

Evidence shows that self-defense with guns is the safest response to violent crime. It results in fewer injuries to the defender (17.4% injury rate) than any other response, including not resisting at all (27.7% injury rate).

Libertarians would repeal waiting periods, concealed carry laws and other restrictions that make it difficult for victims to defend themselves. We'd end the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense.

Step 5: Address the Root Causes of Crime

Any society that lets kids grow up dependent on government welfare, attending government schools that fail to teach and entering an economy where government policy has crushed opportunity, will be a society that breeds criminals.

No permanent solution to crime will be found until we address these root causes of crime.

The Libertarian Party would increase employment opportunities by slashing taxes and government red tape. We'd also end the welfare system with its culture of dependence and hopelessness. Most important of all, we'd promote low-cost private alternatives to the failed government school system.

The Libertarian anti-crime plan would do what the Democrats and Republicans have not done:

- Respect the victim's rights – and make criminals pay full restitution.
- Hold all criminals responsible for their actions.
- Double the police resources available for crime prevention without any additional government spending.
- Reduce the number of criminals on our streets.
- Defend the most effective crime deterrent available – the private ownership of guns.
- Create jobs, end welfare dependence and improve schools.

This Libertarian program would help make America's streets safe again.



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Making Your Neighborhood Save Again



An Approach to Criminal Justice & Crime Control That's Smart, Compassionate & Tough

The Solution to America's Violent Crime

America suffers from an epidemic of violence and crime, victimizing one family out of four every year.

There's a murder every half hour, a rape every five minutes and a theft every four seconds.

Despite decades of tough talk, the anti-crime policies of the Republicans and Democrats have clearly failed. The Libertarian Party believes a fresh approach is needed. Our five-point plan will make America's streets safe again.

Step 1: Protect Victims' Rights

Protecting the rights and interests of victims should be the basis of our criminal justice system. Victims should have the right to be present, consulted and heard throughout the prosecution of their case.

Libertarians would do more than just punish criminals. We'd also make them pay restitution to their victims for the damage



they've caused, including property loss, medical costs, pain and suffering. If you're the victim of a crime, the criminal should fully compensate you for your loss.

Step 2: Get Tough on Real Crime

The Libertarian Party is the party of personal responsibility. We believe anyone who harms another person should be held responsible for that action. Democrats and Republicans have created a system where criminals can get away with almost anything.

Sentences seldom mean what they say.

Fewer than one out of every four violent felons serves more than four years.

Libertarians would dramatically reduce the number of these early releases by eliminating their root cause – prison overcrowding.

Ending prosecution of voluntary acts between consenting adults (i.e. victimless crimes) could save \$50 billion annually and free up resources to protect your family from violent crime.

Step 3: End Prohibition

Drug prohibition does more to make Americans unsafe than any other factor.

Just as alcohol prohibition gave us Al Capone and the Mafia, drug prohibition

has given us the Crips, the Bloods and drive-by shootings.

America's murder rate rose nearly 70% during alcohol prohibition, but returned to its previous levels after prohibition ended. Since the War on Drugs began, America's murder rates have doubled. The cause and effect relationship is clear. **Prohibition is putting innocent lives at risk.**

Drug prohibition inflates the cost of drugs, leading users to steal to support their high-priced habits. It's estimated that drug addicts commit 25% of all auto thefts, 40% of robberies and assaults, and 50% of burglaries and larcenies. Prohibition puts your property at risk.

Nearly half of all police resources are devoted to stopping drug trafficking, instead of preventing violent crime. By ending drug prohibition, Libertarians would double the resources available for crime prevention and significantly reduce the number of violent criminals at work in your neighborhood.

Step 4: Protect the Right of Self-Defense

Private ownership of firearms is part of the solution to America's crime epidemic, not part of the problem.

Law-abiding citizens in Florida have been able to carry concealed weapons since 1987.

During that time, the murder rate in Florida has declined 21% while the national murder rate has increased 12%.