

Massachusetts Pirate Party

We Need Your Help in 2013!

2012 was a fantastic year for the Pirate Party in Massachusetts:

- In January, we joined the Internet strike against SOPA & PIPA and helped to kill these bills;
- In March, we held the first Pirate Party conference in the US and got US media coverage;
- In May, Captain James participated in the Together Boston copyright debate and we tabled at Together;
- In June, 12 Pirates marched in the Boston Pride Parade and we had a table at the Festival, drawing lots of attention with our costumes and Pirate Ship!
- In July, 1st Officer Lauren tabled at Hope 9 in New York with the Bradley Manning Support Network, raising around \$7500 for Bradley's defense fund;
- In July & August, we mobilized supporters to oppose CISPA and helped to stop it;
- In September, we were at Freedom Rally for the 3rd year. Nine Pirates helped at the Freedom Rally table;
- In October, we helped organize and had members participate in the first Boston CryptoParty, where we educated the public on security software and counter-surveillance techniques.

Over 2012, the number of our supporters doubled and we made more allies in the fight to keep the Internet open and your privacy secure. With your help, 2013 will be an even better year for the Pirate Party.

We plan to take on more harmful laws, as well as propose our own laws to open up government and maintain our privacy. We started working with the Campaign for Digital Fourth Amendment Rights (a new local non-profit, see warrantless.org for info) and are helping them in the fight for online privacy in Massachusetts. We need your opinions to help expand our policies and platform so that people know that Pirates stand up for more than a handful of issues.

We need your help to get the Pirate message before more people in 2013. However you can help is great. Whether you can help by tabling at an event, starting a local chapter, making a contribution, updating our platform, or being or finding the numerous candidates we want to field on the 2014 ballot, we need you!

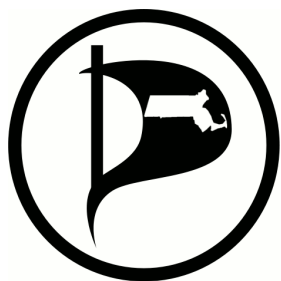
The Pirate Party accomplished far more in 2012 than we did in 2010 & 2011 combined. But the effort and power of those who want closed government, culture, and innovation will not let up. They will keep after your privacy until your life is open to the government and corporations, but your power and freedom are diminished. We need your help to stop them!

Sincerely,

James O'Keefe,
Captain

Lauren Pespisa,
First Officer

Lucia Fiero,
Quartermaster



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Member Survey

Please take a moment to fill out this page. This survey asks for your input and assistance on making the Mass. Pirate Party much more successful this year.

Personal Information

Please provide information about yourself so we can contact you about volunteering and to help verify that ballots are unique.

Name _____

Street Address _____

State _____ city/town _____

ZIP Code _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Join mailing list? _____ May we text you? _____

Your privacy is our highest priority.

Volunteering

The Pirate Party needs your help! We can't be successful without you.

I can help by: (Check all that apply.)

_____ Asking friends to join the Pirate Party.

_____ Distributing fliers in my neighborhood.

_____ Holding a house party

_____ Attending pirate party events

_____ Attending monthly in-person planning events.

_____ Helping to campaign for pirate candidates running for office.

_____ Social networking, posting online in blogs, forums or the wiki

_____ Calling supporters to let them know about upcoming events.

_____ **Getting signatures to put the pirate party on the ballot.**

_____ Attending weekly IRC meetings on line.

_____ **Running for office.**

_____ Helping to organize the US Pirate Party at a national level.

Contribution

I would like to contribute \$ _____

For contributions over \$200, please fill out the following information to comply with campaign finance regulations. **And thank you!!!**

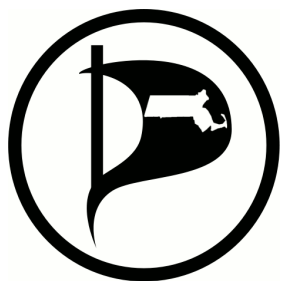
Occupation _____

Employer _____

We are a grass-roots organization and every dollar is like Spanish doubloons to us!

By making a contribution, I state that:

1. I am a US citizen or permanent resident alien.
2. This contribution is made from my own funds and were not provided to me by another person or entity.
3. I am making this contribution with my own personal checking account or in cash (please don't mail cash).
4. I am at least eighteen years old, or am not giving more than \$25 to all Mass political committees if younger than 18.



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Policy Ballot

Please take a moment to fill out both sides of this page. This ballot lets you have input on several proposed policy initiatives. We are trying to develop policies on all issues of interest to voters. Especially those issues that the voters regard as most important.

