

Carl's 2024 Presidential Platform

NOTICE: I've decided to run for Presidency of the United States. Why? Because I can!
Question: Are you satisfied with the direction OUR country is heading?

*The change, it had to come,
We knew it all along,
We were liberated from the fold, that's all.
And the world looks just the same,
And history ain't changed,
'Cause the banners, they are flown in the last war...
- Pete Townsend, "Won't Get Fooled Again", 1971.*

- 1) All elected officials to be limited to a one 6-year term, including judges of the Supreme Court. No incumbent shall be permitted to serve 2 terms. No more career politicians. This eliminates incumbents from spending half their elected term campaigning for re-election. Elected officials can now spend their entire term serving their constituents, and serve them with honesty, integrity, and hard work, like our Founding Fathers valued and respected.
- 2) The Electoral College to be scrapped. This is archaic and long overdue. The presidential election to be decided based solely on the actual per-person vote ONLY. One person, one vote.
- 3) No more possible voter fraud! Folks, it's 2024, every person on earth has a cell phone. On election day, all votes will be cast from your phone. A simple app created by the geniuses in Silicon Valley would solve the problem. All phones have this capability and are easy to use. Votes are instantly tabulated and the results available shortly after the midnight cutoff on election day. Safe, secure, accurate, and instant. No more paper ballots. No fraud.
- 4) National elections to be held every 2 years to replace one third of ALL elected officials across the United States. This affords our nation a continual cycle of new representatives with fresh new ideas. The lifeblood of a democracy is the elected officials that serve the public and NOT special interests. Our forefathers would be appalled by our current crop of politicians who refuse to seek common ground solutions to many of our critical issues.
- 5) The office of United States President to be open to any natural born citizen or any legal citizen residing in the United States. The 3 requirements are: 1) - the candidate must be at least 18 years of age. If you are old enough to vote and to serve in our military, you are old enough to run for office. 2) - if you are not born in the U.S., you must reside here for at least 20 years and NOT possess dual-citizenship. There are many citizens of the U.S. that were born outside the U.S. that have lived here most of their lives and possess all the qualifications to be President. 3) - You must pass a basic civic's test demonstrating that you fully understand our U.S. Constitution. No exceptions.
- 6) Gerrymandering of political boundaries to be outlawed. Non-partisan commissions to be set-up and to take charge of redistricting boundaries as populations shift. This would eliminate party bias that favors special-interest candidates.
- 7) Political parties are the bane of democracy. The party system to be banned. All candidates for any office will receive equal funding and equal air time. No private or personal funding permitted. No PACs. The playing field will now be level. All elected officials to be independent. No more political partisanship. We are all in this together. Let's act like it. One for all and all for one.

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- 8) Any politician who favors or declares war, must first commit at least one close family member to serve on the frontline before declaring war. Absolutely no exceptions.
- 9) The IRS to be dismantled and income tax to be abolished. A consumption tax known as The Fair Tax to be implemented to replace income tax. Everyone will pay taxes based on what they consume, not on what they earn. This system is revenue neutral - the federal government receives as much if not more revenue than our current insanely complicated system. The underground economy virtually disappears as cash-only businesses will now pay their fair share. There will no longer be a need to shift earnings to off-shore depositories.
- 10) The military to be completely overhauled. Small highly-trained counter-terrorism forces, such as the SEAL's, to be assimilated and spread around the globe for instant response to detrimental action by anyone attacking or threatening the US or any of it's citizens abroad. The only standing army will be the National Guard stationed within the US borders.
- 11) All troops in active war zones around the world to be brought home immediately. Money now wasted on these wars to be redirected into the US to pay for education for anyone wishing to earn a degree or learn a trade. All school tuition to be universally free, this includes all higher education as well as trade schools. To qualify for free education all students must complete their educational goals with passing grades and within the normal allotted time for completion of their degree or the trade of their choice.
- 11) Foreign relations to now be focused on the Western Hemisphere - primarily, the US, Canada, and Mexico. The strong alliance of these 3 countries working in harmony will create by far, the most powerful and most productive economic block in the world. Our combined natural resources along with our enormous manpower here in the Western Hemisphere is daunting. The major focus will be on educating and employing the masses which will reduce poverty and crime. We will build bridges, not walls.
- 12) Prostitution and drug use to be made universally legal. Commissions to be established to control and regulate both. It is virtually impossible to control prostitution and drug use by making them illegal and criminalizing them. The money now thrown away by fighting these vices will be better spent regulating and controlling them in a safe and sane manner. This will put the drug cartels out of business, saving all the money that is now spent fighting them. This will also help eliminate human trafficking and child prostitution. Society will be much safer for everyone. Prison populations will proportionately be reduced.
- 13) Rapidly increasing world population must be dealt with immediately, not later. We have the ability to feed and house many more people on earth, but at what cost? Do we want larger and more congested cities, rural areas increasingly reduced in size, and the human footprint taking up more space? I propose a moratorium on family size - 2 children per couple. After 2, birth control to be made mandatory. In time, this will reduce poverty and congestion.
- 14) Capital punishment to be mandatory nation-wide, but, only for crimes of first degree murder where there is absolutely no possible doubt regarding the perpetrator's guilt. E.g. - mass shootings or other similar acts of terrorism. Punishment to take place within 24 hours after appearing before a magistrate. No trial and no expensive incarceration, thereby saving the public millions of dollars. The money saved to be divided among surviving relatives and/or friends of the victims. The remains of the perpetrator to be incinerated and disposed of without a gravesite or any name recognition. Crimes involving circumstantial evidence will NOT qualify for capital punishment, eliminating the possibility of putting an innocent person to death.

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- 15) All high school students must complete a one-year course before graduation whereby they set-up and manage a mock business. The objective is to learn how to create a business from scratch by raising capital, hiring & firing employees, paying taxes, and making a profit. If the student never builds a business after graduation, they will at least understand the basis of capitalism and will later become a much more valuable employee.
- 16) I propose a new national gun law. All gun owners MUST pass 3 tests to qualify for gun ownership: 1) - every gun owner must pass a rigid written exam much like a drivers license test. 2) - every gun owner must pass an in-depth background check in order to qualify. 3) - every gun owner must pass a mandatory agility test that demonstrates that they can properly handle and fire a lethal weapon safely. ALL weapons of war will now be banned and made illegal in the United States. Specifically, fully automatic weapons like machine guns, along with bazookas, grenade launchers, and shoulder-fired missiles. Also banned from private ownership are any newly developed weapons of war, such as military drones, laser-fired weapons, and remotely-controlled explosives. All currently owned weapons fitting the above descriptions to be surrendered and/or destroyed within one year. One year after this law goes into effect, anyone caught possessing one of these weapons will be sentenced to a minimum 10 years in prison.

*...And a parting on the left,
Is now a parting on the right,
And the beards have all grown longer overnight...
- Pete Townsend.*

I'm YOUR fiercely Independent write-in for 2024! Your vote makes a statement! Your write-in vote will count! Be sure to vote November 5th! Together, we can accomplish ANYTHING!

Presidential Motto: "Stand up for your principles, even if you stand alone."