

Populist Platform – Aims and Objectives

1. Populists are opposed to the rampant uncontrolled free market. We **oppose materialism**, commercialisation and excessive sponsorship. Consumerism has an adverse affect upon societies and their environments. Materialist ideology is promoted by the U.S.A. Populists oppose Americanisation.
2. Populists are therefore **anti-globalisation**. We oppose the European Union, which aims to create a euro-state with one government and one economy for all on the continent. Similarly we oppose moves to create supranational states in all other continents. We oppose the power of organisations such as the World Trade Organisation, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and major multinational corporations.
3. Populists support **self-determination** for all peoples. Populists support the preservation of nations, cultures, peoples and species. Populists support "Food, Water and Energy Sovereignty" -- this is the ability to provide these essentials, rather than being critically dependent upon outside sources, which can be cut off at any time. These utilities must be nationally owned.
4. Populists support **Neutrality**. A policy of non-alignment is the best way to avoid unnecessary wars. Populists oppose attempts to police the world and convert nations into "Western Liberal Democracies". These missions are doomed to failure and we believe the so-called "war on terrorism" would not have started if the Americans had not interfered in the Middle East.
5. Populists support **protectionism**. Proper sovereignty means a nation state keeping its own currency, trading with whom it chooses, controlling imports and exports where necessary – only goods which cannot be grown or produced here should be exempt from import tax. For fair pay and job security people must be encouraged to buy the goods they produce and the products must be affordable. A system which protects national industries from unfair competition and phases out multinationals and other overseas ownership of the economy is the way to achieve this.
6. Populists support **Money Reform** and oppose the international finance model of economy and private usury (money lending). Banks present a friendly facade whilst crippling small businesses. Populists prefer a National Investment Bank to ensure that money is ploughed into national economies rather than being "lost" to foreign competitors.

7. Populists support **localism**. We wish to see a small-scale economy where the tax system works to break down department stores and supermarkets into smaller units and breaks up monopolies in retail distribution. We support co-operatives, the self employed and the small shop.
8. Populists oppose free movement of peoples across borders without proper border controls and we therefore support strict **limits on immigration**. The mass movement of capital and people undermines wages and threatens jobs of those already living in developed countries, with the result of erosion of the countryside as new homes are built to accommodate a growing population and multicultural issues which affect cohesion of existing communities.
9. Populists support **Public Provision**. Great strides were made in the 20th century to create a welfare system to protect ordinary folk from hardship. The welfare state can be comprehensive, as in Scandinavian states, or a safety net as in many other nations, but it must be fair and it should not act as a disincentive to work. We support a National Health Service and oppose charges for prescriptions.
10. Populists believe in **full employment** and the fair distribution of work. Unemployment is a waste of talent and resources. It leads to alienation, lethargy and crime. It is impossible to plan for the future without a job or regular income. Full employment leads to greater purchasing power and lower welfare costs. Our Protectionist policy will lead to full employment.
11. Populists support the idea of **Producerism**. We believe that those who provide society with something of lasting value and do *real* jobs who live off the fruits of their own labour, rather than those who live off others, should be rewarded by a change to the tax system to redress the balance in favour of those who produce and against “agents” and “middlemen” who live comfortably off the hard work of others.
12. Populists believe in **Direct Democracy** –a Swiss style *Referendum* system. Populists believe that all representatives should have no other income or rewards beyond the wage they receive as a member of parliament. Political parties should be funded by individuals, not businesses or trade unions.

13. Populists believe in **Popular Justice**. Populists believe that all people should be criminally responsible for their actions and that the "punishment should fit the crime". Victims of crime should always be put first and we support the right of self defence. We say that duties are as important as rights and societies that work are ones with agreed standards of behaviour. We oppose what is known as *moral relativism*. We also say that crime is not to be defeated by moving the goalposts and decriminalising illegal acts.
14. Populists support **free speech** and oppose political correctness. Populists support a free society in which the individual has the right to participate in political activity without fear of being made homeless, jobless or any other punishment. Populists support the right to associate with those of one's choice, to have freedom of conscience and belief, and the right to trial by jury.