We want to be the party that makes decisions through direct democracy, with input from all members, rather than in a back room. While a survey isn't ideal, it allows all members to give input. We will follow up on each of these questions in the future, based on the results of this survey.

If you feel strongly that we should not have a policy on any or all of the following issues, then please feel free to comment to that effect.

1. Voting Age

Should we advocate lowering the voting age?

If so, what should be the minimum age?

- ☐ Don't create a policy.
- ☐ Yes, to 16.
- ☐ Yes, to 14.
- ☐ Yes, to 12.

4. Health Care

What health care policy should we advocate?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Single Payer
- ☐ Expand Obamacare
- ☐ Roll back Obamacare
- ☐ Eliminating patents is a sufficient policy
- ☐ Don't create a policy on this.

2. Jobs and Economy

What policies should we have on jobs and the economy?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Deregulate many forms of industry.
- ☐ Open culture eliminates monopolies, sparking growth and job creation.
- ☐ Promote peer-to-peer darknets and crypto-currency to create a new open economy.
- ☐ Job training.
- ☐ Don't create a policy on this.

5. Prosperity for All

What policies should we have to ensure prosperity for all?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Raise the minimum wage.
- ☐ Reform democracy to serve the many rather than the few.
- ☐ Pay a basic income to every citizen.
- ☐ Raise social spending.
- ☐ Guarantee food, housing, healthcare.
- ☐ Reduce regulations.
- ☐ Guarantee Internet access to all.
- ☐ Don't create a policy on this.

3. Strategic Focus

Do we focus our efforts at a local level, at a statewide level, or at a national level?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Local level: get candidates on the ballot easily and show that our policies work.
- ☐ State level: so all our supporters will have someone to vote for.
- ☐ National level: get a functioning pirate party in all 50 states.
- ☐ Internationally: this is a worldwide movement.

6. Tax Policy

How do pirates feel about taxes?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Cut taxes across the board for everyone.
- ☐ Progressive taxes, so the rich pay more.
- ☐ Flatten taxes.
- ☐ Bundle regressive taxes like SSI/FICA into income tax.
- ☐ Value Added Tax (VAT) or sales tax.
- ☐ We must increase taxes on everyone.
- ☐ Raise taxes on corporations.
- ☐ Legalize marijuana, regulate and tax it.
- ☐ Don't create policies on this.

Note: Continued on following side.

<p>7. Education</p> <p>How do pirates feel about education? <i>(Check all that apply.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> More testing, more homework, longer school hours.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less testing, less homework, more freedom for students.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Students need intensive study to compete in the global marketplace.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The world is changing so fast that youth understand it better than their teachers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Our education policy is mostly based on technology.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “No file left behind!”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don't create a policy on this.</p>	<p>10.Deficit and Spending</p> <p>What policies should we have on the deficit? <i>(Check all that apply.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Balance the budget by raising taxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Balance the budget by cutting social programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Balance the budget by cutting defense programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Raise spending on defense.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Raise spending on social programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The deficit is overrated – raise spending and don't worry about the deficit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revoke tax-exempt status on nonprofits endorsing candidates or parties.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Remove corporate personhood.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don't create a policy on this.</p>
<p>8. Electoral Process</p> <p>What electoral reforms should we advocate? <i>(Check all that apply.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public funding of elections only.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Proportional representation instead of winner-take-all voting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reform ballot access laws to benefit third parties.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don't create a policy on this.</p>	<p>11. Voting Reform</p> <p>How should we reform voting procedures? <i>(Check all that apply.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Preferential “instant runoff” voting (first choice Pirate, second choice Dem...)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keep current system, vote for only one candidate.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check-box voting for one or more candidates.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don't create a policy on this.</p>
<p>9. Foreign Policy</p> <p>What would a pirate foreign policy look like? <i>(Check all that apply.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Increase support for the UN.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sign and enforce enhanced environmental treaties.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Protect our sovereignty from the UN and int'l treaties.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Emphasize terrorism</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Emphasize economics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overturn intellectual property treaties</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Let Europe start paying more for its own defense</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Affirm continued US role as world policeman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don't create a policy on this.</p>	<p>12. Immigration</p> <p>What should our immigration policy be? <i>(Check all that apply.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amnesty for illegal immigrants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No amnesty</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ban illegal immigrants from govt. benefits</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Allow illegal immigrants to collect govt. benefits</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Require corporations to pay repatriation cost of their illegal employees</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Increase legal immigration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Issue green cards to anyone who has a legal US job offer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don't create a policy on this.</p>

Comments: Use the space below to comment on any of these policy questions. Or tell us what you feel we should be doing now, and what can we do better in the future?