more on health care than any other nation. Yet, Americans endure some of the poorest health of any developed nation. Our health care system is really a "disease care" system -- it focuses on the management of illnesses, rather than on the prevention of disease and the promotion of health. But the vast majority of our national health is influenced by factors over which this disease-based approach has little control -- such as nutrition, stress, societal problems, and environmental toxins. Consequently, in the absence of effective prevention, our present disease care system can never create a truly healthy society.

Recent research shows that at least 50% of deaths and 70% of disease in America are self-inflicted -- caused by an epidemic of unhealthy habits, including improper diet, inadequate exercise, smoking, and alcohol abuse. Thus, the vast majority of disease is preventable. Yet we spend less than 1% of our health sector budget on prevention.

The Natural Law Party supports cost-effective, prevention-oriented health care, proven to prevent illness and disease and save money in the best possible way -- by keeping people healthy. By focusing on the prevention of illness and disease and the promotion of health, the Natural Law Party offers a solution to the health care crisis that is comprehensive, cost-effective, and scientifically proven.

To structure meaningful health-benefits options for all Americans without disastrously increasing the federal budget deficit, we must responsibly decrease health care outlays per person. The most effective and humane way to achieve this goal is to:

- To support health strategies that focus on prevention and strengthen the general health of the nation, thereby shifting our national focus from disease care to health care. These programs include prevention-oriented health education, including strategies to modify unhealthy behaviors, and prevention-oriented natural medicines. These preventive strategies have been shown by extensive research to create healthier citizens and to cut health care costs by 50% to 70%.
- We also support the introduction of financial incentives that will help prevent abuse of the health care system and ensure high-quality care by providing medical savings accounts that will provide financial rewards for good health.

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.