

being undermined by an aggressive politically correct ideology that is increasingly only allowing certain views to be expressed.

**UKIP believes in free speech and the free discussion of ideas and beliefs – within our traditional laws. We will seek to protect the right of free speech which is increasingly under attack.**

## **Conclusion**

UKIP is a patriotic and democratic party that believes in Britain, its people, and its future as a great and positive power in the modern world. We want to keep the best of the past but look forward to using our traditional values to meet the challenges of the future.

The first duty of any government is to protect its people. This includes not just military defence and policing but also having effective border controls and preventing invasive immigration. Our current political leaders are in gross dereliction of their duty.

**UKIP can only promote its beliefs by becoming a bigger and stronger party – that will be directly proportionate to the number of members we have, the number of candidates we can field in elections, the number of votes we gain, and the number of seats we can win.**



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# **What We Stand For**

## **A Statement of Principles:**

- ***Patriotism***
- ***National Democracy***
- ***Political Democracy***
- ***Economic Democracy***
- ***Liberalism & Traditionalism***

## Principles not Policy

This pamphlet is not about UKIP policies as such, they can be found in detail in our current Manifesto published on the UKIP website: [www.ukip.org](http://www.ukip.org). This pamphlet sets out the general principles that determine UKIP policy.

## UKIP's History

UKIP was founded in September 1993. Its fundamental purpose was to campaign for Britain to leave the European Union and to restore Britain's former status as an independent, democratic, sovereign nation. Despite the Referendum of 2016 that job is far from done.

**UKIP was founded as a non-racist, democratic party. We have always held true to those principles and we always will.**

## UKIP is a Patriotic Party

UKIP believes in the United Kingdom and its constituent parts of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We put the interests of the British people first, but we want trade, friendship and co-operation with all the nations of the world. Britain should not restrict itself to economic ties with the European Union. We have always been a global trading nation.

**UKIP believes our government should put the interests of the British people first.**

## National Democracy

Abraham Lincoln's definition of democracy is the most succinct ever formulated: ***"Government of the people, by the people, for the people"***. EU membership has increasingly seen, *government of the people, by the EU, for the EU*. We exchanged a democratic system of governance for an undemocratic one.

Democracy is only meaningful among a group of people that share a common national or historic identity and accept the same common language, legal system and values: two examples being the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

UKIP would ensure that the UK never again falls under EU power, or that of any other supranational legislative organisation, while of course co-operating with intergovernmental organisations such as NATO, the WTO and the UN.

**UKIP believes that the UK should always retain control of its national self-determination, and that it should always be exercised in the interests of the British people.**

## Political Democracy

Many undemocratic countries had or have the vote, for example the old Soviet Union and today's Communist China. The vote alone does not ensure democracy. The United Kingdom has a voting system (first-past-the-post) that only works in a two-party system. We now live in a multi-party system. FPTP has become a mechanism to keep Labour and the Tories in Parliament and local councils and to keep emerging parties out.

**People's votes have to mean something or they are worthless. UKIP believes in reform of the voting system to bring about a fairer proportional system. This would make Parliament and government more representative of the people and more answerable to the people.**

## Economic Democracy

UKIP believes in global free trade as much as it is possible, where that is fair and equitable. Outside the EU the UK can regain its seat on the World Trade Organisation and take control of its trade policy. We can then help determine the rules of international trade.

However, we must be aware that Globalism is driven by international big business and finance. These forces want open borders so that cheap labour can be migrated to serve their interests. Globalists want law-making from supranational bodies in order to by-pass national governments. These forces are driving down the living standards of the British people, and indeed of the peoples of other economically developed countries, while exploiting underdeveloped countries.

**UKIP believes that the British economy must be run for the benefit of the British people as a whole, not certain vested interests and the 'Crony Capitalism' that is now rife. A genuine free market economic system does not disadvantage small and medium sized businesses.**

## UKIP is Libertarian and Traditionalist

Libertarianism is defined as believing in freedom of thought and action (so long as it is not harmful to others); traditionalism as supporting established customs and beliefs. UKIP believes in a live and let live attitude under reasonable laws made by our own democratically elected representatives; we believe in our Constitution, customs and laws. These values are